



2026 TPU Federal & State Legislative Agenda - DRAFT

Federal Agenda Items

TPU-Wide

- Infrastructure Financing Tools: Expand and protect opportunities for federal infrastructure support, including restoring the tax-exempt status of advance refund bonds, broadening tax credit eligibility, and disbursing previously awarded grant funds.
- Low-Income Programs: Support policies and additional funding for programs that provide assistance to income-qualified residents.
- Supply Chain Solutions: Support policies that adequately address supply chain issues that affect customers and utility operations.

Tacoma Power

- BPA's Competitiveness: Continue to support federal proposals to maintain and improve BPA's cost competitiveness.
- Carbon Reduction: Actively engage in and seek to support proposals that decarbonize the economy at reasonable costs. Support policies that recognize hydropower as a carbon-free generating resource.
- Zero Emission Transportation Infrastructure: Support additional funding for zero emission transportation infrastructure.
- Maintain Pole Attachment Authority: Support legislation that ensures municipally owned utilities maintain their historic authority to safely manage attachments on utility poles.
- Reform Hydropower Relicensing Policies: Support streamlining the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's hydropower relicensing policies and procedures.

Tacoma Water

- Howard Hanson Dam: Support and protect federal funding, and action to complete the Dam and additional water storage project while ensuring current cost-sharing agreements are honored. The Howard Hanson Dam fish passage and the additional water storage project are critical to salmon and orca recovery as a construction ready project with broad impact.
- Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA): Support appropriations to fully fund the legislation.
- Drinking Water State Fund: Support adequate appropriations to support the fund.
- PFAS Liability: Support legislation that exempts drinking water systems from the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) as it relates to PFAS liability.

Tacoma Rail

- Infrastructure Funding: Pursue funding opportunities for investments in locomotive modernization, track upgrades, locomotive modernization projects, and other improvements.



State Agenda Items

TPU-Wide

- Statewide Low-Income Program: Support policies and additional funding for programs that provide assistance to income-qualified residents.

Tacoma Power

- Carbon Reduction: Advocate for enhancements to the state's carbon reduction policies, including the Clean Energy Transformation Act and the Climate Commitment Act, that reduce administrative burden, address resource adequacy concerns, and align with developing energy markets.
- Building Decarbonization: Support reasonable policies to decarbonize the state's residential and commercial building sector, including additional funding for low-income customer fuel conversion.
- Clean Energy Infrastructure: Encourage increased state funding to expand zero-emission transportation systems, strengthen transmission and distribution networks, and expand renewable energy generation.

Tacoma Water

- Water Infrastructure Funding: Advocate for continued funding for critical water system infrastructure, including funding for the Public Works Trust Fund, state revolving loan funds, grant funding, and other state resources.

Tacoma Rail

- Rail Infrastructure Investments: Support efforts to maintain and enhance investments in locomotive modernization, track upgrades, locomotive modernization projects, and other infrastructure improvements through loans, grants, and tax credits.