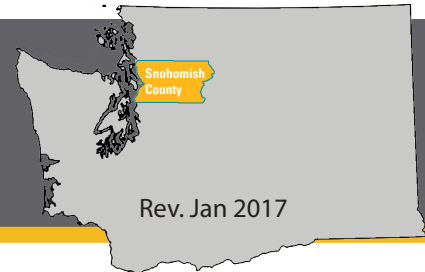


2017 Regional Policy Priorities Snohomish County



Transportation & Infrastructure

- Support efficient and timely delivery of Snohomish County regional projects funded in **Connecting Washington** and encourage any **project cost savings** to be **reinvested** in the region.
- Support the **modernization** of the **Port of Everett's International Seaport** through **capital investments** in dock, rail, and surface transportation improvements.
- Develop planning and funding solutions for **chokepoint** and **congestion relief** in alignment with **priorities** of Snohomish County Committee for Improved Transportation (SCCIT).
- Provide **options and tools** to local governments and agencies to sufficiently fund local road, transit, and infrastructure improvements for community development.

Education & Workforce

- Identify and implement a framework that will ensure that the **State fully funds basic education**, while mitigating impacts of local levy authority cuts.
- Provide appropriate **capital and program funding** for UW Bothell, WSU North Puget Sound at Everett/Everett University Center, Everett CC, Edmonds CC and the WSU College of Medicine to expand STEM and other high-demand programs.
- Provide adequate resources and tools for **school retrofits, construction and expansion** due to population growth and seismic safety concerns.
- Support **Career Connected Learning** by fully funding CTE programs, continued funding of STEM Networks including **Snohomish STEM**, and allocation of funds for career pathway programs and facilities.

Economic Prosperity & Competitiveness

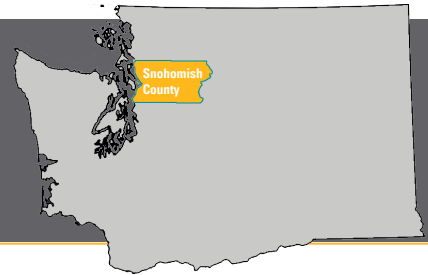
- Promote the importance our **highly skilled workforce, educational institutions, and tax policies** all play in attracting and retaining **aerospace** and **non-aerospace companies and jobs** in Snohomish County.
- Protect local **economic development organizations'** state funding (i.e., protect funding for ADOs like EASC).
- Support programs and tools that promote **tourism and recreation** in Snohomish County.

Community Vitality & Resiliency

- Honor **longstanding partnerships** between the State and local governments by avoiding further reductions in shared revenues, and any other actions that hamper the ability of cities, counties and public agencies to provide essential services to citizens.
- Support the **long-term funding in the MTCA account** for the Port of Everett's Mill A/Seaport Environmental Cleanup.
- Expand **access and funding for services treating behavioral health needs and homelessness** that enable citizens to fully participate and succeed in the local workforce and contribute to the community.
- Support **programs and tools** that ensure that **adequate housing supply** is available and accessible to the local workforce.



2017 Quick Facts Snohomish County



Transportation & Infrastructure

- ▶ **55%** of residents work outside the county
- ▶ There will be **\$3.2 bil** in unmet transportation demands over the next decade, including **\$798 mil** in priority needs
- ▶ **44%** of Snohomish County residents commute to King County
- ▶ **60%** of jobs within Snohomish County are tied to international trade; **40%** in Washington State



The Port of Everett supports the **#1** customs **export** district in Washington State

Education & Workforce

- ▶ **21%** of Snohomish County jobs are in manufacturing - the highest in Washington State
- ▶ **84%** of businesses in Snohomish County have difficulty finding qualified employees

90% of career jobs need a credential or some college.
Currently only **31%** of Washington State students receive one



Economic Prosperity & Competitiveness

- ▶ **280,000** jobs within Snohomish County
- ▶ **\$1 bil** tourism industry, **4th** largest in Washington State
- ▶ State's **2nd** fastest growing county
- ▶ **8,600** manufacturing jobs gained since 2008, **#1** in the U.S.



ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF AEROSPACE IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

\$8.2 bil in wages **\$39.85 bil** in business revenues **92,450** jobs

Community Vitality & Resiliency

- ▶ **50%** of all renters and more than **1/3** of all homeowners in Snohomish County are cost-burdened
- ▶ **1,000+** residents are homeless at any given time

Approximately **1,100** units of affordable housing are needed each year over the next 20 years

