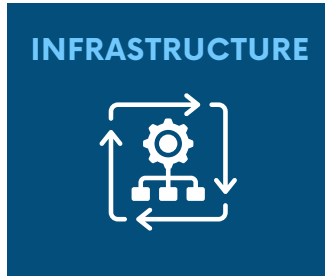


2023 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



SAFETY

MENTAL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Mental and Behavioral Health are key concerns for our City and for the greater Snoqualmie Valley. Coming out of a global pandemic, and facing unprecedented societal upheaval and economic uncertainty, citizens of Carnation and the State of Washington are facing increased stressors. Mental and behavioral health problems can exacerbate these stressors and lead to homelessness, substance abuse, anti-social behavior, and self-harm.

The State of Washington has not only failed to provide adequate services and support for those in need but has defunded critical facilities required for in-patient care. The number of staffed psychiatric beds in Washington certified to admit and treat patients decreased. This lack of investment in behavioral and mental health translates into an increased need for policing and other services instead – spending money to solve a problem rather than spending money to prevent one.

Please prioritize the funding of behavioral and mental health services across the state of Washington, and not just in large metropolitan areas. Please prioritize the funding of in-patient facilities. Also please provide tools for local municipalities to offset the cost of population growth and treat behavioral and mental health, along with police services as infrastructure – with impact mitigation payable by developers.



POLICE REFORM

The City will continue to work with our partners in law enforcement to clarify and codify the legislative intent of House Bills 1310 and 1054. Plug the gaps in the legislation that may interfere with public safety response. Consider revising some of the provisions related to crisis intervention until such time that the Legislature provides funding and resources for alternatives to arrest and involuntary commitment. Senate Bill 5577 would restore the prior threshold for vehicle pursuits, provide a definition for “physical force” based on an objective standard, and clarifies the circumstances where the use of physical force by police is allowed.

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER / DISASTER PREPARATION

Our Emergency Operations Center, that is set to begin construction in 2023, will be crucial for disaster preparation. Due to Western Washington's wet climate, heavy rainfall has severely impacted river levels. Our EOC will be located where we can assist emergency personnel in the valley to respond to these events.

In addition to yearly flooding seasons, The City of Carnation, the surrounding cities, and unincorporated areas are in a Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) area. With the recent fires near our valley cities, our EOC could be used to help emergency responders have a critical operations center set up in minimal time to address this growing concern.



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INFRASTRUCTURE



TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY IMPROVEMENTS

Fund capacity improvements for regional corridors in eastern King County that are experiencing increasing congestion and delays, Congestion on SR 202 and SR 522 has created an environment where drivers seek alternative routes. SR 203, which serves as Carnation's main street, has become a "cut through" corridor, and is still in dire need of improvements. Supporting Transportation Improvement Board funding is critical to the City's efforts to maintain and rebuild our crumbling street infrastructure.

Mobility is a fundamental need for all residents, whether they drive, walk, bike or roll. A community for all residents includes safe and accessible streets, sidewalks, transit, and trails that ensure all residents can easily reach their destinations. In our rural area, the travel distances to work, schools, activities, shopping centers and healthcare tend to be longer. Therefore, our City infrastructure must be robust enough to serve both our residents living within City limits, as well as those in unincorporated areas who utilize City businesses.

ENSURE EQUITABLE INFRASTRUCTURE RESOURCES

- Continue to fully fund and support the State's Public Works Trust Fund, which is a critical ongoing source of low-cost capital improvement project funding for cities.
- Refrain from further fund transfers or diversions to other infrastructure programs or non-infrastructure accounts.
- Expand state funding opportunities to assist with maintenance and operations of local infrastructure.

The City of Carnation wants to do its part to ensure that the Snoqualmie Valley receives its equitable share of State of Washington resources in all areas. This is including, but not limited to, transportation, sidewalks, recreation, human services, trails and other services and assets. Upgrades in infrastructure are essential for economic development and job creation.



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