



**JOINT MEETING OF THE  
LACEY CITY COUNCIL AND  
WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATORS - DISTRICT 2 AND 22**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2021  
1:10-1:30 P.M. – COUNCIL PRE-MEETING  
1:30 – 2:30 P.M. – JOINT MEETING**

**ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE**

A joint meeting of the Lacey City Council and Washington State Legislators, District 2 and 22, will be conducted remotely, not in-person. The public may view the meeting by watching live through Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86411683497>

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**LACEY CITY COUNCIL PRE-MEETING**

**1:10 COUNCIL DISCUSSION REGARDING JOINT MEETING AGENDA**  
*MAYOR ANDY RYDER AND COUNCILMEMBERS*

**JOINT MEETING AGENDA**

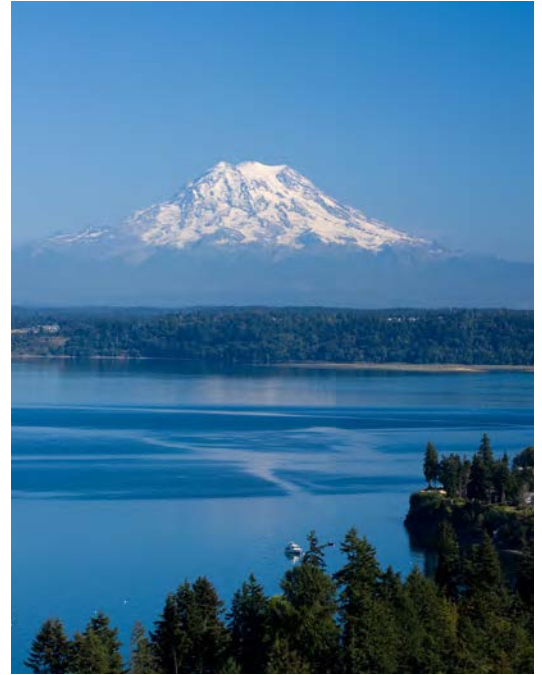
**1:30 [2022 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA](#)**  
*MAYOR ANDY RYDER*

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# 2021 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- 1 Continue to focus on I-5 Corridor, between Mounts Road & Tumwater, including the Nisqually River Delta — Provide \$106M for Preliminary Design and Engineering and ROW Acquisition as part of the next Transportation Package.**
- 2 Work Collaboratively to Create Affordable-housing Solutions that Work for All.**
- 3 Public Safety Concerns: Return of Less-lethal Options, Use of Force, and Commission Clarifications.**
- 4 Request State Leadership in Providing Strategies and Tools to Address the Growing Unsheltered Population in Washington Cities.**
- 5 Capital Budget Requests:**
  - **Public Electric Vehicle Infrastructure**
  - **Oxford Housing Program Pilot with Non-profit Partner.**



## 2021 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

During the 2021 Legislative sessions, several significant achievements were accomplished, including:

- Securing \$5 million for preliminary design and environmental review by WSDOT for the I-5 Corridor between Mounts Road and Tumwater.
- Securing \$607,709 in Heritage Capital Project Grant funds for the new Lacey Museum and Cultural Center.
- Securing \$3 million to help local entities address public health and safety risks associated with homeless encampments on WSDOT and other state-owned rights of way.
- Authorizing a property-tax-based Tax Increment Financing (TIF) tool to fund public infrastructure that helps drive economic development.

*The City of Lacey greatly appreciates the support and leadership of our local legislators.*

*We look forward to working together during the 2022 session on several priorities that will help us meet the needs of our community and prepare for the future.*

### LACEY CITY COUNCIL

**Andy Ryder**, Mayor

**Cynthia Pratt**, Deputy Mayor

**Lenny Greenstein**, Councilmember

**Michael Steadman**, Councilmember

**Carolyn Cox**, Councilmember

**Ed Kunkel**, Councilmember

**Malcolm Miller**, Councilmember

*Adopted by the Lacey City Council on December 2, 2021*

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### CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON I-5 CORRIDOR BETWEEN MOUNTS ROAD TO TUMWATER AND THE NISQUALLY RIVER DELTA

The City remains committed to long-term solutions along the I-5 corridor between Mounts Road, exit 116 (north), and 93rd Avenue, exit 99 (south). This stretch of freeway is vital to the state's environmental, commerce, and transportation priorities, as well as Joint Base Lewis-McChord's mission readiness. I-5 currently restricts critical ecological functions impacting salmon survival, is at a high risk of being overtopped by a major flooding event which would immobilize commerce and transportation, and has limited capacity to handle the growing South Sound economy and population. Lacey supports future investments in this segment of the I-5 corridor to ensure environmental resiliency, reliability, and efficiency of our region's and state's most significant transportation corridor. While the City is focused on a long-term solution, it recognizes the totality of such an endeavor would cost over \$4 billion and will require significant time and multi-jurisdictional collaboration to fully develop. The City applauds the securing of \$5 million for preliminary design and environmental for this segment—but more work is desperately needed to help alleviate and remediate this vital transportation route.



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**REQUEST:** Transportation Budget - \$106M for Preliminary Design and Engineering (PE) and Right of Way (ROW) acquisition.

In anticipation of a future State transportation funding package or Federal transportation investments, the next two phases of work in this corridor will require PE and ROW acquisition. The requested PE would include design and engineering for the full project, including:

- Adding additional lanes in both directions of I-5 between milepost 111 and 116.
- Assessing the impact of mitigating two train trestles that span I-5.
- Replacing the existing Nisqually Bridges.
- Removing infrastructure and earthen fill that creates negative impacts on salmon recovery and habitat and increases the risk of flooding.



## 2 AFFORDABLE-HOUSING SOLUTIONS THAT WORK FOR ALL

Housing affordability is a high priority issue for Lacey and the greater Thurston County region. The City, in partnership with the Cities of Olympia and Tumwater, received a grant award from the Department of Commerce to develop a Housing Action Plan to meet the goals of HB 1923, which was created to encourage the construction of additional affordable and market-rate housing in a greater variety of housing types, and at prices that are accessible to a greater variety of incomes. The City adopted this Housing Action Plan in September 2021. In addition to this plan, with a diverse group of community stakeholders, the City crafted an Affordable Housing Strategy in 2019 to provide overarching policies and 14 individual actions that the City can take to help address affordable housing.

**REQUEST:** The City requests the legislature work collaboratively with local jurisdictions to create a variety of affordable housing options and tools that allow local jurisdictions to use solutions that work for their respective communities.

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### PUBLIC SAFETY CONCERNS: RETURN OF LESS-LETHAL OPTIONS, USE OF FORCE, AND COMMISSION CLARIFICATIONS

The City is committed to providing transparent and accountable public safety. While the City recognized the need for statewide reform, several policy changes made during the 2021 legislative session resulted in unintended, ancillary consequences that put the general public and public safety officers in additional and unnecessary danger.



**REQUEST:** The legislature do the following:

- Provide clear definitions for the following (heretofore undefined) terms used in the legislation: Physical Force, Use of Force, Exhaust, Available, Appropriate, etc.
- Clarify the definition of prohibited "Military Equipment" that would expressly allow for the possession deployment of less lethal tools by law enforcement to include less lethal munitions and platforms regardless of caliber or propellant used.
- Clarify and expand circumstances when Use of Force is authorized to include non-arrest circumstances, such as Involuntary Treatment Act court orders, court authorized custody and seizure orders, to assist fire/paramedic/healthcare workers with restraint of non-complaint patients, etc.
- Permit law enforcement to use reasonable and proportional force when necessary and appropriate to overcome resistance to detain persons suspected of serious felony crimes to include but not limited to: Murder, Attempted Murder, Felony Assault, Sex Crimes, Felony Domestic Violence, Crimes against Children, Robbery, Residential Burglary, Arson, etc., using the reasonable suspicion standard.
- Permit law enforcement to use reasonable and proportional force when necessary and appropriate to overcome resistance and restore order stemming from unlawful activities related to unruly public demonstrations, unlawful assemblies, and riots.
- Provide further clarification on use of force and the requirements to leave the scene in absence of a crime or an imminent threat of death or substantial bodily harm.
- Allow public safety personnel to determine use of tear gas at public riots.
- Provide clarification on limited commission officers, such as the City's Community Service Officers and Joint Animal Services' Animal Control Officers. Current legislation places an immense unfunded and unreasonable burden upon local government to bring partially commission personnel into compliance with CJTC fully commission officer standards that do not apply to their current job duties.

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### REQUEST STATE LEADERSHIP IN PROVIDING STRATEGIES AND TOOLS TO ADDRESS THE GROWING UNSHELTERED POPULATION IN WASHINGTON CITIES.

The City applauds the securing of \$3 million to help local entities address public health and safety risks associated with homeless encampments on WSDOT and other state-owned rights of way. While these funds are vital to addressing an outcome of the on-going homeless crisis, a comprehensive response remains necessary to effectively respond holistically to this complex issue. Cities are ill-equipped to address the root causes and resulting consequences of homelessness. Issues of behavioral health, substance abuse, shelter, affordable housing, and economic disparity are overwhelming most Washington cities. Cities need help and legislative leadership!



**REQUEST:** The City seeks leadership from the State of Washington to provide a unified set of strategies and tools to navigate this crisis and support our unsheltered. Without State leadership and direct participation from the Washington State, meaningful headway will not be achieved.

**REQUEST:** Provide on-going funding of \$5 million to help local entities address public health and safety risks associated with homeless encampments on WSDOT and other state-owned rights of way.

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### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS



#### PUBLIC ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE EXPANSION:

The City is committed reducing its carbon footprint to combat the harmful impacts of climate change. Starting in 2022, the City is piloting a program to transition its vehicle fleet to all electric vehicles. To expedite and encourage the transition to electric vehicles in the greater community, the City plans to develop and expand accessible electric infrastructure in strategic public spaces throughout the City starting with locations in close proximity to City parks, public facilities, and the I-5 corridor.

**REQUEST:** The City requests \$100,000 to add electric vehicle chargers and related infrastructure at City parks and public facilities for public and City use near the I-5 corridor.

#### OXFORD MODEL HOUSE PROGRAM WITH NON-PROFIT PARTNER:

The Oxford House Model is a community-based approach to addiction recovery which provides housing and rehabilitative support for adults recovering from addiction and who want to remain abstinent from use. The City is looking to purchase a house in Lacey for this purpose. In 2021, the City supported expanding permanent supportive housing and affordable-housing options in Lacey, including \$95,000 to Senior Services for the South Sound for the Home Share pilot project, committing \$260,000 to Homes First to provide housing and support for unaccompanied female, young adults obtaining their high school diplomas, and more.

**REQUEST:** The City is committed to providing \$250,000 to a partner non-profit to support program operation for two years. The City requests \$500,000 from the state to make this program a reality by providing funding to purchase and/or rehabilitate a house for this program.



## CITY OF LACEY ALSO SUPPORTS THE TOP LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES OF:

Association of Washington Cities  
South Sound Military & Communities Partnership  
Thurston County Shared Legislative Agenda

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