

**METRO COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**  
**2020 Legislative Session**



**TOP PRIORITY ITEMS**

- **Climate:** Support legislation to create a “cap and invest” system to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and incentivize investment in clean energy. Seek specific provisions that directly allocate funds to the Portland region for implementation of the Climate Smart Strategy to reduce transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions. Seek opportunities to support other climate-related investments related to Metro’s other areas of responsibility.
- **Product stewardship for mattresses:** Support legislation based on producer responsibility and product stewardship principles to create a program for managing discarded mattresses.
- **Willamette Falls Locks:** Support legislation to establish a public corporation to take ownership of the Locks and provide the funding necessary to repair and reopen them.
- **Affordable housing:** Support legislation providing policy and funding tools to address housing affordability. Collaborate on potential opportunities for technical amendments to housing legislation passed in 2019.
- **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.
- **Transportation:** Seek opportunities to enhance revenue authority related to potential 2020 regional transportation funding ballot measure. Pursue funding and/or policy, as appropriate, to support development and eventual construction of Southwest Corridor and I-205 projects.
- **Jurisdictional transfer:** Advance efforts to identify candidate highways for jurisdictional transfer and provide funds to facilitate transfers.

**OTHER ITEMS**

- **Emerging transportation technologies:** Ensure that any legislation establishing statewide policy frameworks for ride-hailing companies, automated vehicles and other technology-driven transportation innovations does not unreasonably limit local government authority or access to data needed for sound transportation management and planning.
- **Geographic data:** Support legislation to create and fund a central state repository for standardized geographic “framework” data.