

## Demographics

**Size:** #43 out of 281 municipalities in Washington State

**County:** King

**Population:** 25,698

**Median income:** \$100,443

### Household income:

- 10% Above \$200,000; 63% higher than state average
- 7% Below \$25,000; 62% lower than state average

### Households:

- Family Households (20% higher than state average)
- Married Couples (30% higher than state average)
- Singles (36% lower than state average)
- Seniors Living Alone (26% lower than state average)

### Workforce:

49.8% have a college degree and 77.5% have attended college; Green River College offers workforce training programs

### School District:

Tahoma School District; 40,000 estimated population

### Employment land available:

226 Acres of publicly or privately owned property available within the city limits.



## CITY COUNCIL

**Sean P. Kelly, Mayor**

**Dana Parnello, Deputy Mayor**

**Linda Johnson**

**Erin Weaver**

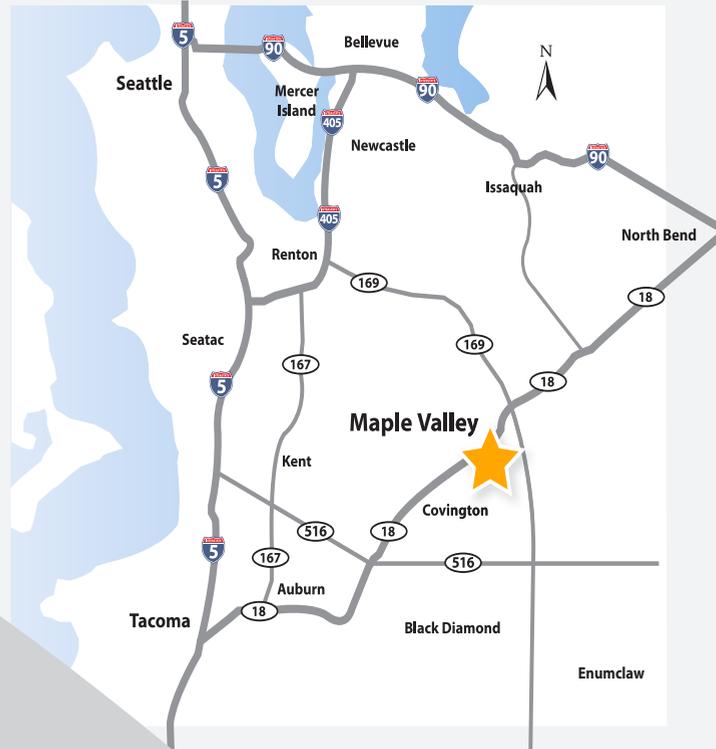
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The City of  
**MAPLE VALLEY**



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**2020 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

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## SR 18: Support the Efforts of the South East Area Legislative Transportation Coalition (SEAL TC)

The City of Maple Valley joins the South East Area Legislative Transportation Coalition (SEAL TC) in requesting full funding to widen SR 18 from the Issaquah Hobart Road to Raging River. This stretch of SR 18 experiences lane reductions causing increased congestion and safety concerns, including an increased likelihood of head-on collisions. WSDOT estimates that widening this stretch of SR 18 will cost approximately \$285M. Funding in the amount of \$8.9M was secured for design in the State's approved 2019-2021 biennium budget and the State has committed to funding an additional \$18M in the 2021-2023 biennium (however this is not secured funding); leaving a funding gap of more than \$260M.

The Connecting Washington Package included construction funding for the interchange of SR 90 and SR 18. The City of Maple Valley and its residents are looking forward to the completion of the new interchange. Once this is complete, the section of SR 18 between Issaquah Hobart Road and Raging River will be the last remaining section in need of important safety and capacity improvements.

### Mental Health Funding

Maple Valley, like many of its peer communities, is struggling to meet the mental health needs of our residents, including our youth. The Tahoma School District and the City of Maple Valley have a committed partnership and would like to hire a staff person to identify all of the resources available to residents and to coordinate and/or provide educational programs to support the needs of our community and students. The City is requesting funding assistance from the State to support mental health programs in Maple Valley and the Tahoma School District.

## SR 169: Request Adequate Funding

SR 169 is the main commute route for the Cities of Maple Valley, Black Diamond, Enumclaw, and portions of unincorporated King County. Given the projected growth within Black Diamond, capacity and safety conditions will continue to decline. There are multiple projects identified in the City's Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program to improve safety and increase capacity on SR 169 within the city limits. The City is actively working on the design of two projects within our corporate limits:

- T-36: SR 169 Widening from SE 240th Street to SE 244th Street (\$5.1M)
- T-45: SR 169 Widening from SE 253rd Place to SE 260th Street (\$7.2M)

The combined total project costs are in excess of \$12M. The City will be actively seeking grant funding, but is concerned that there will likely be a funding gap to overcome and is looking to the State to assist as this is an important State Route in our region.

The City is also requesting the State to provide adequate funding for SR 169 outside of our city limits, from Maple Valley limits to Jones Road.



### Official Newspaper

RCW 35A.21.230 requires cities to designate an official newspaper by resolution. The newspaper shall be of general circulation in the city and meet certain criteria as defined in RCW 65.16.020. Given the shift in how our public receives information, this law seems to be outdated. Council has expressed a desire to explore the ability to designate an online source in lieu of an "official newspaper."

### Support Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Legislative Priorities

Maple Valley supports the legislative priorities of AWC and emphasizes the need for Tax Increment Financing (TIF) options for cities. Maple Valley will be depending on public/private partnerships to create the vision of our town center and downtown. Having the TIF option in our toolbox is critical as we move forward.

### Support Sound Cities Association (SCA) Legislative Priorities