

METRO COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES 2023 Legislative Session



ECONOMIC PROSPERITY

- **Industrial Site Readiness:** Support legislation, including Semiconductor Task Force priorities, that advances solutions to make land inside urban growth boundaries available for industrial development and job creation through infrastructure investment, brownfield cleanup, land aggregation, and other means.
- **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.

GUN SAFETY

- **Regulating Firearms on Metro Properties:** Support legislation that increases Metro's authority to regulate the carrying of firearms on Metro properties and public venues.

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

- **Private Activity Bonds:** Support legislation that increases the proportion of private activity bonds allocated for affordable housing and reduces technical barriers that result in delayed projects.
- **Equitable and Affordable Housing:** Support legislation to increase state housing funding, improve tenant protections, expand affordable home ownership options, increase home ownership for BIPOC households, provide additional tools and authority to local governments to address housing supply and affordability, advance solutions that leverage and integrate local, state and federal investments to implement comprehensive supportive housing and wraparound services, and address climate resilience for home owners and renters.
- **Housing Production:** Support legislation that help increase equitable housing production and development that addresses past inequities in the land use system and in affordability and location of housing while adhering to the fundamentals of Oregon's land use system.

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

- **State Funding for State-Owned Highways:** Secure ongoing state funding for investments to improve safety and multimodal mobility on state highways that operate as urban arterials.
- **Interstate Bridge Replacement Project:** Support legislative decisions that advance the Interstate 5 bridge replacement project 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.
- **Transportation Pricing:** Support transportation pricing mechanisms that significantly and measurably reduce congestion, minimize carbon emissions, advance equity and improve safety.

WASTE MANAGEMENT AND WASTE REDUCTION

- **Electronic Recycling and Reuse:** Support legislation that modernizes the current electronic recycling system to be more convenient, equitable and allows for better pathways to reuse when possible.
- **Abandoned and Derelict Vessels and Recreational Vehicles:** Support legislation building towards a comprehensive statewide program and dedicated funding for the removal and disposal of abandoned and derelict vessels and recreation vehicles, both on land and in the water.