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Provide responsive funding to train new law enforcement officers

As police retirements continue at a rapid pace, Cities in Snohomish County need a responsive funding model for the Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC) to ensure that newly hired police officers have timely access to basic training. Snohomish County Cities support funding for at least 19 Basic Law Enforcement Academy (BLEA) classes per year in order to meet our public safety needs.

Provide robust funding for transportation construction and preservation projects

Continued growth in Snohomish County and throughout the Puget Sound region makes transportation solutions an economic and quality-of-life imperative. Snohomish County Cities seek robust funding for projects that relieve congestion and keep people and freight moving. Preservation of the roads, bridges and other facilities already in place also remains a critical priority.

Keep the Public Works Trust Fund, CERB and other critical programs in working order

Investments that support growth, economic vitality and sound environmental stewardship are a foundational part of a strong State/City partnership. Snohomish County Cities support ongoing investment in the various infrastructure funding programs sponsored by the State, and in economic development tools like the Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) that encourage job creation and economic growth.

Fix a failing behavioral health system

Cities throughout Snohomish County are experiencing the impacts of an overwhelmed mental health and drug abuse response system. The State must make investments to significantly improve access to these systems and promote more successful outcomes. Snohomish County Cities support new funding for behavioral health delivery systems, and the expansion of mental health field response teams which allow social workers and police to work together to connect people experiencing homelessness with needed services.

Invest in our youth through career education, pre-apprenticeship and STEM programs

Future jobs will require more than a high school diploma, and many will require some level of STEM-related training. Snohomish County Cities support targeted investments in Career and Technical Education and pre-apprenticeships that will put our youth on a successful path to a prosperous future.