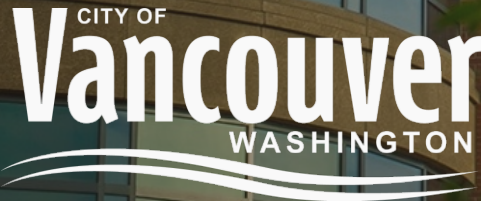


2023 Legislative Session Agenda Input



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Objectives for Today's Workshop

Staff are seeking clear Council direction on potential legislative issues in advance of the 2023 Session.

Staff will incorporate guidance from this workshop into the development of the 2023 State Legislative Agenda.

Public Safety Context

Much of the police reform clarification priorities on the statewide law enforcement agenda were accomplished during the 2022 session.

We expect the impact and implementation of those reforms to continue to be examined and adjusted moving forward but do not expect major policy changes this year.

Blake Decision

Issue:

The 2021 Legislature adopted SB 5476 as a response to the Court's decision on Blake. SB 5476 included misdemeanor criminal penalties for possession. The authority to charge an individual with a misdemeanor charge of possession of a controlled substance will expire July 1, 2023, when state law will automatically revert to the current language but, it is not entirely clear what this intends.

Questions:

- **Would you support Legislation that affirms the Blake decision and “continues” the decriminalization of felony possession of narcotics?**
- **If so, would you also support extending decriminalization to misdemeanor possession as well?**

Clark County Transportation Alliance

For more than two decades, the Clark County Transportation Alliance (CCTA) has developed and presented an annual policy statement.

A strong, united voice increases the chances that our region will receive funding for critical transportation projects.

The City of Vancouver is being asked to endorse the 2023 policy statement.

Key Projects Included in the Policy Statement

The 2023 policy statement includes six projects of particular importance to the City of Vancouver:

- Support for the I-5 bridge replacement and influence area improvements
- NW 32nd Ave Industrial Corridor (\$125 million): planning, engineering, environmental review, and construction for new north-south freight arterial.
- NW 18th St at 138th to 192nd Ave (\$40 million): arterial widening and multi-modal upgrade; leverages significant private sector investments.

Key Projects Included...continued

The 2023 policy statement includes six projects of particular importance to the City of Vancouver:

- **SR-500/Fourth Plain/SR-503 (\$20 million):** following recent planning study, provide funds for initial intersection improvement to address congestion.
- **I-205/SR-500 to Padden Parkway (\$50 million):** add auxiliary lanes to address congestion hotspot.
- **Public Transit (\$10 million):** help fund construction of C-TRAN's extension of the Fourth Plain BRT line to connect both Mill Plain and Fourth Plain lines at its new East Mill Plain Transit Center.

Next Steps:

November 8th general election results will further inform agenda considerations.

Staff will present 2023 Legislative Agenda to the Council on December 12th.

Final Thoughts?

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