



SD-10 Report/Legislative Update

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Overview

- **SD-10 Review**
- **Citywide Advocacy Coordination**
- **Recap 2023 Legislative Session**
- **Update on federal activities**
- **Conversation and follow-up with the PUB**



SD 10 -- Government Relations

Adopted September 9, 2020

- Reporting on a bi-annual basis
- This report will focus on state and federal government relations

Purpose

- “Tacoma Public Utilities (TPU) is committed to building and strengthening respectful and mutually-productive relationships with tribal, federal, state, and other local units of government...”



Citywide Advocacy Coordination

PUB/City Council resolutions (2019)

- PUB adopted U-11124, Council adopted RES 40507
- Director of Public Utilities and City Manager evaluated on government relations coordination across the City
- Added an ex-officio, non-voting membership position to the Government Performance and Finance Committee for the Chair of the Public Utility Board



2023 Legislative Session

- Budget writing year, 105 days
- First in-person session since COVID
- Major policies passed into law
 - Climate/decarbonization policy
 - Housing policy
 - Criminal justice policy
- Special session to address *Blake* decision



TPU's Priority Issues

Power

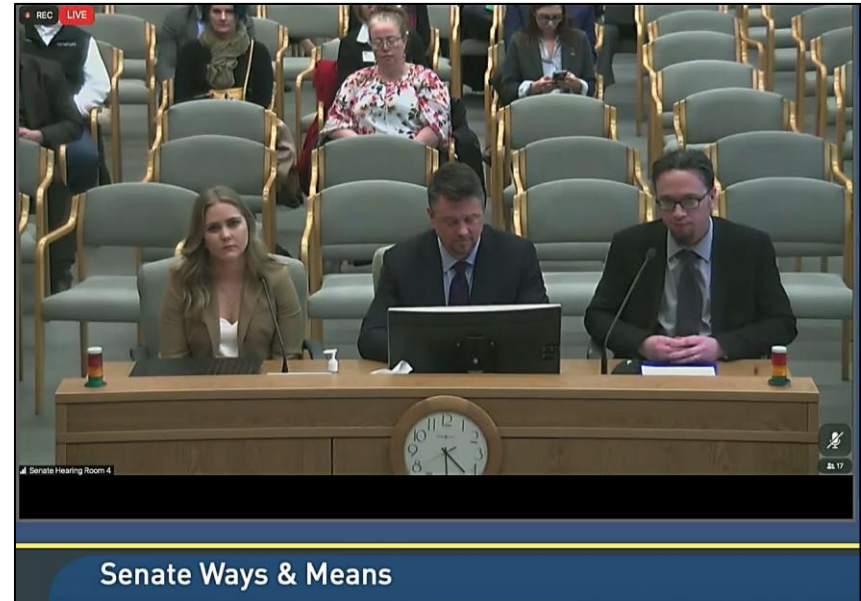
- Support for climate/decarbonization policies
 - CCA investments
 - Transmission/siting legislation (SB 5165/HB 1216)
 - Wildfire planning (HB 1032)
- Investment in zero-emission transportation infrastructure and clean fuels
 - CCA investments
 - Transit agency hydrogen authority (HB 1236)
- Support equal treatment of hydropower



TPU's Priority Issues

Water

- Support funding for maintaining and preserving critical water system infrastructure
 - Public Works Trust Fund, \$400 million



TPU's Priority Issues

Rail

- Investments in locomotive modernization, track upgrades, decarbonization projects, and other infrastructure
 - Battery-electric locomotives, \$5 million



TPU's Priority Issues

TPU-Wide

- Actively monitor federal and state funding opportunities
 - CCA investments
- Infrastructure financing tools
 - PWTF, FRIB, CCA
- Support for limited-income customers
 - High-heat disconnect prohibition (HB 1326)
 - Arrearage grant funding, approx. \$15 million
 - Limited-income benefits study



Unresolved Issues

- PSE's decarbonization bill
- Solar net-metering policy
- State energy navigator program
- Dig law
- Support for low-income utility customers



Next Steps

- State-funded interim studies
 - Solar net-metering policy
 - State energy navigator program
 - Limited-income benefits
 - Utility relocation cost estimates
- Engage with delegation members, other policymakers, and stakeholders
- Work with divisions to identify policy and fiscal opportunities



Federal Update

TPU-Wide

- Supporting bill assistance programs
- Monitoring funding opportunities

Rail

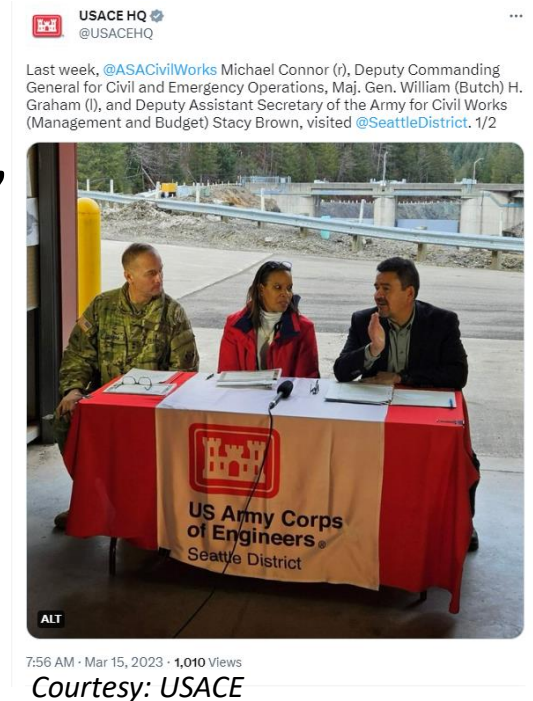
- Pursuing funding for electric locomotives, congressionally-supported application pending



Federal Update

Water

- President Biden & Congress authorize downstream fish passage at Howard Hanson Dam
- President requests \$50M in '24, pursuing total of \$670M
- PFAS issues



Federal Update

Power

- Supporting DOE 'GRIP' application
- Pursuing \$3 hydrogen tax credits
- Reclaim U.S. hydro from Canada in Treaty
- Seeking help for supply chain crisis
- Advocating for hydro licensing reform
- Protecting public power access to tax credits, pursuing parity for existing hydro
- Educating on value of federal hydropower



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