City of Kenmore, Washington



2025 State Legislative Agenda

Lakepointe

The City is poised to transform the 40+ acre Lakepointe property, which is currently a languishing industrial site on Lake Washington, into a walkable urban village with over 3,000 lineal feet of restored shoreline habitat and a landmark waterfront park. The City is moving forward to perform thorough due diligence and coordination with regulatory agencies before fully committing to purchase approximately 15 acres of the property for the park and shoreline habitat restoration. Due diligence includes testing for pollutants and contaminants to ensure that the land is safe. This process is costly and while the City has pursued grants to support this work, there is still a \$650,000 gap in funding. Development of Lakepointe will be a multi-year effort and require support from all levels of government. The City requests the state's initial support of \$650,00 and future support to make this vision a reality.

Ped/Bike Projects in Kenmore

Pedestrian and bicyclist safety is a City priority. The City is committed to achieving zero pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities and serious injuries by 2025 through project improvements, education and enforcement. The City requests state funding to deliver the following projects:

- <u>61st Avenue Sidewalk and Stream Enhancements</u>: \$3.5M was included in the Move Ahead WA package and then mistakenly swept in the 2024 transportation budget. The City requests the \$3.5M be restored in the 25-27 budget.
- 80th Avenue: There is a \$750,000 funding gap to close sidewalk gaps and create continuous sidewalk, buffered bike lanes, and enhanced crossings on both sides of the street connecting to SR522.
- Burke Gilman Trial/ SR 522 Accessibility: There is a \$1M gap to provide an ADA connection from the Burke Gilman Trail to SR 522 and the BRT stop.
- Arrowhead Drive: There is a \$500,000 gap to build sidewalks, install a flashing crossing sign and several traffic calming features to improve safety for this school route.
- NE 181st There is a \$500,000 gap to construct new sidewalks on the south side of NE 181st connecting the BRT stop.

Digital Permitting System Upgrades

As a member of the eCityGov Alliance, we request \$2.7 million from the 2025-27 State budget for the development of a digital permitting solution that will help cities comply with SB 5290 and improve the responsiveness, efficiency, and overall management of the permitting process for local governments.