

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE December 18, 2023

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Proposed 2025 Legislative Priorities – Transportation and Infrastructure**

As the City of Dallas prepares for the 89th Texas Legislature and 119th Congress, both set to convene in 2025, the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee worked with the Office of Government Affairs and stakeholders to develop the City's legislative programs for consideration by the City Council.

Transportation and infrastructure legislative priorities the Committee is submitting for consideration include:

- Permit greater flexibility in lowering of the prima facie speed limit in residential areas from 30 to 25 miles per hour **(State)**
- Clarify Texas Local Government code to improve the competitive bid process for public works projects **(State)**
- Establish regulation and reporting for autonomous vehicles **(State)**
- Elevate broadband service as a critical utility **(Both)**
- Allow a small percentage from the Airports revenue to be used by the City for public works projects outside of the airport. **(Federal)**
- TxDOT to pay in full annually for mowing, cleaning, sweeping, their right of way as well as funding for cleanup up for encampments in overpasses and/or hardening/fencing. **(State)**
- Ability to leverage street usage fees on all businesses, as well as rideshare, and Dockless vehicles. **(State)**
- Support the Good Jobs for Good Airports Act. **(Federal)**
- Allow a local option for sales tax usage with voter approval for maintenance of streets, sidewalks, alleys, and public safety improvements.
- Improve water, stormwater, levee, and wastewater infrastructure through dredging and other sustainable practices. **(Both)**
- Support funding for new technology use for traffic control systems and upgrades of antiquated equipment. **(Both)**
- Pursue funding for streetlamps on major highways. **(Both)**
- Support legislation, if needed, for high-speed rail, street cars and other potential new transportation and related funding. **(Both)**

In addition to the items above, we urge legislative efforts include maintaining existing funding streams at both the state and federal levels.

We know additional items may arise between now and the start of the next legislative session. The Transportation and Infrastructure Committee reserves the opportunity to

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bring forward additional items as desired through the Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative Affairs.

Should you have any questions or comments please contact Carrie Rogers, Director of Government Affairs, at Carrie.Rogers@dallas.gov.

Sincerely,



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