

2025 Clackamas County Federal Legislative Policy Agenda

Clackamas County is urban, suburban, rural, and wild. We are dedicated to welcoming new residents and businesses and committed to delivering community services that are dependable, accessible, and equitable to the public.

COUNTY INITIATIVE

Federal funding to support transportation projects.

- **I-205 Improvements Project** - Advocating for federal funding to support construction of the I-205 Improvements Project, which would resolve a congested bottleneck by adding a third lane in each direction on I-205 between Stafford Road and OR 213, including the Abernethy Bridge.
- Identify federal funding opportunities to advance Phase II of the **Sunrise Corridor**, consistent with the community visioning work.
 - Promote findings from the community visioning work.
- Advocate for federal funding to support **the Bull Run Bridge** replacement project.

COUNTY PRIORITIES

- Support funding for **housing and human services programs** and other county operations that are reliant on federal resources.
- Advocate for and support **the Willamette Falls & Landings area designation as a National Heritage Area (NHA)** and improvements to **the Willamette Falls Locks**.
- Support legislation for the responsible and sustainable **management of federal forestlands**, including Oregon and California Rail Trust (O&C) Lands, for **wildfire prevention and predictable revenue to counties from shared timber receipts**.
- Support legislation and funding to **reduce PFAS* in the environment and water systems and protect the county from undue liability from pass-through chemicals**. Clackamas County is dedicated to protecting public health and the environment.
*Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)
- Legislation to support **Mt. Hood** recreation, access, and protection

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRINCIPLES

Build a Strong Infrastructure

The county supports legislation that encourages long-term investments in major infrastructure projects to improve the quality of life of county residents. Successful legislation will ease congestion, expand travel options, enhance seismic and climate resiliency, spur economic growth, stimulate employment, increase housing inventory, broaden telecommunication access, and promote science-based and ratepayer-minded water quality protections.

Ensure Safe, Healthy, and Secure Communities

The county supports legislation that improves the health, safety, and well-being of all county residents and communities. Successful legislation will support access to community assets, such as parks and libraries, and assist vulnerable populations, including residents who are facing homelessness, substance abuse and addictions, behavioral health challenges, and public health threats. Legislation also should help to reduce the rate of crime and recidivism, promote and sustain best practices for justice-involved individuals, improve emergency communications and disaster preparedness, and protect survivors of domestic violence and child abuse.

Grow a Vibrant Economy

The county supports legislation that incentivizes businesses to grow and prosper. Successful legislation will ensure the county has dedicated resources for attracting and growing industries, workforce, and childcare, and has access to an adequate supply of shovel-ready employment lands to expand economic development opportunities.

Honor, Utilize, Promote & Invest in our Natural Resources

The county supports legislation that ensures effective and sustainable management and conservation of our abundant natural and agricultural resources. Successful legislation will stimulate and preserve the integrity of our natural resource-based economy, reduce and sequester carbon emissions, enhance wildfire and natural hazard resiliency, and adhere to the public process of Oregon's land use system.

Build Public Trust through Good Government

The county supports legislation that enhances the county's ability to deliver effective, reliable, and equitable services to residents. Successful legislation will maintain the county's financial sustainability, allocate sufficient resources, preserve state and county shared revenue agreements, support county efforts to attract and retain qualified employees and ensure adequate community engagement. Legislation should not impose unfunded mandates, preempt local tax sources, or restrict local government authority.