

METRO COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES
2026 Legislative Session



GENERAL GOVERNMENT

- **Serial communications:** Support changes to the public meetings law to clarify prohibited serial communications and serial meetings. Reduce confusion for elected officials regarding compliance while ensuring transparency in decision making by governing bodies.
- **Food and Beverage:** Support exceptions to requirements that food and beverage offerings be formally included as part of official compensation packages. The current requirements prohibit members of some advisory committees and commissions from accepting food and beverage during meetings that can occur during regular meal times. Support legislation that allows reasonable food and beverage offerings by the public body during these meetings and other official events.
- **Protecting Critical Services:** To ensure a prosperous economy, a clean and healthy environment, and a high quality of life for all their constituents, the state, Metro, and the region's counties, cities, and other service providers must have the financial resources to provide sustainable, quality public services. Accordingly, when dealing with financially constrained budgets, the Legislature should avoid cutting critical services.

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

- **Housing and Homelessness Response Stability:** Support legislation that protects the stability of regional and local housing and homelessness systems. Support efforts that offer permanent, affordable housing for individuals and families experiencing or at risk of homelessness and provide supportive services and community-based support people need to keep their housing. Additionally, support ways to stabilize and preserve the affordable housing stock.

LAND USE

- **Urban Growth Management:** Ensure that the Legislature establishes the policy framework and process for local land use decisions and respects the authority of local governments, including Metro, to make specific decisions on local land use matters. Oppose efforts to legislatively determine specific land use designations in the region or to distort the process of assessing land need by mandating inaccurate analysis.

TRANSPORTATION

- **Transportation Package:** Support efforts that build on the 2025 Transportation Funding Bill, lay the groundwork for a 2027 transportation package, and advance the 2025 JPACT priorities: addressing short-term funding solutions, long-term sustainable funding, finishing what we started, safe urban arterials and streets, transit investments, and resiliency.

WASTE MANAGEMENT AND WASTE REDUCTION

- **Battery Extended Producer Responsibility:** Support legislation that creates a battery extended producer responsibility program in Oregon.

VENUES

- **Speculative Ticketing:** Support legislation that bans speculative ticketing, protecting consumers and artists from deceptive ticketing practices.