



REGIONAL POLICY PRIORITIES

2019 - 2020



TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

\$3.2 B

IN UNMET NEEDS,
INCLUDING \$798 M
IN PRIORITY NEEDS

60%

OF JOBS TIED TO
INTERNATIONAL TRADE

- » Support efficient and timely delivery of Snohomish County regional projects funded in Connecting Washington, ST2, ST3, and the I-405 Express Toll Lanes. Encourage any revenue and project cost savings to be reinvested in the region.
- » Provide options and tools to local governments and agencies to sufficiently fund local road, transit, and infrastructure improvements that promote community and economic development as well as congestion relief.

Consistent with the priorities of the Snohomish County Committee for Improved Transportation (SCCIT):

1. Authorize new ways to leverage private funding for major projects. Identify funding options to replace the westbound section of the US Hwy 2 Trestle Bridge.
2. Support the modernization of the Port of Everett's International Seaport through capital investments in dock, rail, and surface transportation improvements.
3. Develop planning and funding solutions that increase the throughput on state roadways, including key north-south and east-west corridors such as US Hwy 2, SR 522, and SR 9.
4. Fund multimodal transit connections needed to support the build-out of ST2 and ST3 and complete the high-capacity transit network in Snohomish County.
5. Support projects which improve freight mobility and safety at-grade railroad crossings.
6. Continued investment in tools such as the Public Works Assistance Account (PWAA), The Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB), and Transportation Improvement Board (TIB).



EDUCATION & WORKFORCE

20%

OF WORKFORCE IN
SNOHOMISH COUNTY
IS MANUFACTURING

84%

OF BUSINESSES IN
SNOHOMISH COUNTY
HAVE DIFFICULTY FINDING
QUALIFIED EMPLOYEES

- » Provide appropriate capital and program funding for UW Bothell, WSU Everett/Everett University Center & partners such as Western Washington University, Edmonds CC, Everett CC, Medical Pathways Facility at Everett High School, and the WSU College of Medicine to expand STEM and other high-demand programs.
- » Provide funds for K-3 classrooms along with adequate resources and tools for school retrofits, construction and expansion due to population growth and seismic safety concerns.
- » Support Career Connected Learning in support of high demand sectors including advanced manufacturing by fully funding career & technical education (CTE) programs such as apprenticeships like the Regional Apprenticeship Pathways (RAP) and continued funding for STEM Networks including Snohomish STEM.
- » Confront the basic education funding shortfalls, particularly in special education, and revise the new levy cap formula to mitigate inequities and hold districts harmless of local levy authority cuts.
- » Support the recommended priorities of the Governor's NMA Council and the Snohomish County Aerospace Task Force to ensure the Boeing New Market Aircraft (NMA) is built here in Washington State.
- » Fund Guided Pathways as part of higher education's efforts to prepare students to enter high paying jobs in high demand fields.



ECONOMIC PROSPERITY & COMPETITIVENESS

200,000
EXPECTED POPULATION
GROWTH BY 2040 IN
SNOHOMISH COUNTY

292,000
JOBS IN
SNOHOMISH COUNTY

- » Promote the importance that our highly skilled workforce, educational institutions, and tax policies all play in economic prosperity and competitiveness. These attributes are vital to attracting and retaining aerospace and non-aerospace companies and jobs in Snohomish County.
- » Maintain local economic development organizations' state funding (i.e. Associate Development Organization (ADO) funding, and economic development tools such as the strategic reserve fund). Support economic development ecosystems.
- » Continued investment in the Department of Commerce economic development, international trade, and sector lead programs.
- » Support programs and tools that promote tourism and recreation in Snohomish County.
- » Support the long-term funding in the MTCA account for the Port of Everett's Mill A/Seaport Environmental Cleanup.



COMMUNITY VITALITY & RESILIENCY

\$458,197
MEDIAN HOME SALE PRICE -
WHILE SNOHOMISH COUNTY
OFFERS MORE AFFORDABLE
HOME PRICES THAN ITS
NEIGHBOR KING COUNTY,
THE LACK OF HOUSING
AT ALL ENTRY POINTS
MUST BE ADDRESSED

- » Honor longstanding partnerships between the State and local governments by avoiding further reductions in shared revenues, and any other actions that hamper the ability of cities, counties, and public agencies to provide essential funding for coordinated services to residents.
- » Expand access and funding for behavioral health and substance dependent treatment that enable residents to fully participate and succeed in the local workforce and contribute to the community.
- » Advocate for local and state funding programs, and development regulations that seek to optimize an adequate supply and robust choice of housing at various price points that are accessible to residents of all socioeconomic levels throughout Snohomish County.
- » Support for sustainable and increased Foundational Public Health Services.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY QUICK stats



1st
CONCENTRATION OF MANUFACTURING
JOBS ON THE WEST COAST

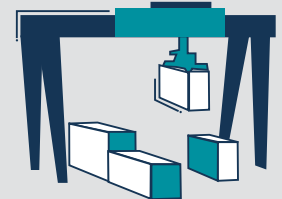
2nd
CONCENTRATION OF TECH
JOBS IN WASHINGTON

ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF AEROSPACE

\$8.2 B IN WAGES **\$39.85 B** IN BUSINESS REVENUES **92,450** IN JOBS



55%
OF RESIDENTS WORK
OUTSIDE THE COUNTY



PORT OF EVERETT IS
#1 Customs Export District



90% OF WORKERS WILL NEED A
CREDENTIAL OR SOME COLLEGE
AND ONLY **31%** OF WASHINGTON
STUDENTS RECEIVE ONE



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Our Regional Policy Priorities reflects the input of diverse participants in sectors ranging from life sciences, health care, advanced manufacturing, aerospace, higher ed, our ports, tech, local cities, chambers, several Snohomish County school districts, and local businesses.