

# CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## Policy Session Worksheet

**Presentation Date:** 10/15/19 **Approx. Start Time:** 1:30 p.m. **Approx. Length:** 60 mins.  
**Presentation Title:** 2020 Legislative Agenda Planning Meeting  
**Department:** Public and Government Affairs  
**Presenters:** Sue Hildick, Chris Lyons, Trent Wilson  
**Other Invitees:** Department Directors and County Elected Officials

### **WHAT ACTION ARE YOU REQUESTING FROM THE BOARD?**

The Board is asked to review and provide feedback on the draft 2020 Clackamas County state and federal legislative agendas.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

As in past years, each department was asked to participate in identifying federal and state policy and funding priorities. This planning session will include a discussion of those priorities to help identify and narrow the County's final legislative priorities for the 2020 calendar year. After today's meeting, government affairs staff will work with departments to further refine priorities. Final state and federal legislative agendas will be provided to the BCC for approval on December 17, 2019.

Key dates moving forward:

- December 17, 2019 – BCC approval of State & Federal Agendas
- January 8, 2020 – State Legislative Delegation Breakfast
- February 3, 2020 – First day of 2020 state legislative session
- March 8, 2020 – Sine Die

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (current year and ongoing):**

The County's state legislative agenda supports continued State/County shared revenue agreements and other funding streams that support major county programs and services. Loss of these revenues would result in potential cuts to county programs and services. The County's federal legislative agenda also pursues additional funding and grants for county programs and priorities.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

- This item aligns with the Public and Government Affairs Strategic Business Plan goals to provide intergovernmental connections and relationship building, strategic policy development and messaging, legislative, advocacy, and outreach services to county elected officials and departments so they can build key partnerships to achieve policy goals important to Clackamas County, with special emphasis on the strategic results in the BCC Strategic Plan.
- This item aligns with all five of the County's Performance Clackamas goals:
  - Build Public Trust Through Good Government;
  - Grow a vibrant economy;
  - Build a strong infrastructure;
  - Ensure safe, healthy, and secure communities; and
  - Honor, utilize, promote, and invest in our natural resources.

### **LEGAL/POLICY REQUIREMENTS:**

N/A

**PUBLIC/GOVERNMENTAL PARTICIPATION:**

Public and Government Affairs (PGA) continues to maintain close working relationships with the County's legislative delegation and staff at both the state and federal levels, who will be instrumental in helping to advance the County's legislative priorities.

**OPTIONS:**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Board discuss the draft principles & priorities, and provide input for county staff to further refine the 2020 state & federal legislative agendas.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Working drafts of Clackamas County 2020 State & Federal Legislative Agendas

**SUBMITTED BY:**

Division Director/Head Approval \_\_\_\_\_

Department Director/Head Approval s/Sue Hildick

County Administrator Approval \_\_\_\_\_

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# 2020 Clackamas County State Legislative Policy Agenda

## **Oregon counties and the state are partners in delivering vital public services**

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

In keeping with Clackamas County's strategic goals, the county will prioritize its support for policies and funding proposals that benefit our current and future community members with a key focus on policies that promote equity and accessibility for county programs and services, and reflect the need for a transition to a low carbon economy over the next decade.

## **County Initiatives**

### **I-205 Bottleneck Funding**

Advocate for state funding to support a third lane of capacity in each direction of I-205 from Stafford Road to OR 213, including seismic improvements to the Abernethy Bridge. The Oregon portion of I-205 is a federally designated High Priority Corridor and is vital to both the Portland metropolitan region and users statewide. Without additional travel lanes, this section of I-205 will be overwhelmed by forecasted traffic volumes and will negatively impact regional freight mobility. ODOT is expected to complete design in 2020 but funding for construction is not anticipated until 2026 at the earliest.

### **Courthouse Replacement Project**

Promote continued advancement of the Clackamas County Courthouse Replacement Project. The Oregon Legislature has provided \$32.7 million toward replacing the 81-year old, structurally-deficient building, which is supporting the design and engineering phase of the project. Clackamas County looks forward to building a new, modern courthouse that serves the needs of all county residents.

## **County Priorities**

### **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,

and has access to an adequate supply of shovel-ready employment lands to expand economic development opportunities. Specific priorities include:

- Support the repair and reopening of the Willamette Falls Locks

### **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, enhance seismic resiliency, spur economic growth, broaden telecommunication access, and promote science-based, ratepayer-minded water quality protections. Specific priorities include:

- Support policies that enable the Portland metropolitan region to invest in critically-needed transportation infrastructure to reduce congestion, proactively plan for growth, and provide multi-modal transportation alternatives

### **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 our natural resource-based economy, reduce and sequester carbon emissions, and adhere to the public process of Oregon's land use system. Specific priorities include:

- Protect the county's urban and rural reserves
- Support investments to develop the cross laminated timber (CLT) industry

### **Ensure Safe, Healthy, and Secure Communities**

The county supports legislation that improves the health, safety, and wellbeing 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 addictions, behavioral health challenges, and homelessness. Legislation also should help to reduce the crime rate and recidivism, promote and sustain best practices for justice-involved individuals, improve emergency communications, and protect survivors of domestic violence. Specific priorities include:

- Support funding for Community Corrections that provides sufficient resources to sustain county programs
- Support an efficient, effective, and integrated model for Coordinated Care Organizations that preserves the county's role as the local mental and public health authority toward ensuring a full continuum of public, physical, behavioral, and dental health services for low income residents

- Support policies and funding for behavioral health that sustains county programs and services for residents
- Support funding for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) that sustains county programs and services for residents
- Support policies and funding to address the housing crisis and improve housing stability for low income households, including supportive housing services
- Support the restoration of funding for community dispute resolution
- Support tax relief for disabled veterans and surviving spouses

### **Build Public Trust through Good Government**

The county supports legislation that allocates sufficient resources to enable delivery of effective, reliable, and equitable services to county residents. Successful legislation will maintain the county's financial sustainability, support county efforts to attract and retain qualified employees, preserve state/county shared revenue agreements, and not preempt local tax sources or restrict local government authority. Specific priorities include:

- Support legislation that resolves the ongoing dispute between the City of Happy Valley and Clackamas County over the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District (NCPRD), including a fair division of assets that does not negatively impact remaining District residents

# 2020 Clackamas County Federal Legislative Policy Agenda

## **Clackamas County delivers vital public services in partnership with the State of Oregon**

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In keeping with Clackamas County's strategic goals, the county will prioritize its support for policies and funding proposals that benefit our current and future community members with a key focus on policies that promote equity and accessibility for county programs and services, and reflect the need for a transition to a low carbon economy over the next decade.

## **County Priorities**

### **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, and qualifies for programs that assist efforts to expand economic development opportunities. Specific priorities include:

- Support the repair and reopening of the **Willamette Falls Locks**

### **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, enhance seismic resiliency, spur economic growth, broaden telecommunication access, and promote science-based, ratepayer-minded water quality protections. Specific priorities include:

- Advocate for federal funding to support an additional lane of capacity in each direction of **I-205** between Stafford Road and OR 213 including the Abernethy Bridge
- Advocate for federal funding to advance **Phase II of the Sunrise Gateway Corridor** between 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave. to 172<sup>nd</sup> Ave.

### **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 our natural resource-based economy, reduce wildfire risk, and improve the financial stability of counties by creating a predictable, long-term solution to county revenue needs.

Specific priorities include:

- Support legislation for the responsible **management of federal forest lands**, including O&C Lands
- Support permanent reauthorization or extension of the **Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (County Payments)** or similar legislation
- Support federal designation of the **Willamette Falls Heritage Area and Landings**

### **Ensure Safe, Healthy and Secure Communities**

The county supports legislation that improves the health, safety, and wellbeing of all county residents and communities. Successful legislation will assist vulnerable populations including residents who are facing homelessness, substance abuse and addictions, behavioral health challenges, and public health threats. Legislation also should help reduce the crime rate and recidivism, promote and sustain best practices for justice-involved individuals, protect survivors of domestic violence, improve emergency communications and disaster preparedness, and enhance the region's readiness for threats or acts of terrorism.

### **Build Public Trust through Good Government**

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