

## Memorandum

Date: February 13, 2021  
To: Mayor Vinis and City Council  
From: Councilor Claire Syrett, IGR Chairperson  
Ethan Nelson, IGR Manager

### **Subject: 2021 State and Federal Policy Document and IGR Update**

On January 27, the IGR Committee met for the first time in 2021. The group approved the new Chairperson (Councilor Syrett) and approved the attached '2021 State and Federal Policy Document'. This memo provides an overview of the major policy issues, communications, and upcoming items at IGR-including federal policy.

#### Policy Issues

As in previous years, the City develops an annual State and Federal Policy document, which with adopted City Council policy, provides the policy guidelines for the City's lobbying and advocacy efforts. The 2021 document is attached, with minor updates related to the existing topics and an addition of two new categories, *General Government* and *Climate Recovery*. Additionally, the IGR Committee requested to add a *Human Rights and Equity* category, which staff is developing for IGR Committee review in late February.

At the State Legislative level, the following topics and items will be prioritized (note, as the session progresses this list will evolve with more detail and some items dropping while others added.)

- Housing/Land Use/Homelessness
  - Land Use bills related to lot division and affordable housing requirements;
  - Housing bills related to production and occupancy standards;
  - Shelter siting funding, camping mandates, and right to rest legal items.
- Public Safety
  - Police accountability/transparency including oversight bodies, restrictions, and liability.
  - Fire/EMS- Urban Search and Rescue funding
  - Emergency Management programs
- General Government
  - Public Records Law-responding to records request, ability to appeal decisions, and removing sunset on exemptions.
- Transportation
  - Transportation Network Companies-maintaining local control
  - Local control for speed setting methodology
  - Photo radar for high speed corridors

- Climate Recovery
  - Building Code changes
  - EV requirement
  - Low Income utility rates-IOU only
- Local Financial Sustainability
  - Addressing the impacts of Measure 110
  - System Development Charges
  - Right of Way management
  - Property Tax (credits, exemptions, and reform)

For Federal Priorities, the City will continue the 35+ year partnership in the United Front collaboration (including City of Springfield, Lane County, Springfield Schools, Willamalane, and Lane Transit District). The priority project will again be federal funding for the rebuild of Franklin Blvd, with priority policies focusing on increased federal financial support for COVID-19 recovery, affordable housing, homelessness, economic development, and public safety. Additionally, the City will continue to advocate strongly to overturn recent FCC decisions that have negative impact on our ability to manage the public Right of Way.

### Communications

In the effort to keep City Council informed throughout the 2021 Legislative Session, we will rely on two main channels for communication. The first is through a weekly email from the IGR Manager to City Council. This will follow the format from previous years, where the City's top Priority One bills are provided as updates. The information will include the bill number with a link, a short summary, the city's position (including rationale), and updates on the bill activity. The second effort will be via the IGR Chairperson providing short updates regarding IGR meetings and strategy to the full Council during the 'Items of Interest' section of Council Meetings.

### Next Steps

Over the course of the next 4-8 weeks, the IGR Committee will be reviewing the City's Priority One bills and providing direction on some of the more complex and sensitive topics. If there are specific bills that a Councilor would like to have reviewed, please share that with the IGR Manager or Chairperson. Per the Council Operating Agreements, if the IGR Committee has a split vote on any policy position of a specific bill, that item will come back to the full City Council for discussion. Additionally, the current IGR Committee is dedicated to keeping the full Council informed and engaged throughout the process.

The United Front trip is scheduled for mid-April and as such, staff is currently working on the policy book, as well as, outlining a schedule of meetings for April. As this will be a virtual trip, we are hoping to have greater ability to include more Councilors and staff into meetings with the various agencies. As the virtual itinerary for meetings starts to firm up, the IGR Manager and Chairperson will be reaching out as appropriate. As always please reach out to either of us if you have items of interest you wish to share.