

2021 City of Des Moines City Council Legislative Priorities

1. **Bulkhead** – Reappropriation & Phase II funding. Due to the continuing long delays for any Puget Sound projects to get the required Federal NMFS permits, Des Moines will not be able to spend its currently allocated \$2 million for Phase I of this project before the end of this fiscal year (30 June 2020). It will be more cost effective now to combine Phases I & II, thus the City asks for re-appropriation of unspent funds Phase I plus an additional amount for Phase II. **Ask: up to \$2 million reappropriation + \$4.4 million Phase II**
2. **Redondo Fishing Pier and Capital Improvements.** The City received design funding in the last Capital budget. The design will be done by year's end. Construction funding will be sought as part of the 2021 Capital Budget. **Ask: \$2 million for fishing pier reconstruction**
3. **Improving Air Quality** - Capital budget request for indoor school classroom monitoring and outdoor baseline monitoring of air pollution related to the airport. Support Senator Keiser and Representatives Orwall & Johnson in this community initiative. **Ask: roughly \$800,000.**
4. **Barnes Creek Trail South Segment.** This segment will help connect Highline College and surrounding communities with the new Sound Transit station as well as connecting with a wider trail system. City already has a \$2 million grant from Sound Transit but will require more to fund the project. Transportation Budget **Ask: \$3.5 million**
5. **Policy Bills - Monitoring and Action.** There will be a variety of non-Des Moines-specific policy bills where Des Moines should take an active role. These will be flagged during the session. Issues will include those policies and legislation that protect or enhance the local authorities of cities. The **homelessness** crisis and how to address it regionally will see active legislation. Land use, **airport** and/or **marina** related legislation will be monitored particularly closely. One emerging issue is a bill to allow for wider use of **Tax Increment Financing** for economic development purposes that could be helpful to the City. The City Manager along with the City's Legislative Advocate, staff and AWC will continually identify and respond on other issues as appropriate and as they develop.