

# AGC of Washington

## 2022 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

**Associated General Contractors of Washington (AGC)**  
**is the state's oldest and largest commercial**  
**construction trade association.**

Associated General Contractors of Washington is a professional association of contractors who join together to enhance the performance and representation of our members, promote the respect and integrity of the commercial construction industry, and improve the quality of life in our communities. Our projects improve our everyday lives, protect our environment and help create one of the highest standards of living in the world.



The construction industry employs almost 274,800 people in Washington State. Investment in infrastructure helps fuel our state's economy. Every \$1 invested in construction projects generates an additional \$2.09 in economic activity and increases earnings for all workers throughout the state.

The AGC and its members are concerned with many legislative and regulatory issues. Our highest priorities are outlined in this flyer. These goals will strengthen the economy and treat all interests fairly. Please contact any member of our Government Affairs Team if you have questions, or would like more detailed information on any issue.

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### AGC WILL WORK FOR

- Increased investments in transportation infrastructure, such as those recommended by the Joint Transportation Committee's (JTC's) Statewide Needs Assessment. Car-sales tax, sales tax on construction and revenues from the 2021 carbon-pricing legislation are additional funding sources that should be considered to help fund transportation investments
- Proposals to increase investments in capital construction, including the State Capital Budget, Public-Works Trust Fund, Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) and efforts to increase school-construction funding such as reduction in the 60% threshold to approve school bond measures.
- Programs and opportunities that increase and improve the construction-industry workforce, including funding for Core Plus Construction, Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs in middle and high schools, and enhancements to STEM programs. Also promote apprenticeship programs, inclusive of state and/or federally approved programs, while bringing awareness to and encouraging people to enroll in the training who are entering the construction industry.
- Proposals that fairly allocate risk in construction contracts.
- Proposals that support fair and open access to public-works construction contracts.
- Achievable efforts to increase diversity in the construction industry.
- Reasonable and cost-effective measures to improve the carbon output of buildings and construction processes.
- Workers'-compensation system improvements.
- Rational and reasonable business regulation reforms.
- Rational and reasonable prevailing wage reforms.
- Rational and reasonable approaches to stabilize the Unemployment Insurance trust fund.

### AGC WILL WORK AGAINST

- Proposals that unreasonably increase taxes, business costs or regulations.
- Proposals that divert funds from dedicated construction programs or other dedicated programs to other unrelated purposes that were not the original intent.
- Any legislative proposals that seek to divert 18th Amendment-protected revenues to other government programs.
- Public construction-procurement methods which are not well vetted or do not have a consensus of support within the affected AGC contractor membership.
- Government-mandated or government-negotiated Project Labor Agreements, Community Workforce Agreements and any similar requirements that are government-mandated or government-negotiated on public projects.
- Environmental proposals that impose unnecessary burdens on contractors which are not practical or are not economically and technically feasible.
- Detrimental land-use laws which make development efforts unreasonably difficult or costly.

***If you have questions about AGC's priorities, or need more specific information on a particular issue, please contact the AGC Government Affairs Team in Olympia at 360.352.5000.***

