City of Burien 2026 Federal Agenda

1. Bring Federal Funding to the City of Burien for Capital Projects

- Potentially support a Sound Health Congressional Funding Request for a Co-Response Model / continuing funding support for the Burien model.
- Continue to work with department directors to align city priorities with federal funding opportunities contained in the infrastructure and climate bills.
    - Emphasis on safety for pedestrians and cyclists,
    - Funding for Burien's maintenance facility to benefit Public Works and Parks.
- Explore the RAISE grant (up to $5 million for planning and up to $25 million for construction) for Burien's local infrastructure needs.
- Prepare for the next Transportation Authorization Bill – specific projects requests and policy changes.
- Highlight the work in Boulevard Park during the next Water Resources Development Act (WRDA).
- Review Grant Opportunities and support City applications.

2. Delegation Relationships

Build on the relationships already in place between the City of Burien and its Congressional Delegation, including meetings in Washington, D.C. between the city and its delegation as well as other federal agencies and offices. We will also meet locally with district-based congressional staff and elected officials.

3. Lobby for Policies of Importance to the Burien Community

- Lobby for Transportation and Infrastructure Policies that benefit Burien:
    - Support a Medium Sized City set aside for federal grant programs.
    - Support the Boulevard Park Flood Reduction Project
    - Support the FAA Reauthorization Act with the following emphasis:
        - Reduce Airport Noise and Emissions
        - Conduct a new SEA-TAC Noise Study
        - Support Aviation Impacted Community priorities, including supporting funding from the Port of Seattle to airport-impacted communities.
        - Increased Sustainable Airport Master Plan Funding
- Lobby for Environmental and Climate Policies that Impact the Burien community:
    - Support a National Climate Action Plan
    - Culvert Replacement Program Funding
    - Army Corps of Engineers Section 206 Funding
    - Tax Credits for Stormwater Retrofits and New Development
- Lobby for Public Safety Policies that Impact the Burien community:
    - Federal Gang Prevention Funding
    - Funding to perpetuate the Burien Co-Response Model
    - Gun Violence Research Funding

  - National Police Reform
- Lobby for Housing and Homelessness Policies that Impact the Burien community:
  - Support for South County Housing and Homelessness Partners
  - Support CDBG, HOME, McKinney Vento, Section 8 Vouchers and VASH funding.
- Lobby for Community, Economic and Tax Policies that Impact the Burien community:
  - Support for continuing Congressional Earmarking Authority
  - Support the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program
  - Support Immigration policies that ensure families stay together and protect refugees.
  - Support remitters and legislation that provides services for cannabis businesses.
  - Support Opportunity Zones
  - Support Marijuana Reform policies to expunge records and create a regulatory framework for taxes.