



# CITY OF BURIEN

## 2016 REGIONAL, STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

This agenda guides our work with regional, state and federal legislative bodies and agencies.

### Regional Priority

#### Connect Burien via Light Rail Transit to Sea-Tac Airport and West Seattle

Build and support a coalition of elected officials and local voices to advocate for LRT connection in the Sound Transit 3 package presented to voters in November 2016.

### State Legislative Priorities

1. Accelerate Funding for the SR 518 Interchange Project  
Pursue shifting the full funding to the 2015-17 biennium. The SR 518 interchange project connects a planned 160-acre NERA development site to key transportation corridors. Accelerating the project funding enables Burien to serve commercial development opportunities and create up to 2,000 new jobs.
2. Capital Project Funding for Moshier Sports Field  
Pursue \$2 million to convert existing grass sports fields into year-round, multi-purpose artificial turf fields that support baseball, football and soccer. This builds on stormwater system design funding already approved and would increase field use from 4,000 hours to 10,000 hours per year.
3. Human Services and Homelessness Funding  
Continue to support legislative initiatives to provide state funding for mental health services, addiction services, and resources to respond to homelessness.
4. Public Defense Costs  
Continue to support city efforts to provide a state revenue stream for additional city public defense costs as a result of the State Supreme Court's mandated caseload rule for public defenders.
5. Public Records Cost Recovery  
Continue to support legislation to help provide cost recovery for local agencies in the growing area of electronic records requests, and for public records that are clearly for a commercial purpose.

6. Minimum Wage  
Support Legislation to Address the State Minimum Wage
7. Public School Funding  
Support full funding for a comprehensive basic education program, and complementary school construction program, to meet the needs of Highline School District students.
8. Move to Renewable Energy from Coal  
Support efforts to accelerate Puget Sound Energy's complete transition from coal to clean renewable energy by 2025 while providing certainty to rate payers on timing and cost. Legislation authorizing increased ownership of Colstrip should include provisions to minimize ratepayer liabilities and accelerate GHG emissions reductions.
9. Solar Energy  
Support facilitating greater access to rooftop residential and community solar installations by modifying the Renewable Energy System Cost Recovery program to provide greater certainty about financial return for current solar investors while extending the timeframe for solar incentives to encourage future installations.

## **Federal Priorities**

1. MAP-21 Reauthorization / Support TIGER CUBS  
Monitor the Congressional reauthorization of MAP-21, the federal six-year transportation revenue package; support the inclusion of the TIGER CUBS legislation that creates federal transportation grants to mid-sized cities; work to include an amendment to the TIGER CUBS legislation changing the upper city population threshold to 60,000 from 50,000.
2. FAA Reauthorization  
Monitor the Congressional reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) with attention to land use issues.
3. Identify and Advocate for New Program Opportunities  
Identify and advocate for federal policy or funding programs that benefit the City of Burien. Seek opportunities similar to the FAA Pilot Program.
4. Noise/Airport  
With other partners, support bills that will address reducing aircraft noise and emissions around airports.
5. Minimum Wage  
Advocate to raise the Federal minimum wage.