



# 2023 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

## CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

### 1 Accessibility Improvements at the New Greg Cuoio Park

To create a more equitable, thriving city, we believe all community members should be able to access Lacey parks and recreation amenities. **The City requests \$500,000 to help fund the ADA path and inclusive playground at the new Greg Cuoio Park.** Park development Phase 1A is underway and scheduled to open to the public in 2024. Over the last decade, Lacey has worked to create more equitable access to parks. The new ADA amenities will significantly advance inclusivity by allowing all to enjoy this future community gem.

See inside pages for more details on these Capital Budget Requests.

### 2 Emergency Operations Center

The City is currently planning for a new police station that will include a fully equipped Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Like many local jurisdictions around the country, the City was underprepared for the global pandemic. Currently, the City is also inadequately prepared to handle other major emergency incidents, natural or man-made. **The City requests \$500,000 to help develop a new EOC to better serve the community in times of crisis.** The EOC would support the community by enabling multi-agency coordination which ensures the City is more efficient at providing resources, coordinating communications and advance warnings, prioritizing response during an emergency, and implementing recovery programs. The EOC is anticipated to include over 1,440 square feet of mission-critical equipment, including: workstations, monitors, radios, emergency generator, and more.

### 3 Commercial Airport Siting

The City joins Thurston County and the cities of Olympia, Tumwater, Rainier, Yelm, and Tenino, and town of Bucoda in opposing the Commercial Aviation Coordinating Committee (CACC) from continuing to evaluate and consider a two-runway airport expansion site in Thurston County. **We request your help in opposing any potential airport expansion considerations in Thurston County.** An airport in Thurston County would endanger environmentally sensitive areas (e.g., wetlands, prairies, and endangered species), further decrease rapidly dwindling agricultural lands, augment environmental health challenges and exacerbate existing health disparities, and irrevocably damage the quality of life for Thurston County community members.

### 4 Long-term Funding Solutions to Support Rights of Way Initiative Housing Acquisitions

The City appreciates the State's leadership in 2022 to help respond to the homeless crisis. Last year, the legislature passed ESHB 5963 providing funding for the Rights of Way Initiative which established a grant program to transition persons residing on state-owned rights of way to safer housing opportunities, with an emphasis on permanent housing solutions. As part of this program, Thurston County received \$37M to acquire a hotel and turn it into emergency housing, as well as to support the development of a 50-unit, tiny-home village. The long-term plan is to convert this emergency housing into needed permanent-supportive housing. This conversion will require significant capital investment. In addition to future capital investments, while the State committed \$2M to operating costs for the project's first two years, the City and other local partners are concerned with long-term operating needs. While not requesting funding this year, **the City requests the State consider sustainable operating funding sources for the continued success of Rights of Way funded initiatives and other similar projects across the state.**

## LACEY CITY COUNCIL

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*Planned Adoption by Lacey City Council on December 1, 2022*



### 5 Continue focusing on I-5 Corridor between Mounts Road & Tumwater

The City remains committed to long-term solutions along this corridor which is essential to the state's environmental, commerce, and transportation priorities, as well Joint Base Lewis-McChord's mission readiness.

### 6 Address Law Enforcement Vehicle Pursuits

The City requests the state legislature clarify the ability for law enforcement to conduct vehicle pursuits using a reasonable-suspicion standard in specific situations.



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Accessibility Improvements at New Greg Cuoio Park

**CAPITAL BUDGET REQUEST:** The City requests \$500,000 to help fund an ADA path and inclusive playground at the new Greg Cuoio Park as part of **Phase 1A** development.

Project Description

In April 2021, the City launched the Greg Cuoio Park & Greenways Master Plan development process. The planning area, located between the Crossroads and Hawk’s Prairie neighborhoods just north of I-5, includes Greg Cuoio Park, Pleasant Glade Park, and Palm Creek Headwaters. The pristine wilderness, wetlands, and creeks of these parks and surrounding greenways represent a truly unique asset to the City and our community. The site’s natural amenities will enhance Lacey’s overall park system with a focus on passive recreation and minimizing our footprint on the land.

From the planning process that emphasized public involvement, important goals for Greg Cuoio Park development include:

- Open-space Preservation
- Water-rights Mitigation
- Natural Storm Water Filtration
- Woodland Creek Watershed Water-quality Protection
- Wildlife Habitat Corridor Protection
- Potential Fisheries Enhancement
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Given the size of Greg Cuoio Park and Greenways, the City plans to develop the area in phases. **Phase 1A** includes the planning and development of 139 acres. The project will provide safe entry to the park off busy Carpenter Road, 50 parking stalls, approximately 2 miles of trails, 18 holes of disc golf, a park shelter, and a large, all-access playground.

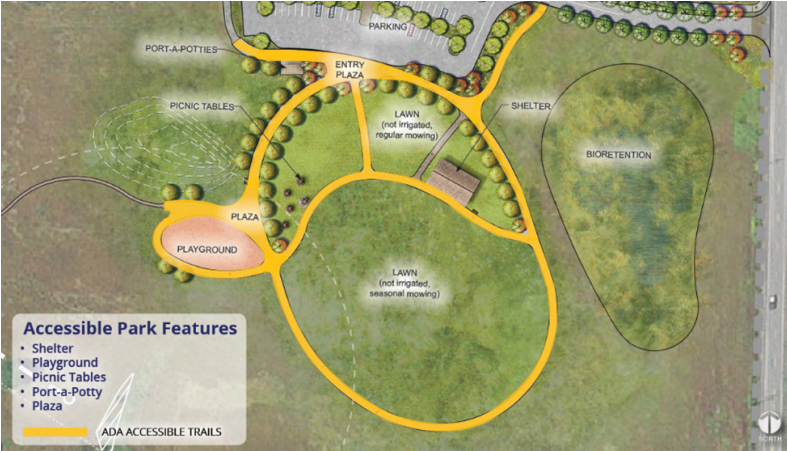


TABLE A

Tentative Greg Cuoio Park Phase 1A Funding Sources	
City Funds	\$3,250,000
Grants (ex. WWRP, LWCF)	\$2,500,000
Other Local Funds	\$20,000
State Capital Budget	\$500,000
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$5,500,000
*pending approval	

Phase 1A will also include signage, sitting and open play areas to accommodate users of all ages and abilities, a sani-can enclosure, and maintenance access that can also be used by emergency medical agencies.

The **Phase 1A** total development cost is estimated at over \$5.5M at the 30% design stage. The City is committed to the development of this project and pursuing funding at the local, state, and federal levels, including at least \$3.2 million of City funds (see Table A).

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Emergency Operations Center

**CAPITAL BUDGET REQUEST:** The City requests \$500,000 to develop a new Emergency Operations Center to better serve the community in times of disaster and crisis.

Project Description

Over the past two years, the City has been working on developing a new Lacey Police Station. The new station will be approximately 40,000 square feet to meet community needs now and for the next 30-40 years. The project includes a plan to construct a dedicated space for an emergency operations center (EOC), which the City does not currently have.

EOC FEATURES:

- 1,440 sq.ft. Facility @ approximately \$750 per sq.ft.
- Laptop Work Stations
- Large, Wall-mounted Monitors
- Storage Space for Technology and Equipment
- Operational Supplies and Equipment Outlets, Network Drops, Wiring and Infrastructure Required for an EOC
- Communication Equipment for Local and Areawide Information Management
- Kitchenette
- IT Server Closet
- Emergency Generator



Instead, during a major emergency or public safety incident, the City uses a makeshift 300-square-foot meeting room within City Hall. This space can only accommodate ten people at a time. This set-up slows down and limits the City’s emergency management and preparedness capabilities. In addition, the space does not meet recommended FEMA design functions for an EOC as it is not flexible, sustainable, secure, strategically located, or fully interoperable.

TABLE B

New Police Station & EOC Funding Sources	
POLICE STATION	\$40,000,000
Local City Funds	\$40,000,000
EOC	\$1,600,000
Local City Funds	\$600,000
Federal Funds*	\$500,000
State Capital Budget	\$500,000
*tentative	



The City plans to include an EOC in the new police station that is anticipated to be at least 1,440 square feet and built to current category IV standards. The facility would have enough space to maintain City operations for over 72 hours and serve as the City’s central coordination point for:

- All Large-scale Emergency Operations
- Information Gathering and Dissemination, Including Meeting all Main Functions within National Incident Management Systems (NIMS) Command and Coordination
- Coordination with Local Governments, Outside Contractors, Mutual Aid, and Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOADs)
- And more!

In addition, in non-emergency periods, the EOC would serve as an ADA-accessible event/meeting space for the community and City.

During the 2022 Legislative session, several significant City-championed achievements were accomplished, including:

- Securing \$75 million in the Move Ahead Washington package for the Nisqually River Delta preliminary design, engineering, and ROW acquisition.
- Securing \$103K for Public Electric Vehicle Infrastructure throughout Lacey parks and public facilities for public use.
- Securing \$515K for purchasing an Oxford Housing Program Pilot with non-profit partner in the Lacey community.
- Helped address public safety concerns by returning less lethal options, providing clear definitions of imperative public safety terms, such as “physical force,” and clarifying and amending circumstances in which the use of force is authorized, including lawful temporary investigative detentions.
- Providing continued state leadership on the homeless crisis by approving additional strategies and tools to address the growing unsheltered population, including securing \$5 million in the supplemental transportation budget to help address public health and safety risks associated with homeless encampments on state owned rights-of-way of which \$2 million is to be used for addressing litter and debris along freeways that serve as the gateways to our communities; providing \$45 million in the operating budget for rental assistance, and eviction prevention; and providing \$383 million in the capital budget for rapid and supportive housing efforts across the state.

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## 5 Continued Focus on I-5 Corridor between Mounts Road & Tumwater

The City remains committed to long-term solutions along this corridor which is essential to the state's environmental, transportation, and commerce priorities, as well Joint Base Lewis-McChord's mission readiness. The Legislature allocated \$75 million in the Move Ahead Washington package specifically to the Nisqually River delta (Mounts Road to Marvin Road) segment of I-5. **The City, aligned with other regional partners, requests these funds be allocated in 2023-25 and 2025-27, as detailed in Table C.**

An additional \$57.5 million in federal or state funding is required to finalize engineering work in the 2025-2027 biennium. This includes \$1.5 million for preliminary engineering of part-time, shoulder use on southbound I-5 between Sleater-Kinney and Henderson Boulevard. This practical-solutions approach would improve the transportation outcomes of the initial investment the state has made in the Nisqually River delta.



TABLE C

I-5 Nisqually Delta: Move Ahead Washington Package Fund-Aging Proposal	2021- 23	2023- 25	2025- 27	Total
Preliminary Engineering		\$40M	\$10M	\$50M
Right of Way			\$6M	\$6M
SR507 Roundabout Construction	\$19M			\$19M
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$75M</b>

I-5 Nisqually Delta: Remaining Funding Needed (Currently unfunded)	2021- 23	2023- 25	2025- 27	Total
Preliminary Engineering			\$56M	\$56M
Preliminary Engineering for Part-Time Shoulder Use (Sleater-Kinney Rd to Henderson Blvd.)			\$1.5M	\$1.5M
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$57.5M</b>



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### CITY OF LACEY ALSO SUPPORTS THE TOP LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES OF:

Association of Washington Cities  
South Sound Military & Communities Partnership  
Thurston County Shared Legislative Agenda

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