



2024 Regional Agenda

The City of Sammamish advocates for policies, programs, and funding to support the Sammamish community and broader efforts that benefit the region. Sammamish is committed to being a partner in advocating for positive changes that improve quality of life indicators within and outside of the City's borders.

Transit and Transportation

- Work with King County Metro to:
 - Increase frequency of transit service along 228th to provide additional connections to the Issaquah Transit Center and SE Redmond Light Rail Station and encourage mobility hubs.
 - Explore partnerships to co-locate affordable housing at South Sammamish Park & Ride.
 - Expand the service area of Metro Flex to provide service to the entire city.
- Work with Sound Transit to:
 - Construct promised capital investments in Sammamish by partnering on transit infrastructure in Town Center.
 - Leverage opening of the SE Redmond Link Light Rail Station to provide additional transit service connecting Sammamish residents to light rail and encourage mobility hubs.
 - Ensure robust critical infrastructure for alternative commute options, such as E-bikes.
 - Advocate for additional build out of Link Light Rail to Issaquah and expansion in Redmond to its downtown.
- Collaborate with WSDOT and King County Roads on potential improvements to the intersection of State Route 202 and Sahalee Way, consistent with the recommendations of the [SR-202 Corridor Study](#) completed by WSDOT in 2019.
- Ensure the City receives its fair share of federal pass-through dollars from the Puget Sound Regional Council while continuing to support sustainable growth policies.
- Explore partnerships with private transportation operators (Amazon, Microsoft, Circuit) as potential options for a city circulator and/or access to light rail.
- Identify an east/west connection from Sammamish Town Center to the East Lake Sammamish Trail to leverage alternative modes of transportation and route commuters to the new Downtown Redmond Link Light Rail Stations.
- Collaborate with the Eastside Transportation Partnership to determine how best to integrate E-bikes, E-scooters, and other similar technologies within our transportation systems, including developing shared regulations for their safe use.

Affordable Housing

- Explore ways to further incentivize affordable housing projects in the Town Center and other commercial centers as well as on publicly-owned lands at commercial and transit nodes.
- Continue collaborating with ARCH and member cities to increase affordable housing, and promoting services to allow residents to stay in existing housing.
- Explore partnerships with faith-based organizations that have large land holdings, public agencies, and affordable housing providers to increase workforce, affordable, and permanent supportive housing opportunities in Sammamish.

Environmental Sustainability

- Support policies and funding that increase renewable power options and an expanded electrical grid allowing for wide-spread electrification and decreased use of fossil fuels.
- Increase sustainability efforts and address climate change by partnering with neighboring cities in the Eastside Climate Partnership, K4C, and other collective efforts to leverage best practices, funding, and policy development.
- Continue to collaborate with the Kokanee Work Group on recovery of Kokanee salmon.
- Partner with Puget Sound Energy to promote electrification and increase resiliency.
- Work with King County and other interested agencies to explore a Transfer of Development Rights program internal to the city to protect sensitive lands and important community features while also promoting diverse and affordable housing types.
- Work with RE+ member cities to identify regional solutions to increasing waste diversion.
- Support policies and funding that enhances water quality in our drainage basins, including basins that include multiple jurisdictions.

Public Safety

- Support regional efforts to coordinate on emergency management and enhance the co-responder model to protect the most vulnerable populations.
- Collaborate with the King County Sheriff's Office to assist where possible in the recruitment and retention of quality deputies serving King County.
- Collaborate with Eastside Fire and Rescue, and other relevant agencies, on emergency management and wildfire prevention and preparedness.
- Collaborate regionally to identify risk-abatement practices addressing the life safety effects of climate change on tree canopy coverage, such as wildfire risk.

School District Collaboration

- Continue to advocate for the joint use of athletic fields, open space, and other school facilities in the Sammamish community.
- Coordinate on sustainability and climate-related issues to identify shared goals and funding opportunities to reduce carbon emissions associated with schools.
- Ongoing coordination on transportation and other key issues affecting Sammamish.
- Partner on last mile connections for non-motorized access to make it easier for students to safely walk to school, and explore opportunities to increase school bus ridership.
- Collaborate on long-term planning to ensure accurate growth forecasts.
- Partner to increase awareness of youth mental and behavioral health needs and connect students with available resources. Support increased access to resources.

Parks & Trails

- Support the efforts of the King County Parks Levy's grant program to increase access to parks, open spaces, sports, and the outdoors.
- Continue to leverage partnerships benefiting Sammamish park users, including the Lake Washington School District, Issaquah School District and Snoqualmie Valley School District, Washington Trails Association, YMCA of Greater Seattle, Redmond Boys & Girls Club and Central Washington University.
- Collaborate with King County and organizations such as Forterra on the completion of the Emerald Necklace trail and increased waterfront access on the East Lake Sammamish Trail.