

## **METRO COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

### **2022 Legislative Session**

#### **SHORT SESSION PRIORITY ITEMS** **(Legislation we know will be introduced)**

- **COVID response and economic recovery:** Support legislation that addresses ongoing COVID-19 public health response and economic recovery including policy changes and funding assistance in line with the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and additional business, economic development, and housing support.
- **Product stewardship for mattresses:** Support legislation that requires mattress companies to set-up and operate a program for managing and recovering materials from discarded mattresses.
- **Columbia River levees:** Support legislation that address technical changes and provides funding support to facilitate the transition of the Columbia River levee system management to the Urban Flood Safety and Water Quality District.

#### **ON-GOING PRIORITIES** **(Legislation we anticipate could be introduced)**

- **Affordable housing and addressing homelessness:** Support efforts to increase state housing funding, improve tenant protections, expand affordable home ownership options, increase home ownership for BIPOC households, advance solutions to end homelessness, and provide additional tools and authority to local governments to address housing supply and affordability.
- **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:** Support legislative decisions that: secure ongoing state funding for investments to improve safety and multimodal mobility on state highways that operate as urban arterials; advance transportation projects in ways that accommodate community concerns, measurably reduce greenhouse gas emissions and minimize other environmental impacts; and address ongoing harm to communities of color caused by past and current transportation policies and investments.
- **Racial justice:** Support legislation that acknowledges past and ongoing discrimination, eliminates current disparities and promotes substantive inclusion in decisions about public programs, services, facilities and policies, including Black, Indigenous and People of Color-led policy and funding proposals that create meaningful law enforcement reform.
- **Climate justice:** Support state policy and funding solutions that reduce emissions in all of Metro's main lines of business: land use and transportation planning and investment, housing and homeless services, consumption and waste management and solid waste management, parks and natural areas, and operation of visitor venues.