

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-08- (R)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY'S 2024-25 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA.**

**WHEREAS,** the City Council of the City of McKinney, Texas, desires to adopt the 2024-25 Federal Legislative Agenda to provide guidance to the Texas Congressional Delegation and advocates of the City in the legislative process; and

**WHEREAS,** the City desires to promote federal issues, including lobbying, regulatory issues, assistance in obtaining federal funding, federal approval of City projects, and Federal legislative and regulatory initiatives; and

**WHEREAS,** the Texas Congressional Delegation will decide many significant issues that directly and indirectly impact residents and businesses of McKinney, their local government, and their quality of life.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS, THAT:**

- Section 1. The City Council of the City of McKinney, Texas, hereby approves and adopts the 2024-25 Federal Legislative Agenda (Exhibit A).
- Section 2. The Mayor and Council hereby direct staff to distribute and communicate the approved 2024-25 Federal Legislative Agenda to its Federal legislative consultant.
- Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately from and after the date of passage and is so resolved.

**DULY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS, ON THE 20<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2024.**

CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS

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GEORGE C. FULLER  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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EMPRESS DRANE, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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**City of McKinney**  
**FY 2025 Federal Priorities**

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**August 2024**

We are pleased to present you with the City of McKinney’s Federal Agenda for FY 2025. Thanks to substantial support from the Texas Congressional Delegation, McKinney continues to improve the lives of our residents while maximizing the impact of Federal dollars in a cost-effective manner.

The FY 2025 Agenda focuses on infrastructure for McKinney, including construction projects for McKinney National Airport, broadband, and roads.

Our past success with leveraging Federal spending with local dollars has allowed the City to operate efficiently and effectively. The City's Agenda continues to include local needs and projects, especially with a focus on infrastructure, and hopes to match these needs with Federal competitive grant announcements.

The City of McKinney appreciates all that the Texas Congressional Delegation has done and continues to do for our community. We look forward to your feedback on our Agenda and working with the Congressional Delegation to better the lives of our residents.

**George C. Fuller**  
*Mayor – City of McKinney*

**Paul Grimes**  
*City Manager – City of McKinney*

**City of McKinney**

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## I. **Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.**

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which Congress passed in November 2021, provides extensive grant funding for numerous programs over the five-year period FY 2022 to FY 2026. The funding for local government projects is provided through a variety of mechanisms, including:

- An increase in formula funding under existing Federal programs.
- An increase in funding for existing competitive Federal grant programs.
- New competitive Federal grant programs.
- Funding to States for distribution to local government through various State programs.

The City continues to explore grant opportunities for a variety of projects, several of which are discussed below. Since this is a five-year program, there is an opportunity to plan for infrastructure projects that are scheduled to move forward over the next several years.

**Recommendation:** Continue to monitor and review Bipartisan Infrastructure Law grant programs as they are rolled out and work with Federal agencies to lay the foundation for support for grant applications over the next several years.

## II. **McKinney National Airport.**

### A. **East Side Development.**

McKinney continues to explore opportunities for development of the East Side of McKinney National Airport. During the past year, the City had meetings with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) officials in Fort Worth and Washington and with Department of Transportation officials to discuss FAA approvals that might be needed and Federal grant programs and Federal financing programs that could provide funding for the project. McKinney has also had meetings with Congressional Members and staff to provide updates. The City also continues to explore other Federal grant programs that could provide funding.

**Recommendation:** Continue to explore Federal funding opportunities, coordinate with Federal agencies on approvals that might be needed, and provide regular updates to Congressional Members and staff.

### B. **Extension of Runway 18-36 by 1,000 Feet to 8,000 Feet.**

The City is extending the Airport's runway by 1,000 feet. This has required coordination with the FAA and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Division of Aviation (TxDOT-Aviation) on the necessary Environmental Assessment and with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

on a permitting issue. The City has obtained the requisite approvals from the FAA/TxDOT and the Army Corps and is moving forward with the construction work. The 500-foot extension on the southern part of the runway is complete and the 500-foot extension on the northern part of the runway is scheduled to begin construction in October 2025, with the goal of having the runway extension built and operational by March 2026. The project schedule includes 9 months of dormant time to allow fill material to settle. The City has also briefed the Congressional delegation on the importance of the runway extension project and the need to keep it on schedule.

**Recommendation:** Continue to work closely with the FAA and TxDOT-Aviation to keep the Runway Extension Project on track.

### **C. FAA/TXDOT Grant Funding for Relocation of Taxiway B3 Connector and Rehabilitation/Relocation of Taxilane A.**

The FAA has a grant program, known as the Airport Improvement Program (AIP), which funds construction projects at airports nationwide. For general aviation airports, such as McKinney National Airport, the FAA has a program, known as the State Block Grant Program, which allows a State to administer the AIP grants directly. Texas and several other states participate in this State Block Grant Program. TxDOT-Aviation administers the Block Grant Program through an agreement with the FAA.

The Relocation of Taxiway B3 Connector and Rehabilitation/Relocation of Taxilane A is a safety project and is the Airport's current funding priority. The existing Taxiway B3 Connector does not comply with FAA safety design standards as defined in Federal Aviation Administration AC 150-5300-13A (Airport Design) Chapter 4, Section 408c.

In addition to the safety enhancements of this project, rehabilitating Taxilane A will strengthen and extend pavement life. A relocation of the portion of Taxilane A between Taxiway Connectors B2 and B4 will also enable the City to create additional apron space for transient aircraft parking. This construction project is estimated to cost \$18.6 million and the FAA/TXDOT have programmed \$11.6 million in funding for the project.

**Recommendation:** Continue to work with the FAA/TXDOT to ensure that the \$11.6 million in grant funding is available.

### **D. Federal Contract Tower Program.**

The FAA provides air traffic control services for most commercial service airports by having FAA employees in the airport control towers. For General Aviation airports that have a high level of aircraft traffic, including McKinney National Airport, the FAA provides air traffic

control services through contracts with companies that hire the controllers. This program, known as the Federal Contract Tower Program, has been found to be cost-effective and covers 260 airports from 46 states, including 24 airports in Texas. The Program saves McKinney approximately \$750,000 in annual payments that the City would otherwise have to make in order to have air traffic controllers in the Airport's Control Tower.

Each year, the City requests Congressional delegation support for full funding for the Federal Contract Tower Program. In the next several months, Congress will finalize funding levels for FY 2025. The estimated funding needed for the Contract Tower Program for FY 2025 is \$256 million, which will fund airports currently in the Program and several airports that are expected to be admitted. It will be important to have Congressional support to ensure that this funding level is maintained.

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law also has a competitive Federal Contract Tower Grant Program that provides funding for new equipment. The Airport applied for and received \$290,000 to acquire new equipment for its control tower in last year's round. The Airport will be applying for additional funding in the upcoming round later this year.

**Recommendation:** Continue to work with McKinney's Congressional delegation to ensure that the FAA's Contract Tower Program is fully funded in FY 2025. Continue to explore Federal funding grant funding for upgrades to TKI's control tower.

#### **E. Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization Act.**

Every several years, Congress reviews the numerous programs and activities of the FAA and passes comprehensive legislation, known as the Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization Act, that modifies, adds to, and funds these programs and activities. Congress passed a new, multi-year FAA bill in May 2024. The new bill has numerous revisions to the prior law that will assist the City in developing McKinney National Airport, including a provision that allows McKinney to qualify for certain Federal grant funding and an overall increase in the FAA's grant annual grant program from \$3.35 billion to \$4 billion.

**Recommendation:** Track the new provisions and work with the FAA to obtain benefits for McKinney's airport.

### **III. Transportation.**

McKinney's population has dramatically increased over the past several years and is expected to continue to increase at a sizable rate for the next 15 to 20 years. Transportation is an ever-

increasing issue for McKinney with an ongoing need to improve and expand existing roads and build new ones.

#### **A. Road Projects.**

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law has several grant programs that could provide funding for various road projects in McKinney. The City has been exploring opportunities for funding, including under the RAISE Grant Program and the SMART Grant Program, and will continue this process over the next several years.

**Recommendation:** Monitor grant developments closely, meet with Federal agency officials to obtain insights into the programs under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, and request Congressional support for funding for grant programs that can assist McKinney's transportation plan.

#### **B. Transit Program.**

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) apportions Federal transit funding to rural and urbanized areas throughout the nation. As a small urban area within Texas, the McKinney Urbanized Area (MUZA) receives Section 5307 Urban Area Formula funds for the Federal share of eligible expenses for transit-related capital, planning, and operating activities that occur within the MUZA.

The FTA also administers the Bus and Bus Infrastructure Program, which assists in funding buses and bus facilities capital projects, including replacing, rehabilitating, purchasing, or leasing or related equipment, and rehabilitating, purchasing, constructing, or leasing bus-related facilities.

**Recommendation:** Continue to work with the FTA and DART to obtain flexibility in using the grant funds and to obtain as much funding as possible so that McKinney can expand and enhance transit services for its residents.

### **IV. Broadband.**

With good internet service being critical in today's world, the City has been planning to improve the Middle Mile portion of Broadband service for the community. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law provides Broadband funding opportunities and City officials have met with officials at the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband USA office in Washington, DC, to discuss their programs.

**Recommendation:** Continue to work with the Broadband USA office on funding opportunities.



## **V. Water Supply.**

The North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) supplies drinking water to the City and several other communities in the North Texas Region. Over the years, McKinney has supported the NTMWD's initiative with the Federal government. For example, the City supported the NTMWD's efforts to obtain legislation directing the Army Corps to expedite the processing of the Section 404 permit for the construction of the Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir.

**Recommendation:** Continue to support the NTMWD's efforts in Washington to ensure future water supplies for the City of McKinney.

## **VI. Public Safety (Police, Fire, and Emergency Management).**

### **A. Homeland Security Grant Program.**

The purpose of the Homeland Security Grant Program is to support state and local efforts to prevent terrorism and other catastrophic events and to prepare the Nation for the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk to the security of the United States. The Program provides funding to implement investments that build, sustain, and deliver the 32 core capabilities essential to achieving the National Preparedness Goal of a secure and resilient Nation.

The Homeland Security Grant Program has two programs of interest to the City: (1) the State Homeland Security Program, and (2) the Urban Area Security Initiative.

#### **1. State Homeland Security Program.**

The State Homeland Security Program provides grants to enhance local, State and Tribal preparedness activities that address high-priority preparedness gaps across core capabilities where an association to terrorism exists.

The State Homeland Security Program is intended to support investments, organized around five mission areas, Prevention, Protection, Response, Recovery and Mitigation, to deal with catastrophic events. Texas received \$146.3 million for FY 2024.

Although McKinney does not have any pending grant applications, the program is an important one and the City might have future projects. McKinney has requested Congressional support to continue funding the program.

**Recommendation:** Work with McKinney's Congressional delegation and others in Congress to ensure adequate funding for the State Homeland Security Program.

#### **2. Urban Area Security Initiative.**

The Urban Area Security Initiative Program assists high-threat, high-density Urban Areas in efforts to build, sustain, and deliver the capabilities necessary to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism. The Dallas/Ft. Worth/Arlington area

received \$14.9 million in FY 2024 funding under this program. Accordingly, McKinney has requested Congressional support for the program. McKinney has requested Congressional support to continue funding the program.

**Recommendation:** Work with McKinney’s Congressional delegation and others in Congress to ensure adequate funding for the Urban Area Security Initiative Program.

## **B. Firefighters Grant Programs.**

### **1. Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program.**

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, which is administered by FEMA, provides grant funding to fire departments for critically needed resources to equip and train emergency personnel to recognized standards, enhance operational efficiencies, and foster interoperability. Although McKinney does not have any pending grant applications, the program is an important one and the City might have future projects.

**Recommendation:** Work with McKinney’s Congressional delegation and others in Congress to ensure adequate funding for FY 2025 for FEMA’s Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program.

### **2. Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant Program.**

The Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response grant program, which is administered by FEMA, assists local fire departments with staffing and deployment capabilities in order to respond to emergencies, and assure that communities have adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards.

**Recommendation:** Work with McKinney’s Congressional delegation and others in Congress to ensure adequate funding for FY 2025 for FEMA’s Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant Program.

## **VII. Community Development Block Grant Program.**

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is one of the most vital community development programs in the country. Administered under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, CDBG is an effective use of taxpayer dollars and provides direct local government resources to improve or expand housing investments, public services, infrastructure, and economic development programs. With more than 1,200 grantees that includes states and municipalities, it has proven to be effective for expanding local economies and providing public service and employment training resources to families, veterans, seniors, the disabled and children with proven results.

McKinney received \$912,415 in FY 2024 CDBG funding. During National Community Development Week each April, the City showcases how McKinney uses its community development resources to impact citizens through successful projects.

McKinney has requested Congressional support to continue funding the CDBG Program.

**Recommendation:**

- Work with McKinney's Congressional delegation and others in Congress to ensure adequate funding for HUD's Community Development Block Grant Program for FY 2025.

**VIII. Other Federal Programs.**

Federal programs may be revised or established through Congressional legislation or through Administration initiatives. In addition, given McKinney's size and continued growth, it may become eligible for certain Federal programs or may face new or more extensive Federal regulatory requirements. Accordingly, it will be important for the City to continue to monitor Federal programs and Congressional legislation that may impact such programs in order to take advantage of opportunities and be in a better position to address new issues that may arise.

**Recommendation:**

- Continue to monitor Congressional and Federal agency developments concerning matters that may benefit or impact the City.