

**METRO COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**  
**2019 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 support implementation of the Portland region’s 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.
- **Household hazardous waste:** Establish a program based on producer responsibility and product stewardship principles to manage household hazardous waste.
- **Affordable housing:** Support legislation increasing state housing funding, improving tenant protections, and providing 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.
- **Transportation projects:** Provide funding to support project development and eventual construction of Southwest Corridor and I-205 projects.
- **Brownfield cleanup and redevelopment:** Establish a state brownfield cleanup tax credit and support recapitalization of the state’s Brownfields Redevelopment Fund.

**OTHER ITEMS**

- **Columbia River levees:** Support legislation to consolidate drainage districts and provide funding to support recertification of Columbia River levees.
- **Plastics:** Support a statewide ban on single-use plastics, including plastic bags, that does not pre-empt local authority or create an undue burden on low-income consumers.
- **Paid parental and family leave:** Support legislation to establish a statewide program and policy for paid parental and family leave.
- **Industrial site readiness:** Provide funding to implement statute authorizing loans to make land inside urban growth boundaries available for industrial development and job creation through infrastructure investment, brownfield cleanup, land aggregation, and other means. Support statutory changes to make statute clearer and easier to implement.
- **Product stewardship:** Support legislation creating programs for managing discarded pharmaceutical drugs and mattresses based on producer responsibility and product stewardship principles.

- **Jurisdictional transfer:** Advance efforts to identify candidate highways for jurisdictional transfer and provide funds to facilitate transfers.
- **Emerging transportation technologies:** Ensure that legislation establishing statewide policy frameworks for ride-hailing companies, automated vehicles and other technology-driven transportation innovations do 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 central state repository for standardized geographic “framework” data.
- **Oregon Conservation Strategy:** Support creation of an Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund dedicated to the conservation and management of Oregon’s non-game fish and wildlife and their habitats.
- **Willamette Falls Locks:** Support funding to repair and reopen the Locks and transfer ownership to the Department of State Lands.
- **Air quality:** Establish requirements and incentives to reduce diesel particulate emissions, increase the use of clean diesel engines, and reduce diesel engine idling.
- **Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission:** Increase the cap and growth factor for the TSCC’s budget.
- **Qualification-based selection:** Establish an alternative approach to contracting for certain categories of professional services that enables a contracting agency to consider price as a factor before selecting a contractor.