

# Consideration of the 2025 Federal Legislative Priorities

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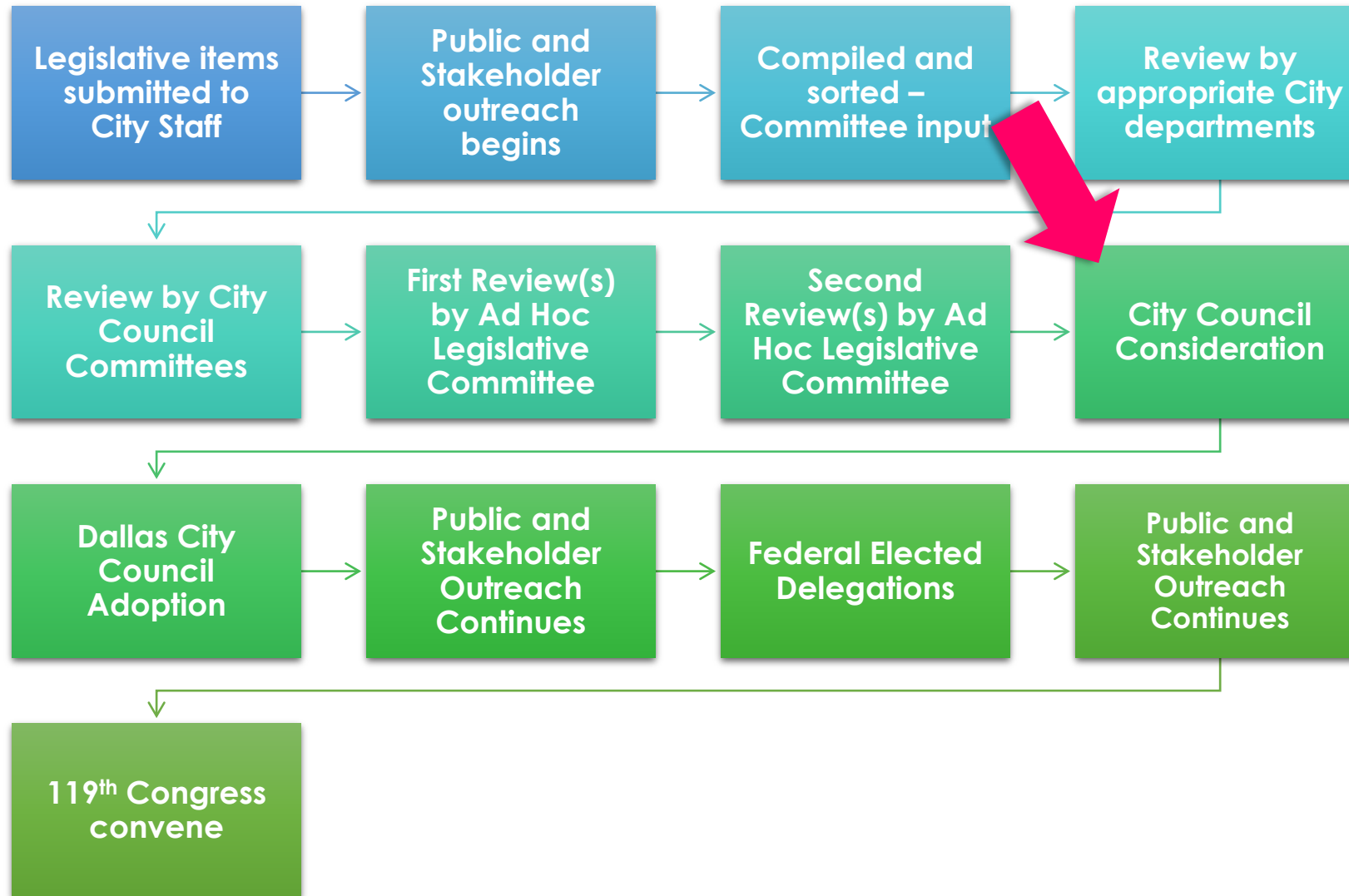
# Overview



- Process for legislative priorities
- Stakeholder outreach
- Legislative items for City Council consideration
- Federal update
- Key dates
- Next steps



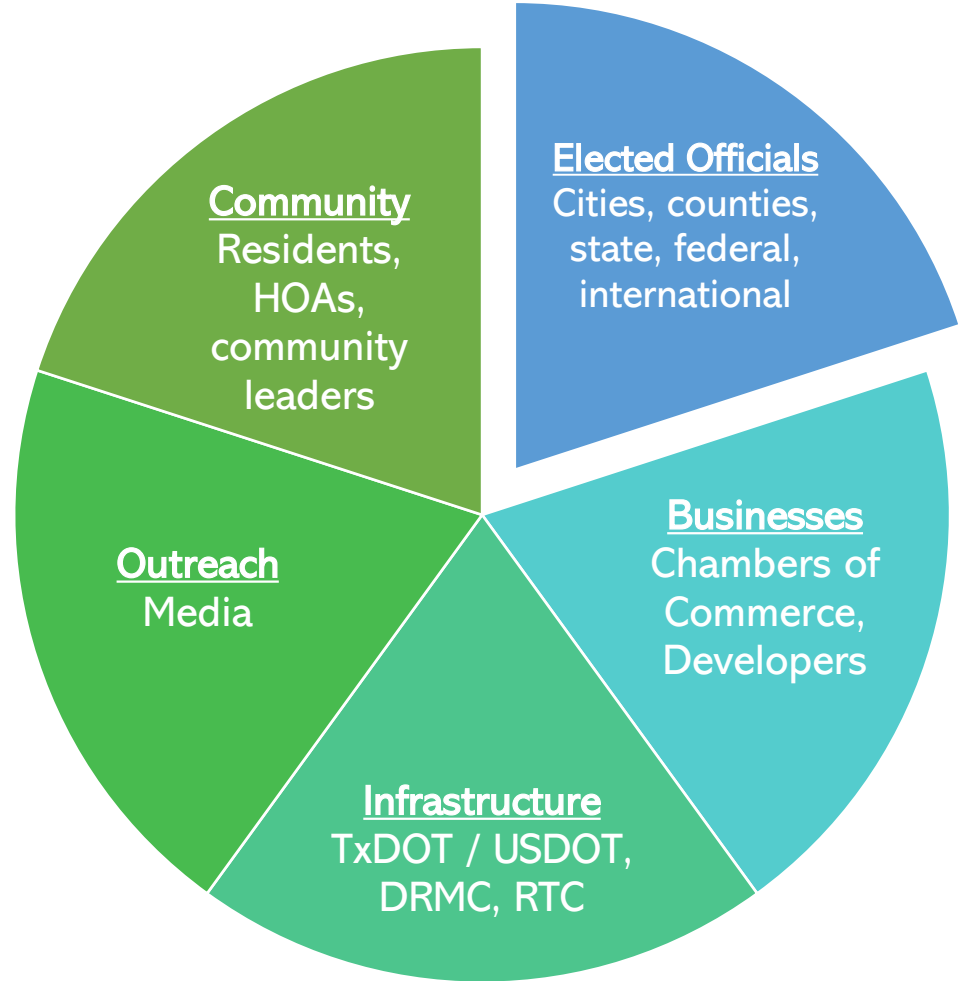
# Process for Legislative Priorities



# Stakeholder Outreach



- Elected Officials (local, state, federal, international)
- Residents via Council offices
- Peer departments
- Apartment Association / Greater Dallas
- Collin County
- Dallas County
- Dallas Black Chamber
- Dallas Black Realtors
- Dallas Builders Association
- Dallas ISD and other local ISDs
- Dallas Regional Chamber
- DART
- DFW Airport
- Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition
- Denton County
- Downtown Dallas Inc.
- Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce
- East Dallas Chamber



- Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- Habitat for Humanity
- Housing Forward
- LGBT Chamber of Commerce
- Metroplex Mayors
- MetroTex Realtors
- North Dallas Chamber of Commerce
- North Texas Commission
- NTTA
- Oak Cliff Chamber of Commerce
- Police and Fire Associations
- Regional Hispanic Contractors
- Regional Transportation Council
- The Real Estate Council
- TxDOT
- U.S. India Chamber of Commerce
- Visit Dallas
- World Affairs Council





# Stakeholder Outreach and Communication



- **Bilingual communication to engage all members of community in coordination with City Council offices**
- **Planned engagement once program adopted**
  - Offer meetings/presentations to stakeholders (Chambers, etc.)
  - Coordination with partners
  - Optional townhalls with CMs (at Councilmember's request)





# Federal Legislative Items for City Council Consideration



# Overarching Themes



Maintain local control and preserve tools to respond to the specific needs of the Dallas community; harmonize responsibilities and resources



Promote a business-friendly environment to attract economic development and talent



Pursue funding for public safety, critical infrastructure, and natural resources



Support vulnerable populations and oppose any legislation that would erode existing protections



# Determining Priorities



- Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative Affairs to approve adopted priorities to advance to full City Council for consideration and final adoption
- Considerations
  - Legislative / delegation priorities
  - Balancing the asks
  - Political environment (elections, current events)
  - Unforeseen circumstances





# Parks, Trails and the Environment



*Support legislation that focuses on resource sustainability, conservation, climate change, and environmental justice to build a more resilient city.*

Item	State/ Federal	Congressional Committees
Support funding for Dallas parks, trails, and playgrounds	Both	H – Natural Resources S – Energy and Natural Resources
Support, green infrastructure, waste reduction, weatherization and utilities efficiencies, deployment of solar power, electric and hydrogen fueled vehicles	Both	H – Energy and Commerce S – Environment and Public Works
Ensure sustainability of the State’s natural resources, including lakes, reservoirs and water supply	Both	H – Natural Resources S – Energy and Natural Resources



# Economic Development



*Support legislation that promotes job creation and private investment to grow the tax base and create economic opportunities for Dallas.*

Item	State/ Federal	Congressional Committees
Strengthen Dallas' workforce development pipeline	Both	H – Education and Workforce S – Health, Education, Labor and Pensions
Prioritize broadband connectivity for all residents	Both	H – Energy and Commerce S - Commerce, Science, Transportation



# Workforce, Education and Equity



*Support legislation that ensures Dallas is a welcoming community for all residents, businesses, and visitors.*

Item	State/ Federal	Congressional Committees
Expand funding and eligibility for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and Women, Infants and Children Program benefits	Federal	H – Appropriations H – Ways and Means S – Appropriations S - Finance
Support legislation that protects workplace safety ethics	Federal	H – Education and Workforce S – Health, Education, Labor and Pensions



# Public Safety



*Support legislation that provides additional resources for local government law enforcement agencies.*

Item	State/ Federal	Congressional Committees
Support additional prevention, protections and resources for domestic violence and human trafficking survivors and abusers	Both	H – Judiciary S – Judiciary
Increase funding for re-entry services	Both	H – Appropriations S - Appropriations
Increase funding for Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)	Federal	H – Appropriations S – Appropriations
Increase funding for the Department of Family and Adult Protective Services.	Federal	H - Appropriations S - Appropriations



# Transportation and Infrastructure



*Support legislation that enhances safety and mobility for the residents of Dallas.*

Item	State/ Federal	Congressional Committees
Improve water, stormwater, and wastewater infrastructure through dredging, levee support and other sustainable practices	Both	H – Transportation & Infrastructure S – Energy & Natural Resources
Enhance & fund mobility infrastructure	Both	H – Transportation & Infrastructure H – Appropriations S – Commerce, Science, and Transportation S - Appropriations



# Quality of Life, Arts, and Culture



*Support legislation that fosters clean and appealing neighborhoods while offering recreational, educational, and cultural activities.*

Item	State/ Federal	Congressional Committees
Study, implement and make accessible harm reduction strategies to combat the opioid epidemic	Both	H – Judiciary S - Judiciary
Protect the rights of all vulnerable communities, including LGBTQIA+ individuals, seniors, and refugees	Both	H – Judiciary S - Judiciary
Ensure and expand mental and physical healthcare and nutrition programs for all residents	Both	H – Appropriations H – Ways and Means S – Appropriations, Finance S – Health, Education, Labor and Pensions





# Housing & Homelessness Solutions



*Support legislation that promotes housing affordability, stability and preservation.*

Item	State/ Federal	Congressional Committees
Expand the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program to include blight remediation	Federal	H – Financial Services H – Appropriations S – Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
Improve Point in Time process	Federal	H – Financial Services S – Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
Expand funding for housing programs including Community Development Block Grant Program and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program	Federal	H – Appropriations S - Appropriations



# Government Performance & Financial Management



*Support legislation that allows the City to maintain local control, deliver effective and efficient government services, while being fiscally responsible.*

Item	State/ Federal	Congressional Committees
Protect privacy and security of resident and commercial data	Both	H – Oversight & Accountability S – Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Fund Artificial Intelligence (AI) Initiatives that will reduce city expenses and support efficient city services	Both	H – Oversight & Accountability S – Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Maintain the tax exemption for municipal bonds, including private activity bonds, and reinstate advance refunding for municipal bonds	Federal	S – Finance Joint Committee on Taxation





# Federal Update



# 118<sup>th</sup> Congress / Legislation Advocacy



Fentanyl strips  
decriminalization  
S2569, HR 3563

Declassification of  
tasers as lethal  
weapons HR 3269

CERCLA / PFAS  
Liability S 1429,  
S1430, HR 7944

Tax-exemption on  
municipal bonds  
S1453, HR 8396

Comments on  
federal rulemaking

Programmatic  
funding for ACP  
program, HOME,  
CDBG, UASI

Increased funding  
for SNAP, WIC, and  
federal nutrition  
programs



# Fiscal Year 2024 Appropriations



## Rep. Jasmine Crockett

- \$2,500,000 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center Improvements
- \$850,000 for Bonton Farms Bexar Street Resource Center
- \$850,000 for YMCA of Metropolitan Dallas for the Park South Capital Project
- \$500,000 to Fair Park First for Development of Community Park at Fair Park
- \$500,000 to the Trust for Public Land for the Judge Charles R. Rose Community Park

## Rep. Beth Van Duyne

- \$2,000,000 for DFW Airport Mobile Command Post (with Allred)
- \$5,000,000 for DFW International Airport Capital Improvements



# Fiscal Year 2024 Appropriations



## Rep. Colin Allred

- **\$500,000 for DPD Investigation Software**
- **\$2,000,000 for White Rock Lake, Section 5140**
- \$1,000,000 for the Garland Road Next Generation Project
- \$2,000,000 for DFW Airport Mobile Command Post (with Van Duyne)
- \$1,000,000 for DART Cityplace/Uptown Station Tunnel Fire Standpipes Replacement
- \$963,000 for DFW Airport Mobile Bomb Squad Response Vehicles
- \$850,000 for Trinity Park Conservancy Beckley Avenue Pedestrian/Bike Lane Bridge
- \$1,000,000 for YMCA of Metropolitan Dallas for the Park South Capital Project

## Rep. Marc Veasey

- **\$1,000,000 for the West Dallas Multipurpose Center Enhancements**
- \$1,000,000 for Southern Gateway Public Green Foundation
- \$1,000,000 for Trinity Park Conservancy West Dallas Multimodal Bridge





# FY25 Community Project Funding Submissions



## Rep. Ellzey

- \$2,000,000 – DPD Weed and Seed Program

## Rep. Colin Allred

- \$2,000,000 – Dallas International District STEAM Library
- \$2,000,000 – Ferguson Road Improvements
- \$2,000,000 – DPD Weed and Seed Program
- \$1,000,000 – Dallas Greening Initiative
- \$3,000,000 – Harold Simmons Park / Beckley Avenue Safe Crossing

## Rep. Marc Veasey

- \$1,500,000– Kiest Recreation Center Enhancements
- \$5,000,000 – Five Mile Creek Trail
- \$2,000,000 – Martin Weiss Recreation Center Enhancements
- \$2,000,000 – DPD Weed and Seed Program
- \$4,500,000 – Harold Simmons Park Beckley Ave. Pedestrian Bridge



# FY25 Community Project Funding Submissions



## Rep. Jasmine Crockett

- \$2,000,000 – Santos Rodriguez Recreation Center Enhancements
- \$500,000 – DPD Multi-Use Mapping for Police Helicopters
- \$500,000 – DPD Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Project
- \$1,000,000 – Dallas Greening Initiative
- \$5,000,000 – Dallas Water Commons Development

## Rep. Beth Van Duyne

- \$2,000,000 – DPD Weed and Seed Program



# Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA) Overview



## Five-year Surface Transportation Reauthorization (2021-2026)

- IIJA/Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)  
Signed into Law November 15, 2021
- \$1.2 Trillion Total, Fiscal Years 2022-2026
- Baseline Transportation Funding of \$293.5B +  
New IIJA Spending of \$274B = **\$567.5Billion**
  - Increases funding, expands and creates new programs
  - New elements: equity, climate, resiliency, electric vehicles, grants

## Other Infrastructure Spending

- **\$550 Billion** for Water, Broadband, Cybersecurity, Energy

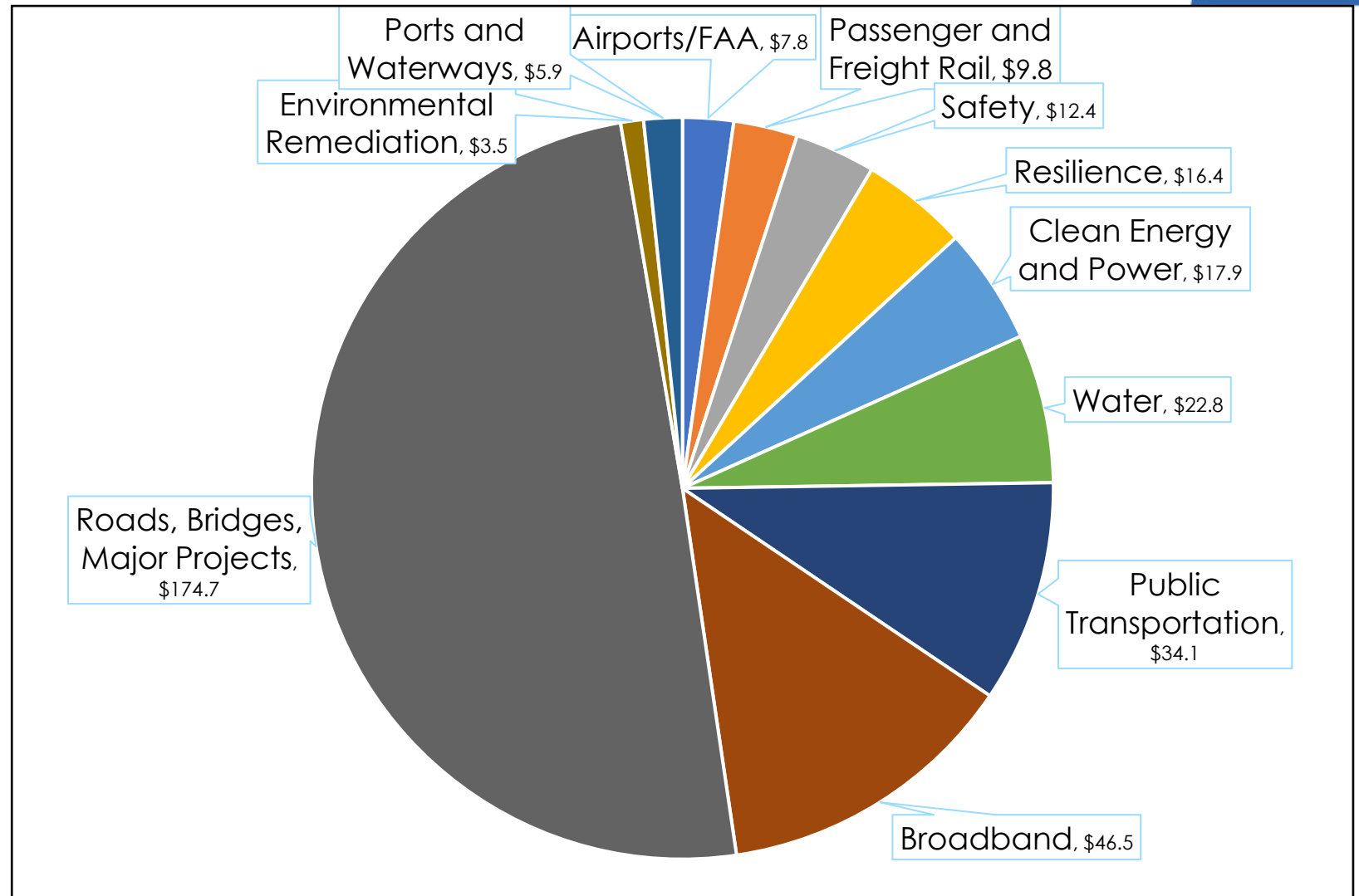


# Nationwide IIJA Projects By Type In Billions, Since Passage



In Texas, \$19.2 billion has been announced for transportation for roads, bridges, transit, ports and airports.

Source:  
[www.invest.gov](http://www.invest.gov)





# IIJA Implementation



## Roads and Bridges

- Texas to receive approximately \$27.5 billion over five years in federal funding for highways and bridges
- 699 specific projects identified for funding

Source: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wpcontent/uploads/2023/10/Texas-Fact-Sheet.pdf>

## Transit

- IIJA made the largest investment in public transit in history
- Texas to receive approximately \$3.4 billion over five years to improve public transit across the state
- \$1.3 billion allocated as of October 2023





**November 5, 2024**

General Election for  
Federal, State, and  
County Offices

**January 3, 2025**

Congress scheduled to convene

**January 6, 2025**

Joint Session to  
count electoral votes  
and certify the 2024  
presidential election

**January 20, 2025**

60th Presidential Inauguration

**January 3, 2027**

End of 119th  
Congress

# 119<sup>th</sup> Congress (2025)







# Internal Key Dates

**June 5, 2024**

City Council briefing  
of 2025 federal  
legislative program

**June 12, 2024**

City Council adoption of  
2025 federal legislative  
program

**August 6, 2024**

Dallas Elected Delegation  
Luncheon at City Hall

**Fall 2024**

Stakeholder outreach  
on legislative program

**January 2025**

119th Congress – First  
Session convenes



# Next Steps



- City Council adoption of federal legislative program (June 12 agenda)
- Communications and outreach to key stakeholders continues





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# IIJA Funding Overview



## TOTAL GUARANTEED FUNDING BY AGENCY/MODE (Rounded)

	2021 (FAST Act)	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total IIJA
FHWA/Highways	\$49B	\$68B	\$69B	\$70B	\$72B	\$73B	\$351.3B
NHTSA/Safety	\$1B	\$1B	\$1B	\$1B	\$1B	\$1B	\$6.7B
FMCSA/Safety	\$676M	\$1B	\$1B	\$1B	\$1B	\$1B	\$5.1B
FTA/Transit	\$13B	\$18B	\$18B	\$18.8B	\$19B	\$19B	\$91.1B
Office of the Secretary (Grant Programs)		\$4B	\$4B	\$4B	\$4B	\$4B	\$19.2B
FRA/Rail	\$3B	\$13B	\$13B	\$13B	\$13B	\$13B	\$66B
FAA/Airports	NA	\$5B	\$5B	\$5B	\$5B	\$5B	\$25B
Ports/Pipeline Safety	NA	\$675M	\$650M	\$650M	\$650M	\$650M	\$3B
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$67B</b>	<b>\$110B</b>	<b>\$112B</b>	<b>\$115B</b>	<b>\$115B</b>	<b>\$117B</b>	<b>\$567.5B</b>



# IIJA Awards Past 12 Months



Grant Program	Application (Project) Name	Agency	Award Received
Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability & Equity (RAISE) Program	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) East Lancaster Avenue Complete Streets &amp; Transit Technology</li> <li>2) Cotton Belt/Silver Line Trail Critical Sections</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) NTCOG</li> <li>2) DART</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) 20M</li> <li>2) 25M</li> </ol>
Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A): Planning/Demonstration Grants	<b>Advancing Regional Safety in the Dallas-Fort Worth Region</b>	NTCOG	\$5M
Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A): Implementation Grants	<b>MLK, Jr. / Cedar Crest Boulevard Complete Street &amp; Safety Upgrades</b>	City of Dallas	\$21.8M
Buses/Bus Facilities & Low-No- Emissions Bus Grant Programs	<b>Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Bus Fleet Modernization Project</b>	DART	\$103M
Corridor Identification & Development (ID) Program: High-Speed Rail (HSR)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Fort Worth – Houston HSR Corridor</li> <li>2) Texas HSR Corridor: Dallas – Houston (Amtrak)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) NTCOG</li> <li>2) DART</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) \$500K</li> <li>2) \$500K</li> </ol>
Corridor Identification & Development (ID) Program: Conventional Rail	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Texas Triangle: FTW-Dallas-Houston Intercity Passenger Rail</li> <li>2) IH 20 Corridor Intercity Passenger Rail (Southern Rail Commission)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) TxDOT</li> <li>2) SRC</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) \$500K</li> <li>2) \$500K</li> </ol>
Charging & Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Program: Community	<b>North Texas Equitable Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NTx-EEVI) Project</b>	NTCOG	\$15M
Charging & Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Program: Corridor	<b>Texas Hydrogen &amp; Electric Freight Infrastructure (Tx-HEFTI) Project</b>	NTCOG	\$70M
Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Grant Program	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) IH-30 near Dallas Farmers Market Pedestrian Cap</li> <li>2) Klyde Warren Park Second Phase – pedestrian cap</li> <li>3) Southern Gateway Park Second Phase – pedestrian cap</li> <li>4) Pedestrian deck at State Highway 5 (McKinney)</li> </ol>	NTCOG	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) 20M</li> <li>2) 20M</li> <li>3) 25M</li> <li>4) 15M</li> </ol>

