

Recent State Legislative Actions

Agency Displacement – Moving and Relocation Expenses ([SHB 1733](#), May 2025)

- Increases the maximum allowable expense for small business and non-profits from \$50,000 to \$200,000 (effective July 27, 2025).

State Transportation Budget ([ESSB 5801, Part VI](#), May 2025)

- Clarifies that no local jurisdiction review is required for transit facilities located in WSDOT right-of-way.
- Restates that local jurisdictions cannot preclude the siting of light rail facilities.
- Requires that permit conditions and costs imposed by a local jurisdiction are reasonably necessary to mitigate the direct adverse impacts of the light rail facility.
- Requires that local jurisdictions commit to reasonable timelines for permits and that the permittee provides information necessary to make timely permit decisions.

Recent City Legislative Action

Permit Streamlining ([CB 120975](#), passed June 10, 2025)

- Establishes consistent development standards for Sound Transit stations and facilities.
- Streamline and clarify various permit processes related to advisory design review, environmental critical areas, tree and vegetation management, construction noise variance, and bicycle parking requirements.

City Staffing Plan (anticipated)

- 2025 Adopted Budget included \$5.2 million reserve to support City staffing on West Seattle and Ballard Light Rail Extension projects.
- Future legislation is necessary to establish positions and transfer appropriations.