



2026 Legislative Agenda

City of Sammamish

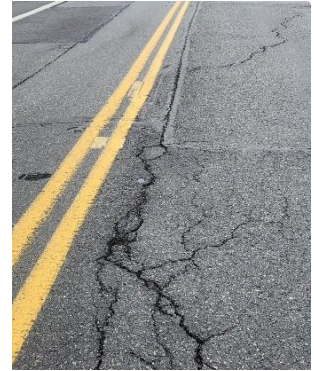
Funding to Stabilize East Lake Sammamish Parkway

Project Cost Estimate: Design \$1.6M | Construction \$7.3M

Timeline: Design 2025-2026 | Construction 2027

Request: \$1.0M to complete alternatives analysis and design

The City requests funding to complete an alternatives analysis and design phase to ensure the stability and safety of East Lake Sammamish Parkway, south of Inglewood Hill Road. This vital freight and commuter route has settled approximately six inches in six years, degrading underground utility pipes. Since this item was added to the City's 2025 legislative agenda, an additional settlement area further south along the Parkway was found and incorporated into the project scope. Alternatives will consider stabilization versus a complete rebuild.



Funding to Acquire Community Town Square

Timeline: 2026

Request: \$1.0M to complete acquisition

Partner with the City to fund the acquisition of Sammamish's Town Square within our Town Center! The Town Square will provide much-needed space for events and cultural activities surrounded by housing and businesses. The City is excited to work with the community to begin developing this space and is looking to acquire land to make it a reality. The City is requesting \$1 million in funding from the legislature to support land acquisition.

Support Progressive and Realistic City Revenue Options

Local government revenues are not keeping pace with the rising cost of delivering services, and existing revenue options available to cities unfairly penalize lower income community members.

Enact progressive revenue options

Including a local option Graduated Real Estate Excise Tax.

Revise the arbitrary 1% property tax cap

Revise the property tax cap so it tracks inflation, with a new cap not to exceed 3%.

Support Local Climate Action Initiatives

Local jurisdictions are a key partner in helping Washington achieve its commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 95% by 2050.

Climate Commitment Act funding

Improve access to Climate Commitment Act funding, including direct distributions, for city priorities that support carbon reduction and climate resiliency. Provide grants to incentivize low/middle income homeowners to electrify their homes with heat pumps and solar power.

The City of Sammamish also supports:

Affordable Housing

Increase funding for affordable housing at the state and local levels

- Provide local revenue options to support affordable housing (such as a graduated local Real Estate Excise Tax)
- Encourage state investments and provide funding incentives for local jurisdictions to promote affordable housing (such as expanding the HB 1406 state sales tax credit)

Continue to reduce barriers and support local efforts to build more affordable housing faster

- Establish development and tax incentives to support affordable rental and ownership housing on properties owned by religious organizations
- Support other policies that expand access to land for a range of affordable housing types (such as surplus property policies)

Multimodal Transportation Improvements

Continue to appropriately use Climate Commitment Act funding in the transportation budget to support improved transit service, pedestrian and bike safety initiatives, e-bike rebates, electrification infrastructure, and similar investments. Provide funding support for last mile transit investments to increase accessibility where transit connections are limited.

Guidance for Cities on E-Bikes, E-Motorcycles and Similar Emerging Technologies

Provide guidance to cities on local regulation of e-bikes, e-motorcycles, and scooters, such as a model ordinance and enforcement efforts.

Access to Behavioral Health Resources

The City recognizes that many in our community are struggling with behavioral health challenges, including our youth. Therefore, the City supports greater access to the entire continuum of behavioral health services and substance use disorder (SUD) treatment for adults and youth.

Full Funding for Washington Public Schools

Ensure every school has the resources it needs to provide engaging learning opportunities, including fully funding special education.

Partner organization legislative agendas, including:

- Association of Washington Cities
- Eastside Fire & Rescue
- King County-Cities Climate Collaboration
- Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Watershed (WRIA 8) Partners
- Sound Cities Association