



## 2019 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

### 1. **Monitor the FAA Reauthorization Legislation**

Work with our Congressional delegation to monitor the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) reauthorizing legislation passed October 2018 with specific attention to the following studies and directives:

- The appointment of a FAA regional ombudsman for each FAA region to work with the community on aircraft noise issues,
- The study on potential health and economic impacts of overflight noise – Seattle is one of eight cities involved in the study,
- The study of non-leaded fuel alternatives to existing airplane fuel, and the ambient lead concentrations at and around airports.

Monitor the implementation of the Next Gen System at SeaTac Airport for aircraft noise and emission standards.

### 2. **Reduce Airport Noise and Emissions**

Work with our Congressional delegation, the FAA, and the Port of Seattle to reduce SeaTac Airport noise and emissions by:

- Implementing the 2018 federal FAA budget to assign a full-time staff member to the FAA Northwest Mountain Region office to improve community engagement on the issues of airport noise and emissions,
- Monitor any 2019 federal budget directives to reduce aircraft noise and emissions.

### 3. **Sustainable Airport Master Plan (SAMP) Mitigation Funding**

Work with the federal delegation, the Port of Seattle, and neighboring cities to identify traffic, environmental, and other appropriate mitigation funding for Burien due to SAMP impacts.

### 4. **Support Federal Funding for Housing and Homelessness Programs**

- **Maintain or Increase Community Development Block Grants:** the King County Consortium (of cities) uses CDBG for housing stability/homelessness prevention, affordable housing development and many other human services. The federal government funded CDBG at \$3.3 billion in FY 2018. King County is expected to receive \$750,000 in CDBG funds in 2019.
- **Maintain or Increase the HOME Program:** HOME funds provide funding for affordable housing. Each HOME dollar invested leverages an additional five dollars for housing. The federal government funded HOME at \$1.36 billion in FY 2018. King County is expected to receive about \$2.8 million in HOME dollars in 2019, funding allocated to non-profits for housing development.
- **Maintain or Increase McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants:** McKinney grants help provide shelter and services to homeless families and individuals. The federal government funded McKinney at \$2.5 billion in FY 2018.
- **Support Full Funding for Section 8 Vouchers:** Support full funding for Section 8 Tenant-Based and Project-Based Housing Choice Vouchers.

- Support Funding for VA Supportive Housing Vouchers (VASH): Support funding for the VASH program that has been a vital source of homelessness for low-income veterans in King County.
- Support Amendments to the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Program: Support the bipartisan Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act (HR 1661/S. 548) sponsored by Senator Cantwell in the Senate (S. 548). S. 548 increases the annual housing credit allocation authority by 50%, phased in over five years, and would provide more predictability and flexibility in housing credit financing by establishing a 4% rate for credits used to finance acquisitions and housing bond-financed developments.

**5. Census**

Support efforts to obtain an accurate population count in the 2020 federal census by removing the new citizenship question in the 2020 federal census.

**6. Burien Public Works Projects**

Work with potential regional partners in applying for federal grant money for two projects:

- The Burien Public Works and Parks Shared Maintenance Facility; Burien has set aside \$7.5M for this \$11.5M project.
- The SR 518 Westbound On-Ramp to Des Moines Memorial Drive.

**7. Drones**

Monitor federal drone legislation/rules with particular attention to the jurisdictional role of local governments.

**8. Immigration**

Support for comprehensive immigration reform with an emphasis on ensuring that families stay together, and enhancing community and economic stability for the City's residents and citizens.