

City of McKinney 2019 State Legislative Priorities

The City of McKinney seeks to promote the following legislative priorities in collaboration with our state legislators.

McKinney National Airport

- Support efforts to fund a 1,500-foot runway extension at McKinney National Airport to accommodate operational needs and spur economic development
- Support opportunities to link transportation and land use surrounding public use and general aviation airports
- Support legislation that provides tools that can be used at the local level to promote compatible growth around public use and general aviation airports
- Support increased funding to foster airport development for public use and general aviation airports to meet future demands

Economic Development

- Support all economic development programs currently available under Texas law including:
 - The Texas Enterprise Fund,
 - The Major Events Trust Fund and Events Trust Fund, and
 - The Governors University Research Initiative
- Support all state-wide programs which promote economic growth in the aerospace and aviation industries
- Support Type A/Type B Sales Tax Revenue
 - Support continued use of locally approved ½ cent sales tax collected by cities to fund economic development efforts
 - Oppose efforts to reduce local flexibility in the use of these funds
- Support tax abatements and other economic development incentives including:
 - Flexibility in the use of tax abatements,
 - Tax increment financing,
 - Reinvestment zones, and
 - All other incentives to promote economic development and job creation
- Support including Corporate Headquarters as an eligible project for Chapter 313 value limitation from local school districts
- Support amendments to the hotel occupancy tax statute in a manner that provides all Texas cities the authority to spend hotel occupancy tax revenue on existing sports facilities and fields in a manner that promotes tourism within the City

- Support amendments to the hotel occupancy tax statute that would rebate a portion of the state Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) revenues to Texas cities for use in the development, maintenance, and operations of convention centers and other meeting facilities
- Support increased HOT collection authority for local governments and efforts to provide increased consequences for nonpayment

Our Home – Our Decisions

- Support legislation that upholds the City of McKinney's home-rule authority, and oppose any legislation that diminishes home-rule authority
- Support local responsibility for property taxation decisions and appraisals
- Support legislation recognizing the demands on high growth cities, like the City of McKinney, facing exponential growth to make our own decisions regarding our homes, our families and our businesses

Tax Reform

- Support property tax reform, namely reform related to public school finance
- Support the state in re-establishing their share of school funding to 50% of total funding

Education & Workforce

- Support funding measures to maintain a strong public school system
 - A strong public school system is a key component to economic development for companies that are expanding or relocating to the City of McKinney
- Support increased funding for workforce education programs in Texas high schools

Transportation

- Further increase Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) funding
- Advocate for proper allocation of transportation funding in fast growth communities, like McKinney and Collin County
- Support legislation that would allow for greater flexibility by cities to fund local transportation projects

McKinney Road Priorities:

- **US 380 Conversion to a Controlled Access Facility**

- Improve mobility and safety by creating a regional controlled access facility.
- **Sam Rayburn Tollway extension from S.H. 121 to US 380**
 - Provide an alternative to U.S. 380 by extending the Sam Rayburn Tollway to US 380.
- **SH 5 Construction from F.M. 546 to U.S. 380**
 - Implement the findings of a city / NCTCOG / TxDOT study, including paving, median, sidewalk, landscape, lighting and other enhancements
- **Custer Road (FM 2478) From US 380 to FM 1461**
 - Increase roadway capacity and make geometric improvements to roadway safety
- **Wilmeth Road from Custer Road to Ridge Road and Lake Forest Drive to Hardin Boulevard**
 - Create a parallel route to US 380 to enhance mobility and safety.
- **FM 546 from McKinney National Airport to US 380 in Princeton**
 - Create a parallel route to US 380 to enhance mobility and safety.

Water

- Support efforts and legislation that would allocate state funding to increase water supply within the state including, but not limited to:
 - The development of additional reservoirs
 - The extension of pipelines/pumping systems to transport available water from outside the region/state
 - The development of non-conventional water supply resources, such as desalination, water reuse, etc.
- Support legislation which promotes maintaining local authority of water conservation efforts within individual districts and/or municipalities
- Support legislation to streamline water project permitting process at both the state and federal level

Elections

- Support efforts and legislation to maintain the May and November Uniform Election dates

Open Government

- Support efforts to allow for internet publication of legal notices rather than requiring publication in a paper of record
- McKinney continues to be a champion for open government, and supports continued local transparency efforts. For an example of how McKinney leads the state in transparency efforts, visit www.mckinneytexas.opengov.com