



## AGENDA

### City Council Legislative Meet & Greet

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4:30 PM - Tuesday, December 11, 2018

City Hall Executive Briefing Rm (111), Sammamish, WA

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Estimated  
Time

#### LEGISLATIVE MEET & GREET

Discussion of City of Sammamish 2019 state legislative policy and funding priorities between City Council members, City staff, and Sammamish state legislative delegation (members from Legislative Districts 5, 41, and 45).

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| 2 - 3 | 1. Introductions   | 4:30 pm |
|       | 2. Discussion of City of Sammamish legislative priorities<br><a href="#">View Sammamish Priorities</a> |         |
|       | 3. Discussion of legislative delegation priorities   |         |
|       | 4. Other business  |         |
|       | 5. Adjourn   | 6:20 pm |

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# City of Sammamish

## 2019 Legislative Priorities



### Salmon Passage Culvert Improvement Grants

Many culverts in the City and across the state were designed in a way that created barriers for fish passage. Extensive scientific research has confirmed that these culverts are harmful to fish and that significant benefits are realized when they are replaced using modern design standards and the latest construction techniques. The City requests **\$1.30 million** in grant funding for the following projects, both of which are identified in the Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Watershed (WRIA 8) Four Year Work Plan:

#### **George Davis Creek Culvert Improvements (\$500K)**

Removal of two fish passage barriers, which will open up access to over 0.5 mile of newly accessible, undeveloped, ideal habitat for kokanee salmon.

*Project Estimate: \$3.5M | Budgeted: \$2.45M | Needed: \$1.05M | Requested from State: \$500K*

#### **Ebright Creek Culvert Improvements (\$800K)**

Removal of a partial fish passage barrier. This creek is one of three remaining primary streams in which native Lake Sammamish kokanee have been observed.

*Project Estimate: \$2.0M | Budgeted: \$350K | Needed: \$1.65M | Requested from State: \$800K*

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### Accessibility

**Roads:** Sammamish inherited a backlog of rural infrastructure upon incorporation in 1999. Updating rural roads into urban streets has become a top priority of the City as regional growth strains capacity. To assist with improvements, the City requests **\$1.35 million** in funding for the following transportation project:

#### **Issaquah-Fall City Road Improvements (\$1.35M)**

Improve traffic flow and add multimodal improvements (e.g. bike lanes). This road serves multiple jurisdictions and acts as a link between I-90 and SR 202.

*Project Estimate: \$26.0M | Budgeted: \$23.3M | Needed: \$2.7M | Requested from State: \$1.35M*

**Transit:** Sammamish is currently scheduled to receive a 200-stall park and ride, with no increase in transit service, as part of ST3. This level of investment is far too low considering the significant tax contribution by city residents. The City requests that the State consider Sammamish's transit needs, including new express bus service and increased bus service to and from the planned light rail stations in Issaquah and Redmond.

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### Metro Monopoly Lifted

Nearly 97% of Sammamish workers commute outside of the city for work. Limited public transportation options exist in Sammamish, so most residents are forced to commute in personal cars, exacerbating regional traffic issues. Alternative options are needed, but State regulations limit the City's ability to partner with private sector providers to supplement Metro services. The City requests that the State Legislature take measures to lift the King County Metro/Sound Transit monopoly and amend State law so that public/private partnerships may be formed to provide shuttle services.

**Additional priorities supported by the City of Sammamish include:**

**Ending the double taxation of annexed park district areas**

There is no mechanism in State law allowing unincorporated properties annexed into a city to be removed from park district taxation, even though the municipality is then responsible for providing parks services. This results in double taxation to the homeowner. Ideally this should be treated similarly to annexations from a fire district to a City. The operating property tax levy should shift to the city and any bonded debt should remain with the property until extinguished.

**Condominium Liability Reform**

The current regulatory environment for condominium construction in Washington state places significant liability on builders, making it prohibitively costly to bring condominiums to market at an affordable price point. The City supports condominium liability reform to remove obstacles for constructing this affordable housing type.

**The City strongly encourages the State Legislature to also support the priorities identified by:**

- Association of Washington Cities (AWC)
- Sound Cities Association (SCA)
- Eastside Human Services Forum (EHSF)
- Eastside Transportation Partnership (ETP)