### 2025 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

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# Transportation Funding, Planning & Connectivity

- Support DMVMoves Initiative's Funding Recommendations on State and Local Payments to Metro
- Support DMVMoves Initiative on Stronger Coordination and Efficiency for the Region's Transit Providers
- Support an Indexed Federal Funding for the Region's Metro System
- Support Fixing the Deficit in the Federal Highway Trust Fund
- Support Equitable Transportation Access & Mobility Solutions
- Support Funding for Next Generation Transportation Systems
- Support Roadway & Pedestrian Safety



## Climate Resiliency & Air Quality Protection

- Support Policies to Meet the Region's Climate Goals
- Support Accelerated Multi-Sector Actions to Reduce Greenhouse Gases and Criteria Pollutants
- Ensure Sustainable Secure Energy Access for All
- Support Solar Deployment and Aggressive State Renewable Portfolio Standards
- Expand Clean Energy Innovation, Technology & Finance
- Support Aggressive Energy Efficiency Goals
- Enhance Incentives & Financing Mechanisms for Climate Resiliency
- Support Policies that Preserve & Protect Regional Air Quality and Public Health



# **Water Quality Protection**

- Support Investments in Water Infrastructure & Water Quality Protection
- Support Climate & Resiliency Initiatives
- Ensure Regulatory Feasibility & Flexibility
- Ensure Local Government Input



### **Housing and Economic Resources**

- Support Efforts to Equitably Increase the Supply of Housing & Promote Housing Affordability
- Support Efforts to Present & End the Experience of Homelessness
- Support Alignment of Workforce Development & Job Creation
- Support Local Governments & Activity Centers



## **Homeland Security and Public Safety**

- Public Health Response
- Support Cybersecurity Preparedness Initiatives
- Support Regional Emergency Preparedness
- Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Funding
- Support Resources for Violent Crime Reduction



#### **Health and Human Services**

- Support Efforts to Combat Substance Use Disorders
- Support Health Equity and Health Disparity Reduction
- Increase Availability of and Access to Mental Health Services
- Promote Family Preservation and Avoid Family Separation Due to Citizen Status
- Increase Recruitment and Support for Foster Children and Resource Parents



## Food Security and Healthy Food Access

- Strengthen Programs that Support Childhood Nutrition and Well-being
- Improve Food Security and Healthy Food Access
- Support Small Farmers and Food System Resilience
- Support Local Food Entrepreneurs, Businesses, and Workforce Development



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