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FY 2026 Federal Priorities

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We are pleased to present you with the City of McKinney's Federal Agenda for FY 2026. 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 2026 Agenda focuses on infrastructure for McKinney, including construction projects for McKinney National Airport 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.

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I. McKinney National Airport.

A. Commercial Air Service: East Side Development.

McKinney is developing the East Side of McKinney National Airport (Airport) so that the Airport can provide commercial air service. The project includes construction of a terminal building, access road, parking, aircraft apron, taxiway, and fuel farm. Construction is moving along well and is expected to be completed by the end of the year. Avelo Airlines has signed a Use and Lease Agreement to provide service and flights are expected to begin by the end of 2026. The City is also in discussions with other airlines to provide service.

The City has received local, State, and Federal support for the project:

- The McKinney Community Development Corporation has committed $30 million.
- The McKinney Economic Development Corporation has committed $22.4 million.
- The local TIRZ has approved $8 million.
- The Texas State legislature has provided $14.8 million.
- The City is working with the U.S. Department of Transportation to obtain a $30 million low-interest loan under the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) Program.
- The City has applied for a $4.3 million grant under the FAA Airports Terminal Program.

The City is also working closely with the Transportation Security Administration on the passenger screening checkpoint and other security issues.

With the Airport moving to provide commercial service, it has transferred from being under the Texas Department of Transportation's Division of Aviation to the Federal Aviation Administration.

Recommendation: Continue to explore Federal funding opportunities, coordinate with Federal agencies to complete the commercial air service project 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 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 obtained the requisite approvals from the FAA/TxDOT and the Army Corps and has moved forward with the construction work. The City has completed the 500-foot extension on the southern part of the runway and has begun the 500-foot extension on the northern part of the runway, with the goal of having the runway extension built and operational

by August 2026. 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 to keep the Runway Extension Project on track.

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

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. To remedy this situation, the City has built a new Taxiway B3 Connector and is rehabilitating and relocating a portion of Taxilane A.

In addition to the safety enhancements of this project, rehabilitating Taxilane A will strengthen and extend pavement life. The 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 FAA/TXDOT are providing $13.4 million in grant funding for the project.

Recommendation: Continue to work with the FAA/TXDOT on the grant funding.

D. Federal Contract Tower Program.

The FAA provides air traffic controls services to most commercial service airports by having FAA employees in the control tower. For general aviation airports, such as McKinney's, and smaller commercial service airports, the FAA proves air traffic services through contracts with companies that hire the controllers. This program, known as the Federal Contract Tower Program, covers approximately 260 airports nationwide, including 24 airports in Texas. The Program saves McKinney approximately $800,00 in annual payments that the City would otherwise incur to have air traffic controllers in the control tower.

Each year, the City requests Congressional delegation support for full funding for the Federal Contract Tower Program. The estimated funding needed for the Contract Tower Program for FY 2027 is $280 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 the FY 2024 round. The Airport has applied for a $1 million grant in this year's round.

Recommendation: Continue to work with McKinney's Congressional delegation to ensure that the FAA's Contract Tower Program is fully funded in FY 2027.

E. Future FAA Grant Funding.

The City is laying the foundation for substantial FAA grant funding for future Airport projects, including funding in FY 2029 and FY 2030 for the extension of Taxiway Charlie, which will be needed for the continued expansion of the Airport's East Side.

Recommendation: Continue to work closely with the FAA at the local, regional, and headquarters levels to obtain the necessary grant funding for the Airport.

F. DOT Grant Funding for Additional Commercial Air Service.

The Department of Transportation's Small Community Air Service Development Program provides grant funding to assist communities in developing air service to new destinations. The City plans to apply for funding in the next round later this year.

Recommendation: Monitor the DOT's grant program, apply for funding, and request Congressional delegation support.

II. Transportation.

McKinney's population has increased substantially during the past decade and is expected to continue to increase during the coming decade. As a result, the City needs to continue to improve and expand its existing roads and build new ones.

A. Roads.

The City continues to explore opportunities for funding under several Federal grant programs and received a $3,139,500 Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant for the planning and design of a project to grade-separate McIntyre Road from Dallas Area Rapid Transit tracks. The City will continue to look for Federal grants for road projects, including under the BUILD Grant Program and the SMART Grant Program.

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

B. Transit Program.

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) provides Federal transit funding to communities under its Section 5307 Urban Area Formula Program. The McKinney Urban Transit District, which is composed of McKinney, Celina, Lowry Crossing, Melissa, Princeton, and Prosper, received $3,124,359 last year.

Recommendation: Continue to work with the FTA 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.

III. 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.

IV. Public Safety (Police, Fire, and Emergency Management).

A. Homeland Security Grant Program.

The Homeland Security Grant Program supports 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 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 supports investments for five mission areas, Prevention, Protection, Response, Recovery and Mitigation, to deal with catastrophic events.

Although McKinney does not have any pending grant applications, the program is an important one for the region 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 receives funding under this program and McKinney receives approximately $150,000 in grants annually. Accordingly, McKinney requests Congressional support to continue funding the program each year.

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.

FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program 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 2027 for FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program.

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

FEMA's he Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response grant program assists local fire departments with increasing staffing to respond to emergencies and fire-related hazards.

Recommendation: Work with McKinney's Congressional delegation and others in Congress to ensure adequate funding for FY 2027 for FEMA's Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant Program.

V. 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 $3.3 billion in annual funding and 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 $906,000 in FY 2025 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 2027.

VI. 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.