



**City of Dallas**

# Federal Legislative Update

**Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative Affairs  
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# Overview



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# City of Dallas Federal Legislative Process



- Prior to each legislative session, the City Council adopts a federal legislative agenda outlining official City of Dallas positions on various legislative issues.
- Input is sought from the Mayor and City Council, City executive leadership, City departments, and external organizations.
- The agenda serves as official policy guides for City elected officials, City staff, and contract lobbyists engaged in the legislative process.
- The agenda is presented to federal elected offices upon adoption.



# 117<sup>th</sup> Congress City Federal Legislative Priorities



- Pandemic relief funding
- Infrastructure funding, including transportation, broadband, DART, water & flood control, & aviation
- Supporting tax exemption for municipal bonds
- Opposing federal control of rights-of-way or zoning
- Supporting public safety assistance programs
- Supporting funding for economic development
- Supporting programs and funding for housing, community development, and healthcare
- Supporting efforts to address clean air and energy security
- Supporting efforts to promote diversity, equity, and human rights

Adopted by City Council February 24, 2021



# Federal Update



Some successes over the past year include:

- Protecting the \$355 million in ARPA fiscal relief funds allocated to the City
- Inclusion of a reauthorization of and funding for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program in Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, an effort spearheaded by Representative Veasey on behalf of the City
- Delegation support for the City & State Diplomacy Act
- White Rock Lake authorization in House WRDA Bill
- Provided the City with detailed information about all IIJA funding opportunities available over the next 5 years



# Federal Update (cont.)



- Continued progress on Hensley Field, including language in the FY 2022 Military Construction Appropriations Act directing the Navy to move forward with environmental remediation
- Three FY 2021 RAISE Grants for City of Dallas projects:
  - \$12 million construction grant for replacement of the Lake June Bridge and completion of The LOOP Trail (TXDOT)
  - \$8.2 million construction grant to enhance mobility at the IIPOD (NCTCOG), and
  - \$900,000 planning grant for the Southern Gateway (City of Dallas)



# Congressional Requests – Project Selection



- In FY21, Congress reinstituted earmarks, now known as Community Projects
- The House and Senate identified federal spending accounts that were eligible for Community Project requests
  - Texas's Senators did not accept requests for inclusion in budget bills
- House members were able to submit 15 Community Projects on behalf of all stakeholders in their district
- Projects had to meet all requirements of identified grant programs, including eligibility, allowable expenses, and match requirements
- Representatives expressed a strong preference for projects in the \$500K-\$1M range, and that could be completed within one year



# Congressional Requests - Project Selection (cont.)



- OGA – Fund Development:
  - Identified funding streams that were a good match for the City
  - Distributed requirements for funding streams to Departments to aid in eligible project identification
  - Worked with Capital Edge to submit:
    - 17 eligible projects for funding
    - General support for grant programs identified in the Legislative Program
      - CDBG
      - HOME
      - UASI
      - EECBG



# Congressional Requests – Available Funding Streams



| Army Corps of Engineers              |
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| Corps of Engineers - Construction    |
| Department of Homeland Security      |
| Pre-disaster Mitigation Grants       |
| Emergency Operations Center Grants   |
| Department of Energy                 |
| Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy |
| Department of Interior               |
| Save America's Treasures             |
| U.S. Forest Service Grants           |
| Department of Justice                |
| Byrne Justice Assistance Grants      |
| COPS Technology & Equipment          |
| Department of Transportation         |
| Highway Infrastructure Projects      |
| Housing and Urban Development        |
| Economic Development Initiative      |



# Community Projects Selected by Members



| Member                  | Project                                       | Amount      |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Collin Allred           | Digital Divide                                | \$750,000   |
| Eddie Bernice Johnson   | MLK Community Center solar panel installation | \$2 million |
| Eddie Bernice Johnson   | Dallas urban forest tree inventory            | \$750,000   |
| Eddie Bernice Johnson   | Love Field alternate entry planning           | \$750,000   |
| Eddie Bernice Johnson   | Greater downtown Dallas master plan           | \$2 million |
| Marc Veasey             | Hensley Field shoreline modification          | \$1 million |
| Johnson, Beth Van Duyne | DPD records management system                 | \$935,000   |



# Federal Appropriations Update



## House Committee approved bills – select highlights (comparison to FY 2022 level)

- CDBG Formula - \$3.3B (same)
- HOME - \$1.7B (+\$200M)
- \$3.2B for Homeless CoC (+391M)
- Brownfields - \$131M (+39M)
- UASI - \$615M (same)

## Senate Committee approved bills – select highlights

- CDBG Formula – \$3.525b
- HOME – \$1.725b
- Homeless CoC – \$3.041b
- Brownfields – \$96m
- UASI - \$605m



# Communications



## FEDERAL CITY OF DALLAS LEGISLATIVE AGENDA MONTH | YEAR



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### COD PRINCIPLES & PRIORITIES:

The City of Dallas will pursue and support legislation that maintains local control, ensures fiscal stewardship and provides additional financial tools to maintain the City's economic vibrancy. The City works diligently to implement fiscally sound and responsible budgets and will pursue legislation that fairly allocates collected fees for City services.

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## 88TH TEXAS LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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### PUBLIC SAFETY

The City of Dallas supports enhancing public safety initiatives and continues to prioritize the safety and well-being of our residents and first responders, including improved training and integration of case management across law enforcement and social systems.

### CARING FOR VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

The City of Dallas supports legislation that will ease suffering of vulnerable populations, including efforts to enhance housing tools, financial assistance and quality of life for residents.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The City of Dallas supports legislation which enhances and provides additional economic development tools to maintain the City's economic vibrancy. Dallas will pursue legislation that develops projects and funding to strengthening our existing economy.

### TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The City of Dallas supports increasing infrastructure investment for transit alternatives such as bike lanes and streetcars and expand transportation options that are sustainable and improve air quality.

### WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

The City of Dallas supports providing sustainable and equitable water utilities for residents, while leading the nation in environmental efforts. The City will support legislation that protects and improves on current environment initiatives.

### WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

The City of Dallas will continue to work with the Legislature, non-profits, and the business community to meet the needs of our booming workforce and develop a path forward for our growing city.

### HOUSING

The City of Dallas supports additional tools to provide affordable and equitable housing for all of its residents. The City will work with the Legislature to ensure even the most vulnerable residents have access to housing during hardships.

### ARTS AND CULTURE

The City of Dallas is home to the largest contiguous urban Arts District in the country and supports funding opportunities that add to its expansive collection of museums, theatres, galleries, visual and cultural arts venues.

### PARKS AND RECREATION

With over 23,000 park land acres, the City of Dallas supports efforts to expand and maintain its parks and recreation facilities, providing residents a high quality of life through equitable recreation, health and wellness activities.

### SOCIAL EQUITY

The City supports legislation which creates new and expands existing social equity programs to improve access and opportunities for all residents, regardless of race, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, gender, and other social identities.

As approved by the Dallas City Council on DATE  
Resolution Number XXX-XXX



# Federal Legislative Key Dates



- September 2022: Ad Hoc Legislative Committee action
- September 2022: City Council consideration and action
- Ongoing: Congressional budget negotiations
- September 30: FY 2022 ends
- January 3: 118<sup>th</sup> Congress convenes
- March-September (and likely beyond): FY 2023 Appropriations Process
- October 1: FY 2023 begins
- November 8: Election Day
- Mid-December: Target Adjournment



# Next Steps and Staff Recommendations



- Consider additional priorities from Committee
- Advance to City Council
- Staff recommends continuing with current priorities
- Continue to monitor Community Project requests and additional funding streams





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# Appendix

# Submitted Congressional Requests



| Member                             | Project                                         | Amount Requested | Match  |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------|--------|
| Johnson, Van Duyne, Veasey         | Dallas Love Field Alternate entry               | \$1M             | \$250K |
| Johnson                            | MLK Community Center Solar Panels               | \$4M             | \$4M   |
| Allred, Johnson, Van Duyne, Veasey | DPD Surveillance Cameras                        | \$500K           | N/A    |
| Allred, Johnson, Van Duyne, Veasey | DPD Record Management System                    | \$935K           | N/A    |
| Allred, Johnson, Van Duyne, Veasey | DPD Automated License Plate Readers             | \$160K           | N/A    |
| Veasey ( with Johnson supporting)  | Hensley Field Shoreline Modification            | \$1M             | \$2-5M |
| Johnson, Veasey                    | Marsalis Avenue Bridge                          | \$6.5M           | \$1.5M |
| Johnson                            | Kiestwood Trail Lighting & W-Fi                 | \$1.6M           | \$400K |
| Allred, Johnson, Veasey            | Greater Downtown Dallas Master Plan             | \$2M             | \$1M   |
| Allred, Johnson, Veasey            | Digital Divide – Traffic Signals & Streetlights | \$10M            | \$2M   |
| Allred, Johnson, Veasey            | Vision Zero                                     | \$10M            | \$2M   |
| Johnson                            | Danielsdale Road                                | \$7.5M           | \$7.5M |
| Allred, Johnson                    | East Grand Avenue                               | \$1.3M           | \$325K |
| Johnson                            | Fair Park Digital Signs                         | \$3M             | \$1M   |
| Allred, Johnson, Veasey            | Urban Forest Tree Inventory                     | \$3M             | \$1M   |
| Johnson                            | Fair Park Tower Building                        | \$500K           | \$549K |
| Allred, Johnson, Van Duyne         | White Rock Lake                                 | \$5M             | TBD    |