



SOUTH SOUND MILITARY & COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP

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2018 Legislative Agenda

Executive Leadership Team:

- City of Lacey
- City of Lakewood
- Pierce County

Steering Committee:

- City of DuPont
- City of Tacoma
- City of University Place
- City of Yelm

Thurston County

Nisqually Tribe

Joint Base Lewis-McChord

Washington State Military Department

Working Group Chairs:

Clover Park School District

Pierce Transit

Puget Sound Energy

South Puget Sound Community College

Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department

Thurston Regional Planning Council

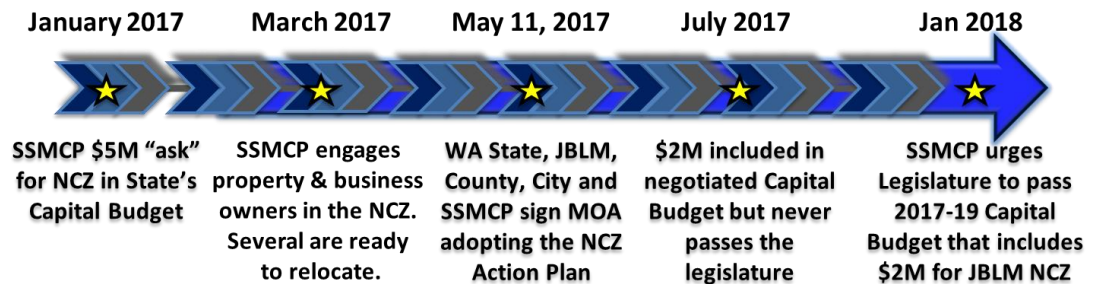
Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce

United Way-Pierce County

Washington State Department of Transportation

Pass a 2017-19 Capital Budget: Demonstrate progress towards resolving encroachment in the McChord North Clear Zone

- SSMCP supports passage of a 2017-19 Capital Budget that includes **\$2 million** to support resolution of encroachment in the McChord North Clear Zone, as set forth in the negotiated Capital Budget released on July 20th. SSMCP continues to coordinate for federal funds for the project.
- Civilian activity within NCZ property presents a **public safety issue** for military operations and civilians alike. Resolving encroachment is a **shared responsibility** between Federal, State, and local authorities.



Make key investments in the I-5 Corridor from Mounts Road to Tumwater

WSDOT's Corridor Sketch identifies solutions to improve mobility along I-5 from Mounts Road through Tumwater.

- SSMCP supports WSDOT in its efforts to implement the short-term solutions identified to improve mobility from Mounts Road through Tumwater.
- SSMCP requests **\$5 million** for further development and implementation of the mid to long-term strategies identified in the WSDOT Corridor Sketch to include focused interchange improvements (I-5/US 101) and a strategic plan for the Nisqually River bridges. SSMCP supports the Nisqually Tribe's proposal that evaluation of the strategies should **assess the benefits and costs related to regional congestion relief, as well as ecosystem benefits to the Nisqually River estuary for salmon productivity and flood control.**



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SSMCP Policy Positions

Maintain Active State support for Military Affairs in Washington

SSMCP believes in a strong commitment from the State in support of military affairs. This support should include:

- Full funding of the Washington Military Alliance (WMA); recognizing and protecting the economic benefit realized in the State by government and the private sector due to our military's presence;
 - Increased access to medical providers for service members, veterans, and their families – specifically behavioral health services.
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Support Military & Civilian Compatible Land Use

SSMCP was founded on and strongly agrees that strong and collaborative partnerships are vital in identifying and resolving existing land use conflicts and preventing potential future land use conflicts. SSMCP supports joint land use strategies that do not usurp local control. Specifically, SSMCP supports:

- Designating military installations as regional centers for the purposes of regional and transportation planning
 - Allocating state resources to assist with resolution of compatible use issues
 - Coordination with and investment in military-community organizations such as SSMCP, Forward Fairchild, KEDA, Greater Spokane, Inc., etc.
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Support Emerging Projects in the Region

SSMCP is supportive of congestion relief projects that improve the flow of traffic surrounding JBLM. These projects include but are not limited to:

- Widening of DuPont/ Steilacoom Road from Integrity Gate to Exit 119 on I-5
- Addressing the at grade rail crossing near the main gate entrance at Exit 120

A Partnership of over 53 member cities, counties, the Nisqually Tribe of Indians, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, State, regional, corporate, and non-profit organizations dedicated to fostering outcomes that are mutually beneficial to the South Sound region.

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