



## City of Monroe 2022 Legislative Priorities

### Capital Budget Request

- **Thank Legislators for Funding** – Ribbon cutting for EACAP in 2022 and Lake Tye Fields completed.
- **Municipal Campus Improvements – \$750,000 - \$1,000,000** for construction. Highlight the need for separate court facility to serve clients. Meeting space for public defender/probations counselor. City funding 75% of total cost.

### Transportation Budget

- **State Route 522 Widening.** Fund completion of the SR522 Widening project in the transportation package. \$90 million + 20% construction inflation.
- **State Route 522 Interchange.** Fund completion of the SR522 Paradise Lake Interchange. \$90 million + 20% construction inflation.
- **US 2 Capacity Improvements.** Update the US 2 Route Development Plan to evaluate capacity improvements to alleviate congestion and improve safety on US 2.
- **Transportation Benefit District** – support Walla Walla proposal to remove “sunset” clause to allow more than two-10 year periods for voter approved TBD sales tax.
- **Culvert Removal** – Provide funding for local governments to support watershed approach to culvert removal to allow fish upstream access.

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- **Public Safety**
  - Clarify ambiguities and intent of SB5051 and HB1310.
  - Provide funding to implement state reform requirements.
- **Mental/Behavioral Health Continuum of Care**
  - **Mobile Crisis Response Teams** – Provide seed money for pilot project to embed social workers with police or community response paramedics. Dispatch through 911. Achieve 2 min response time for crisis care calls not 2 hours.
  - **Medicaid reimbursement rate increase** – Increase the Medicaid reimbursement rate for mental and behavioral health services
  - **Telehealth and rural broadband access** - Support efforts to expand rural broadband access for telehealth services



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- **Park Funding.** Provide local parks and recreation agencies with new funding options to address vital maintenance and operations, and preservation needs.
- **Zoning Regulations.** Maintain city land use authority.
- **Utility Lien –** Maintain city authority to lien properties for nonpayment of utilities.

### Other Priorities

- **Improve Rail Crossings.** Pursue federal funding to evaluate traffic safety and congestion improvements at five railroad crossings on US 2 between Frylands Blvd. and Main Street.