

City of McKinney 2025 State Legislative Priorities

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

Our Home – Our Decisions

- Support legislation that upholds the City of McKinney’s home-rule authority, and oppose any legislation that seeks to diminish municipal home-rule authority
- Support local responsibility for property taxation decisions and appraisals
- Support local responsibility for land use, development, and annexation authority
- Support legislation that would maintain the current revenue structure of the City of McKinney and other home-rule municipalities in the state
- 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

McKinney National Airport

- 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. In Relation to McKinney National Airport,
 - Support funding for the development of McKinney National Airport (TKI) ‘Taxiway C’ generally east and parallel to Runway 18-36
 - Support funding for the development of McKinney National Airport (TKI) ‘Vehicle Access Roadway’ generally southeast of Runway 18-36 and north of F.M. 546
 - Support funding for the purchase of critical Airport Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF) equipment
 - Support funding for the water, sewer, drainage, and electric infrastructure development of McKinney National Airport (TKI) generally east of Runway 18-36 and north of F.M. 54
 - Support funding for the development of an additional fuel farm generally east of Runway 18-36 at McKinney National Airport (TKI)
- Support state investment in economic development and infrastructure investments relating to aviation

Economic Development

The City of McKinney supports policies that emphasize digital infrastructure and smart applications such as; mobile and wired broadband, smart electric grid, health IT, intelligent transportation systems, mobile payments, digital signatures, e-government, and kiosks and other self-service technologies that will transform the Texas economy.

Furthermore, McKinney supports policies that embrace the digital economy and trade policies that elevate the jobs, incomes, and material well-being of Texas residents. The following are specific areas of focus for the 89th Session,

- Support all economic development programs currently available under Texas law
- Support all state-wide programs which promote economic growth in the aerospace and aviation industries
- Support Type A/Type B Sales Tax Revenue, and oppose legislation that attempts to remove or amend the purposes of Type A/Type B Tax Revenue
- Support state and local utilization of tax abatements and other economic development incentives
- Support including Corporate Headquarters as an eligible project for value limitation from local school districts
- Support further funding of the Broadband Development Office, and prioritize funding distribution to local government entities, including expansion of state funding eligibility for currently ineligible entities
- 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 the initiatives of the Texas Film Commission, to include continuation of the current incentive structure, as well as consideration for expansion of tax credit eligibility in the film and creative space
- Support amendments to the hotel occupancy tax statute that would allow for the expenditure of municipal hotel occupancy tax revenue for construction of improvements in municipal parks and trails/ sidewalks that connect parks, lodging establishments, and other tourist attractions, and related public facilities
- 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
- Support the Texas Commission on the Arts as an important resource to foster growth of cultural arts including the Cultural Arts District designation

program. Cultural arts are critical components the local community, and Historic Downtown McKinney Cultural District continues to utilize project funding to support programs that attract visitors and contribute economic gains to the district

- Support the Texas Historical Commission and its programs. Downtown McKinney is anchored by a historic courthouse and its historic square contributes to the economic vitality of the city. Through the THC, McKinney is a state accredited Main Street that assists in the preservation and promotion of McKinney's historic district.

Tax Reform

- Support continued 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
- Support legislation and study relating to inflationary impacts to local taxation authority
- Oppose legislation that seeks to remove local property tax decision making authority from locally elected officials

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 and Texas community colleges
- Support policies encouraging workforce and entry-level housing, allowing McKinney, Collin County, and the state to continue the 'Texas Miracle.'

Transportation

- Further increase Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) funding for both new projects and asset maintenance
- 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 to include a pedestrian crossing generally along Virginia Parkway and Louisiana Street
- **FM 546 from McKinney National Airport to US 380 in Princeton**
 - Create a parallel route to US 380 to enhance mobility and safety.
- **Laud Howell Parkway from Trinity Falls Parkway to FM 1461/Lake Forest Drive**
 - Create a parallel route to US 380 to enhance mobility and safety.
- **Support for Texas Transportation Funding for Local Arterials**
 - Extend and/or improve major thoroughfares to the City's northwest sector to help alleviate help congestion.
- **Lower Residential Street Prima Facia Speed Limit to 25 mph**
 - To promote slower travel speeds in residential areas to enhance safety. This would reduce the current 30 mph prima facia speed limit from 30 mph to 25 mph.

Water

- Support efforts and legislation that would allocate state funding to increase water supply within the state.
- 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 local transparency efforts.
- Oppose legislation that seeks to require declarations of political party affiliation in local municipal elections

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