

**2024 City of Des Moines
City Council State Legislative Priorities**

Funding Requests

Marina Steps. Downtown Des Moines and the Marina floor will be connected via new Marina steps. This is a key part in downtown's renaissance and the waterfront redevelopment program. Constructing the Marina steps should help leverage private investment to the neighborhood and bring greater vibrancy and walkability to area.
Capital Budget request: \$750,000.

Foil Ferry Development. Electric foil ferries have the potential to improve connectivity and mobility around Puget Sound. These electric vessels are much quieter, faster and they reduce impacts to marine life in Puget Sound. Des Moines supports the Governor's proposal to create a new grant program for developing foil ferry prototypes. We also seek a direct investment in shore-side work at the Des Moines Marina in preparation for electric boats.
Capital Budget request: \$1 million

Airport Issues

Continue working to minimize and mitigate SEA's health and environmental impact on Des Moines residents, including support for HB 2103 and SB 5955.

Historic Preservation

Support historic preservation funding opportunities in Des Moines.

Public Safety Issues

Collaborate with WASPC, AWC and other groups in efforts to improve public safety. This includes:

- Updating the existing local option Public Safety Sales Tax to allow implementation by councilmanic authority and greater flexibility for using the funds to cover increased officer wages and related programs like behavioral health co-response teams.
- Adding more capacity for Basic Law Enforcement Academy (BLEA) training to help address the police officer shortage.
- Continuing to support greater vehicle safety and environmental protection legislation. This includes passing follow-on catalytic converter theft legislation and laying groundwork for a future after-market muffler ban.