

2020

SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON BUSINESS COMMUNITY LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Prepared jointly among Columbia River Economic Development Council (CREDC), Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce (GVCC), and Identity Clark County (ICC) for consideration during the 2020 Legislative Session.

TOP ISSUES

- Support the Joint Oregon-Washington Legislative Action Committee and the Program Office in Southwest Washington for replacement of the I-5 Bridge.
- Provide greater options for local jobs, economic development and infrastructure investment for border communities, rural areas and opportunity zones (e.g. Local Revitalization Fund (LRF), Local Infrastructure Financing Tool (LIFT), 0.09% rural economic development sales tax).
- Consider stop-gap funding to protect state and local projects affected by I-976, thereby allowing for a rational adjustment to program funding; and to convene an evaluation of tools and mechanisms that could be made available to city and county jurisdictions to substitute the loss in funding.



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KEY INVESTMENTS

Promote infrastructure projects in the Clark County Transportation Alliance 2020 Policy Statement to support the continued expansion of our local workforce.

Assure a career-ready local workforce by supporting the Clark College Boschma Farms Campus request for design and building funds (\$51M), WSU Vancouver Life Sciences Building request for design funds (\$4M) and a Campus Development request by Cascadia Tech Academy (\$4M).

Provide funding for the building deconstruction phase of the Port of Vancouver Terminal 1 waterfront development project (\$1.8M) to ensure readiness for dock replacement and further economic development.

MULTI-YEAR PRIORITIES

Ensure energy policy is balanced, diversified and economically sustainable while protecting the hydro-power system and navigation corridors on the Columbia and Snake River system.

Further position Southwest Washington and the State with robust broadband infrastructure with continued oversight and grants through the newly established Broadband Office.

Facilitate local development of critical infrastructure through the Model Toxics Control Act, Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board, Public Works Trust Fund and related programs.

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