



State Budget

Capital Budget

- **Rotary Field Turf Replacement - \$350,000** to replace one acre of existing, worn-out synthetic turf at Rotary Youth Baseball field.
- **Festival Lot – \$650,000** to fund site preparation, architectural design, and renovation to turn the northwest corner of Main Street and Blakeley Street into a community space and business incubator.

Operations Budget

- **Peer Support Outreach & Case Management – \$100,000** to continue to fund and provide contracted diversion services for Peer Outreach Support and Case Management to persons in need of information, resources, and other services to overcome barriers to substance abuse, homelessness, and mental health issues.
- **Co-Responder Programing - \$125,000** to continue to fund and provide co-response through an embedded social worker to assist individuals in accessing social services and to guide individuals through the judicial process.
- **Mobile Mental Health – \$240,000** to fully fund the Sky Valley Mobile Mental Health Program for 2025/2026.

Transportation Budget

- **State Route 522 –** Request that the SR 522 Paradise Lake Rd to Snohomish River Br- Interchange and Widening projects maintain its current level of funding in the 2023-2025 State Transportation Budget (\$34.6 million) and remain on its current timeline with WSDOT. Support further funding for full construction costs currently estimated at \$257,000,000.
- **Railroad Crossings - \$400,000** to fund a feasibility study for five rail crossings that bifurcate the city.
- **U.S. 2 Monroe Bypass –** Request funding for bypass that will connect US 2 and SR 522 to Chain Lake Road in Monroe, creating a new northerly alignment of US 2 between the City of Snohomish and the east city limits of Monroe. Total cost of all project phases is estimated at \$633 million.
- **U.S. Route 2 –** Support requests from the City of Sultan and other jurisdictions for capacity improvements on US 2 and to maintain the US 2/Corridor Safety Improvement project's current timeline with the Washington State Department of Transportation and level of funding in the 2023-2025 State Transportation Budget (\$16.65 million).

Federal Priorities

- **Rail Crossings - \$2,750,000** to fund an assessment and design for the five rail crossings that bifurcate the city and above grade separation designs for identified crossings. \$850,000 of funding for a railroad grade separation feasibility study and design will likely be funded through the fiscal year 2025 federal appropriations bill through the Department of Transportation's Federal Railroad Administration's Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) program. This funding should be maintained, and additional funding opportunities should be sought.
- **S Department of Transportation (DOT) Safe Streets for All –** Conduct a briefing with DOT officials to evaluate previous application strengths and weaknesses to revise the City of Monroe's Traffic Calming Planning funding initiative for better positioning in the upcoming March 2025 Notice of funding Opportunity (NOFO).
- **Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) –** Engage with congressional leaders as the extension of the 2017 TCJA provisions are slated to be addressed in the 119th Congress. Of particular note, support local government and municipality associations' efforts (including the National Association of Counties (NACo)) to preserve the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds.
- **Federal Policy Resource –** Serve as a resource and advocate for the Washington State congressional delegation on relevant federal policy issues that impact our community, such as affordable housing and rail safety. Closely monitor federal legislative and regulatory developments, and provide timely input, data, and policy recommendations.



State Policy Priorities

Housing Needs

- **Addressing Homelessness** – Support proposals that increase funding for homelessness response and substance abuse support while maintaining jurisdiction’s local discretion in homelessness policy implementation.
- **Affordable Housing** – Support legislation that improves housing affordability, increases housing supply, and expands opportunities for housing at all income levels while maintaining local discretion in affordable housing policy implementation. Support identification of permanent, dedicated revenue sources for local use in assisting affordable housing and cost-burdened households.

Public Safety

- **Safe Travel** – Oppose proposals that would prevent law enforcement from conducting low-level traffic stops. Monitor proposals that would provide grants for low-income drivers to addressing low-level traffic violations such as broken equipment.
- **Define and Fund Co-responder Programs** – Support the Co-Responder Outreach Alliances’ legislation to define co-response and provide funding for standard, state-wide certification, and co-response trainings.

Legal Reform

- **Public Defense Standards** – Support changes to standards for indigent defense that reduce public defender caseloads while providing fiscal support to municipalities in addressing increased public defender costs and the workforce shortage of public defenders.
- **Juvenile Access to Attorney Reforms** – Support revisions to clarify RCW 13.40.740 in order to remove obstacles, confusion, and ambiguity to effective and fair investigations by law enforcement of serious crimes committed by juveniles.
- **Public Records Litigation** – Support legislation to reduce the impact of vexatious and costly public records litigation.
- **Tort Reform** – Oppose efforts to expand tort liability and/or remedies available under tort law. Establish a reinsurance fund that risk pools and individual entities could utilize.

Support the 2025 AWC City Legislative Priorities