

 <b>King County</b>	<p align="center"><b>KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON 2006 (FY 2007) FEDERAL AGENDA Legislative Interests</b></p>
<b>ISSUE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST</b>
<b>Short-Span Bridge Replacement</b>	Support legislation that would supplement the definition of "Bridge" as used in section 650.403 of the federal register to include short span structures whose replacement would be more than 20 feet long. This would allow short-spans to qualify for the federal bridge replacement and rehabilitation program.
<b>Rail Corridor Acquisition</b>	Work to secure an additional \$8 million for acquisition of the Burlington Northern Eastside rail corridor through the TIFIA program. Burlington Northern has indicated that it intends to cease operation of the line, and the County currently has a short-term exclusivity agreement to acquire this irreplaceable transportation corridor. (TCSP)
<b>Workforce Training</b>	Support Workforce Investment Act funding for dislocated workers and youth education and training funds. Support funding for the HUD Youthbuild program.
<b>Endangered Species</b>	<p>Oppose any attempts to weaken environmental protections provided by the Endangered Species Act.</p> <p>Support any and all efforts to increase funding for salmon habitat restoration.</p>
<b>Natural Resources</b>	<p>Adequately fund the State Revolving Fund for water pollution infrastructure improvements at \$1.35 billion.</p> <p>Support legislation to create a national trust fund for water and wastewater infrastructure.</p> <p>Support legislation which would apply the full market value of real property used in ecosystem restoration projects to the County's non-federal match requirement.</p> <p>Support legislation providing for receiving in-kind credit for goods and services provided before and after the signing of a partnership</p>

	<p>agreement.</p> <p>Support legislation supporting a portion of federal transportation project mitigation funding be directed toward high priority salmon recovery projects within watersheds/WRIAs; allow for mitigation banking for ESA implementation.</p>
<b>Abandoned Mines</b>	Support legislation reauthorizing Abandoned Mines Land fund.
<b>Biogas Funding</b>	Seek funding for Enumclaw manure biogas project. Beyond existing grant opportunities in USDA and DOE, seek additional funding options for an anaerobic digester and research on reducing nutrients from the residual digester effluent.
<b>Climate Stewardship Act</b>	Support McCain/Lieberman Climate Stewardship Act that creates a national "cap and trade" system for power plant operators and major industrial emitters.
<b>Renewable Fuels Standard</b>	Support House and Senate bills calling for mandated minimum fuels content for ethanol in gasoline and biodiesel in diesel.
<b>Flood Control</b>	<p>Support the Green River Flood Control Zone District's request for \$500,000 in the Energy and Water Appropriations bill in Section 205 Continuing Authorities funds for improvements to the Tukwila levee on the lower Green River to protect 500-acre economic development.</p> <p>Support the City of North Bend's request for \$200,000 in the Energy and Water Appropriations bill in Section 205 Continuing Authorities funds for flood risk reduction feasibility analysis of levee improvements on the South Fork Snoqualmie River to protect regional economic development.</p> <p>Allocate \$300,000 of FEMA's Map Modernization Program funds to revise Flood Insurance Rate Maps for 40 miles of the lower and middle Green River. Implements King County high priority floodplain mapping program and Washington Dept. of Ecology (WDOE) mapping initiatives.</p>
<b>Energy Efficiency</b>	Support S 680, tax incentives for energy efficient buildings, improved product energy standards and labeling, and clarifications to system

	<p>reliability standards addressed in Part II of the Federal Power Act (18 U.S.C. § 824).</p> <p>Support H.R. 3263, the Cornerstone Act of 2005, which increases conservation requirements for business.</p>
<b>Sheriff's Office</b>	Support continued funding for School Resource Officers.
<b>Emergency Management</b>	Support legislation promoting the implementation of E-911 service nationwide.
<b>Health Care Reform</b>	<p>Support the reauthorization of the Ryan White Care Act, which is due for reauthorization in the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress. Monitor amendments which may adversely impact King County and its community partners.</p> <p>Support continued funding for the Healthy Communities Access (HCAP) Program, which was funded in FY 2005 at \$83 million but has been eliminated in the President's Budget for FY 2006. HCAP increases access to health services for vulnerable populations by enabling healthcare providers to provide better coordinated, more efficient care for uninsured residents.</p> <p>Support legislation to increase the Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage (FMAP) for Washington State.</p> <p>Support legislative efforts to increase funding for the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA).</p> <p>Promote legislation, S 1570, to promote employment of individuals with severe disabilities.</p> <p>Support legislation to decrease health disparities.</p> <p>Support legislation for health plans for reimbursement of evidence-based preventive services.</p> <p>Support legislation for continued funding for State Children's Health Insurance Programs (SCHIP).</p> <p>Support legislation to increase funding for chronic disease prevention efforts.</p> <p>Support legislation to increase funding for local public health</p>

	<p>preparedness strategies.</p> <p>Support legislation to address co-occurring disorders (mental health and substance abuse) eligibility and integration of services.</p>
<b>Repeal Institutions for Mental Disease (IMD) Exclusion</b>	<p>Facilities of greater than 16 beds that are primarily devoted to the care of psychiatric patients are deemed to be Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMD). Persons in such a facility do not qualify for Medicaid and no Title XIX funding can be used for their care. The IMD Exclusion impacts over 400 individuals who reside in King County residential facilities.</p>