



## RESOLUTION NO. U-11493

1 A RESOLUTION relating to the Department of Public Utilities; approving the  
2 state legislative agenda for Tacoma Public Utilities for 2025.

3 WHEREAS the Department of Public Utilities, Customer Service and  
4 External Affairs Division, requests that the Public Utility Board confirm and  
5 approve the state legislative agenda items for Tacoma Public Utilities ("TPU"),  
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8 WHEREAS TPU's state legislative agenda includes some of the  
9 proactive policy objectives that staff will advocate for at the state level; the staff-  
10 recommended legislative agenda covers positions on policies related to  
11 supporting programs for carbon reduction policies, infrastructure funding, and  
12 other items, as presented and discussed at the Board's Study Session on  
13 November 13, 2024;  
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15 WHEREAS, upon approval by the Board, TPU's 2025 State Legislative  
16 Agenda will be presented to the City Council for approval and incorporation into  
17 the City's State Legislative Agenda for 2025; Now, Therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:  
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20 That the Customer Service and External Affairs Division's proposed state  
21 legislative policy items for Tacoma Public Utilities in 2025 are approved, as set  
22 forth in the 2025 TPU State Legislative Agenda as on file with the Clerk of the  
23 Board, and the City Council is requested to concur in the approval of TPU's  
24 2025 State Legislative Agenda and to incorporate TPU's 2025 State Legislative  
25 Agenda into the City's 2025 State Legislative Agenda.  
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Approved as to form:

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/s/

Chief Deputy City Attorney

Clerk

Chair

Secretary

Adopted



**Board Action Memorandum**

**TO:** Jackie Flowers, Director of Utilities  
**COPY:** Charleen Jacobs, Director and Board Offices  
**FROM:** Logan Bahr, State Relations Manager  
**MEETING DATE:** November 13, 2025  
**DATE:** November 7, 2025

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**GUIDING PRINCIPLE ALIGNMENT (select as many that apply):**

Please indicate which of the Public Utility Board's Guiding Principle(s) is supported by this action.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GP1 – Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Belonging | <input type="checkbox"/> GP8 – Telecom                          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GP2 – Financial Sustainability                | <input type="checkbox"/> GP9 – Economic Development             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GP3 – Rates  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GP10 – Government Relations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GP4 – Stakeholder Engagement                             | <input type="checkbox"/> GP12 – Employee Relations              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GP5 – Environmental Sustainability            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GP13 – Customer Service     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GP6 – Innovation                              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GP14 – Resource Planning    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GP7 – Reliability & Resiliency                |   |

**SUMMARY:** A resolution approving TPU's 2025 State Legislative Agenda.

**BACKGROUND:** TPU's legislative agenda includes several proactive policy objectives aligned with TPU's legislative interests. Staff plan to advocate for these objectives at the state level. The staff-recommended agenda addresses a wide range of positions, including support for carbon reduction policies, infrastructure funding, and additional key items. As shared in the November 13 PUB Study Session, these represent priority or expected policy objectives for staff, though they are not the only items TPU will address at the state level.

Following PUB approval, TPU's legislative agenda will be presented to the Mayor and City Council for approval as part of the City's Legislative Agenda.

**ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? Yes**

**IF THE EXPENSE IS NOT BUDGETED, PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW IT IS TO BE COVERED.**

**IF THE ACTION REQUESTED IS APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT, INCLUDE LANGUAGE IN RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING \$200,000 INCREASE IN ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY TO DIRECTOR? No**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Tacoma Public Utilities 2025 State Legislative Agenda

**CONTACT:**

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Supervisor's Name: LaTasha Wortham, Deputy Director for Customer Experience and External Affairs



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## **Tacoma Public Utilities – 2025 State Legislative Agenda**

### **Tacoma Power**

- Carbon reduction policies: TPU supports proposals aimed at decarbonizing the economy in ways that are cost-effective for customers. These proposals must recognize hydropower as a carbon-free energy source and be consistent with current and developing regional energy markets.
- Building decarbonization policies: TPU supports reasonable policies to decarbonize the state's residential and commercial building sector, including proposals to provide state funding for limited-income customer fuel conversion and proposals for municipal electric utilities to adopt beneficial electrification plans.
- Investment in clean energy infrastructure: TPU advocates for increased state funding to expand zero-emission transportation systems, strengthen transmission and distribution networks, and expand renewable energy generation.

### **Tacoma Water**

- Support for infrastructure funding: TPU supports funding for maintaining and preserving critical water system infrastructure. This includes funding for the Public Works Trust Fund, state revolving loan funds, grant funding, and other state resources.

### **Tacoma Rail**

- Explore infrastructure funding opportunities: TPU will pursue opportunities for investments in locomotive modernization, track upgrades, decarbonization projects, and other infrastructure improvements.
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