

Transportation

Renton urges the Legislature to enact a comprehensive transportation package

- Fix the worst first and finish projects already started; I-405/SR-167 interchange and the Renton-to-Bellevue segment of I-405.
- Provide direct distributions of new gas tax revenue and local transportation funding options to cities and counties.
- Enhance grant funding for critical programs such as Transportation Improvement Board (TIB), Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board (FMSIB) and Complete Streets.

Public Safety

Renton strongly supports funding and tools that assist local efforts to provide vital public safety services

- Fund critical public safety needs by sharing a percentage of marijuana excise tax revenues.
- Reconcile and consolidate laws and regulations on retail and medical marijuana use.
- Enhance funding for Basic Law Enforcement Academy (BLEA) training courses to help reduce current backlog.
- Provide \$2 million in 2015-17 Operating Budget monies for competitive grant funds for gang intervention programs such as Alive and Free.
- Provide funding for critical public safety programs such as E-911 funds and sex offender address verification monies.

Fiscal Stability

Renton urges lawmakers to protect “state-shared” revenues, avoid funding cuts for public safety needs, and provide more tools and authority to address local needs

- Restore full liquor excise tax distributions and restore a percentage growth in liquor profits.
- Provide local governments with sustainable revenue options and tools to address their needs, including a fix to the law that limits annual property tax growth to 1 percent while annual costs increase at the rate of inflation.
- Provide local agencies with new authority and tools to control “cost-drivers” on the expense side.

Quality of Life

Renton strongly supports policies, investments and tools that contribute to quality-of-life enhancements

- Request \$3.6 million in the 2015-17 Capital Budget for constructing Phase I of the 3.1-acre Sunset Neighborhood Park, a major gateway for the Sunset Area and a key piece of Renton’s “Sunset Area Community Reinvestment Strategy.”
- The state funding would be matched by a city investment of \$5.26 million that includes front-loaded funds for acquisition, design, permitting and other requirements. As a lead-up to the park project, Renton and local partners will have completed \$48 million worth of public infrastructure investments in the Sunset Area.
- The park will be a gateway and catalyst for transforming a part of the city that was the site of World War II-era housing, and help overcome academic, health care, obesity, public safety, and socio-economic challenges.

