

FINAL HIGHLINE FORUM AGENDA

Host - City of SeaTac

Theme - Legislative Priorities

September 23, 2015 - Wednesday - 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm

SeaTac City Hall Council Chambers

4800 South 188th Street, SeaTac

Directions to SeaTac City Hall from I-5 heading south - Take the S. 188th St./Orillia Road exit (#152). Stay to the left and follow the sign that reads Orillia Road (do not go to the right to S. 188th St., the off-ramp will take you past the access to the building). At the bottom of the exit, turn right. Heading west on S. 188th St., go through the lighted intersection of S. 188th St. and Military Road S. Stay in the right lane. You can access the building directly from S. 188th.

Directions to SeaTac City Hall from I-5 heading north - Take the S. 188th St. exit (#152) and stay in the two left turn lanes. At the light, turn left onto S. 188th Street. Heading west on S. 188th St., go through the lighted intersection of S. 188th St. and Military Road S. Stay in the right lane. You can access the building directly from S. 188th.

2:30 pm	Convene Meeting/Introductions	<i>Forum Co-chairs</i>
2:32 pm	SeaTac Welcome	<i>Mayor Mia Gregerson, City of SeaTac</i>
2:35 pm	Public Comments	<i>Audience</i>
2:40 pm	2016 Legislative Session Preview	<i>City of SeaTac</i>
3:00 pm	2016 Legislative Agendas	<i>All</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Individual Reports from Highline Forum Members</i>	
3:30 pm	2016 Session: Opportunities for Collaboration	<i>City of SeaTac</i>
4:10 pm	Emerging Issues & Accomplishments	<i>All</i>
4:30 pm	Adjourn Meeting	<i>Forum Co-chairs</i>



Smart Growth America

Making Neighborhoods Great Together



Transit-Oriented Development Workshop

October 6, 2015

6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

SEATAC CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

4800 S. 188TH ST.

The City of SeaTac will host representatives from Smart Growth America on October 6, 2015 as part of a free, grant-funded technical assistance program. The evening event will provide an introductory presentation on how investment in transit stations influences how a community grows. It aims to provide the community and city officials with tools and techniques to bring about the vision for the future found in the City's long-range plans.

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2015 Economic Development Legislative Positions for Southwest King County

The combined memberships of the Soundside Alliance and the Highline Forum endorse eight economic development legislative positions for 2015 that increase job opportunities and income for Southwest King County residents and attract quality business investment and real estate development to the area.

The Soundside Alliance and Highline Forum strongly support:

Education

- Targeted funding that enhances existing support for high need/high demand capacity for student success at community and technical colleges, including English language learners.
- Funding for the renovation and expansion of Highline College's Allied Health and Life Sciences Building that broaden the college's education and training opportunities and enable business and economic growth.
- Continued implementation of court mandated K-12 funding reforms to provide adequate and equitable educational opportunities that prepare all students for college, career and citizenship, support the unique demographic needs of Southwest King County and the state's long-term economic vitality, and do so without negatively impacting existing funding levels for higher education or health and human services programs.

Transportation & Infrastructure:

- Funding the extension of SR509 to I-5, through support of a new state transportation revenue package, tolling and public-private partnerships to improve the movement of people and goods throughout Southwest King County and to and from Sea-Tac Airport and the Port of Seattle and Tacoma seaports.
- Restored and increased funding for infrastructure programs that provide vital resources to local jurisdictions for job creating projects: the Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB), the Public Works Assistance Account (PWAA), the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB), the Regional Mobility Grant Program, and the Model Toxic Control Account (MTCA).

Local Revenue Sharing:

- Restored liquor revenue sharing and targeting state excise taxes collected from marijuana legalization to support public safety and other relevant projects at the local level.
- Preserving mitigation funding for cities impacted by the streamlined sales tax and continued sales tax equalization funding.

Port of Seattle:

- Port cooperation by coordinating initiatives to eliminate barriers to commercial success in Washington State and reduce unfair advantages to out-of-state competitors for cargo.

City of SeaTac: Highline Forum 2016 Legislative Discussion

Issues to Return

- Public Works project funding: To keep Washington moving forward and to keep up with demand and regulatory requirements we need on-going and reliable funding for programs like the Public Works Assistance Account, the Centennial Clean Water Fund and the Model Toxics Control Account.
- Fiscal sustainability measures: The Legislature should consider replacing the 1% property tax cap with an annual limit that accounts for inflation and population growth. A local option would balance the public's desire for property tax limits with the reality of keeping pace with funding service needs.
- Public Records: Cities continue to look for ways to mitigate costs associated with the burden of massive public records requests. During the 2015 session, a budget proviso directed the State Auditor's Office to find ways to recover the costs associated with public records requests.

Possible AWC Issues for 2016?

- Emergency management/economic recovery legislation? A legislator has expressed a desire to sponsor legislation that would support communities hit by natural disasters. This is in response to massive fires this past summer.
- Code Compliance: Cities are increasingly facing challenges around bank-owned homes. In many cases, they become increased public safety risks or fire hazards. Banks are non-responsive and can be difficult for city staff to navigate. Cities would like to explore a solution to increase communication regarding these bank-owned homes, and work to alleviate the public safety risks they currently pose.
- Auditor legislation: Cities are considering seeking an alternative to required contracting with the State Auditor's Office for local audits. Some cities would like the ability to contract with a private auditing agency rather than be required to pay the State for auditing services.
- Nuisance Abatement: The City of SeaTac joins other cities across Washington State in seeking additional authority to recoup costs for abatement of nuisance properties.
- Items to remove: Liquor, marijuana, transportation. Each of these issues were addressed during the 2015 session. While there will still be legislative action on all three of these issues, any legislation will be minor and technical in nature.

