



City of Spokane 2007 Federal Agenda

110th Congress, First Session – Fiscal Year 2008

The City of Spokane will pursue a number of critical funding issues, support projects sponsored by other Spokane regional interests, and monitor a wide range of issues that could impact the City and its citizens. Herein is the City's 2007 Federal agenda.

University District at Riverpoint Campus Infrastructure

- *Pursue funding for University District Infrastructure Projects - \$1 Million*
 - ♦ *Preliminary Design & Engineering of a Pedestrian Bridge - \$500,000*
 - ♦ *Division Street Gateway Improvement - \$300,000*
 - ♦ *Main Avenue Streetscape and Pedestrian Crossing Improvements - \$200,000*

Transportation

- *Pursue funding for Post Street Centennial Trail Pedestrian/Utility Bridge - \$1.97 Million*
- *Pursue funding to complete Fish Lake Trail from Spokane to the Fish Lake Trailhead — \$2 Million*
- *Pursue funding for a Downtown Streetcar Analysis of Alternative Routes — \$300,000*
- Pursue continued funding for the North Spokane Corridor, which will require \$1.2 billion to complete
- Support WDOT US 195 \$12.5 million request to improve the highway from I-90 to Hatch Road
- Support Inland Pacific Hub funding request of \$500,000 to expand Spokane's role as a multi-modal transportation gateway and distribution center

Public Safety

- *Pursue funding for Law Enforcement Technology — \$700,000*
 - ♦ *Regional Information Sharing & Infrastructure— \$150,000*
 - ♦ *Expand the Regional Wireless System for Public Safety & Economic Development — \$250,000*
 - ♦ *Digital and Data Mobile Data Computers for Police Cars — \$300,000*
- Support continued funding for Homeland Security requirements that allow as much flexibility as possible for local government agencies

Public Safety

- Support continued funding for Local Law Enforcement Block Grants (LLEBG), Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) and the Violence Against Women Act
- Support continued funding for the Assistance to Firefighters grant (FIRE Act) and for the Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Firefighters Act (SAFER)

Economic Development

- Support Institute for Systems Medicine (ISM) initiative and \$5 million federal request to study medicine systematically to treat and prevent human disease by focusing on research of abnormal environmental conditions, genetic mutation, and epigenetics.
- Protect Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) funding

Environment

- Continue to support Coeur d'Alene Basin Cleanup and advocate for \$15 million annually over next 30 years to expedite cleanup

Defense

- Support the modernization of Fairchild Air Force Base, the expansion of its mission, Fairchild military construction priorities, construction of an Armed Forces Reserve Center at FAFB, and for Fairchild to be the staging base the KC-X Tanker

Health Care, Human Services & Housing

- Support funding for mental health, mental health case management and substance abuse treatment
- Support preservation of affordable housing funds, and adequate funding for all HUD programs necessary to meet the range of housing needs, including assistance to the homeless
- Support funding for homeless service programs and improved policies focused on ending homelessness for families, individuals and youth
- Support funding for 2-1-1 health and human services information and referral call system.
- Support Medicaid reform of the reimbursement system
- Support funding to further develop and implement health care information technology, setting national standards to establish true continuity of care and efficient reporting systems
- Support INHS/PNNL \$650,000 disease surveillance request to adapt Starlight, an analysis and visualization tool used with integrated databases to detect patterns that may indicate a need for public health action

Education & Arts

- Support the reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA) to fund the nation's workforce development system
- Support early childhood education, child care and after-school programs
- Support the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Institute of Museum & Library Services and arts education funding in the Department of Education
- Support the capital requests of the region's higher education institutions
- Support the investment in important civic and community capital projects, along with our community partners. The projects are as follows:

Armed Forces & Aerospace Museum	\$ 2,000,000
Fox Theater	\$ 500,000
Mobius	\$ 2,000,000
Northeast Community Center	\$ 500,000
YWCA/YMCA	\$ 1,000,000

Communications Act Revisions

- Preserve local authority in the rewrite of federal communications law that would protect local management of rights of way and preserve millions of dollars in revenues.





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