



2019 Federal Agenda

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2019 Federal Priorities

Transportation	Action Item:
Concord-Padgett Regional Airport	<p>Ensure projects that are included on FAA's Work Plan maintain priority and funding.</p> <p>Support full funding for the contract tower program in FY 2020 budget and appropriations.</p> <p>Support provision in FAA Reauthorization law that allows small airports to use Airport Improvement Program (AIP) funds for tower projects.</p> <p>Ensure FAA's AIP funds can be used for remote tower operations.</p> <p>Oppose efforts to privatize air traffic control operations.</p> <p>Highlight the need to prioritize non-hub airports, which do not collect passenger facility charges (PFCs), yet need to maintain commercial service.</p> <p>Work with TSA to become an approved gateway airport and participating Fixed Based Operator in the TSA's DCA Access Standard Security Program into Washington Reagan National Airport.</p>
Rider Transit	<p>Support increased funding for FTA programs in FAST Act reauthorization and annual appropriations.</p> <p>Support efforts to secure discretionary funding for system needs, including funds to implement the City's long-range transportation plan.</p> <p>Assess and support transit options around the light rail, Concord Mills, the speedway, and the airport.</p> <p>Maintain special operations cap (100 bus rule) in FAST Act reauthorization.</p> <p>Pursue change to federal policy that does not allow FTA funds to be used to purchase buses from the General Services Administration; doing so would streamline procurement.</p>
Additional Transportation Priorities	<p>Support continued funding for DOT's Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program, which is used for the City's intersection projects.</p> <p>Explore opportunities to address sidewalk gaps using federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and Safe Routes to School funds.</p>

Energy and Environment	
Water Infrastructure	<p>Action Item:</p> <p>Monitor federal funding options for infrastructure projects, such as sewer and waterline rehabilitation/replacement, water treatment upgrades to meet new treatment standards, storm water treatment facility construction.</p> <p>Monitor the status of the EPA/Corps' proposed rule on "Waters of the U.S."</p> <p>Monitor and report on EPA's Lead and Copper Rule revisions.</p>
Brownfields	<p>Review potential brownfield locations and monitor EPA funding opportunities.</p>

Public Safety	
Concord Police Department	<p>Action Item:</p> <p>Monitor funding opportunities for various law enforcement technology (skytower, mobile field force equipment) and hiring needs.</p> <p>Explore opportunities to secure funds from the Republican National Convention for the 2020 Convention in Charlotte.</p> <p>Monitor funding opportunities to help support the Public Safety Complex, including the indoor firearms range and firearms simulator.</p>
Concord Fire Department	<p>Pursue federal assistance for department needs through FEMA's SAFER Grant Program and Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program.</p> <p>Support firefighter cancer registry and other health and wellness legislation.</p> <p>Support technical correction to Fire Sprinkler Incentive Act.</p>

Housing	
Housing Department	<p>Action Item:</p> <p>Pursue federal assistance for department needs, including funds from the following HUD programs: FSS Services Coordinator Grant, Resident Opportunity and Self Sufficiency Program, Emergency Safety and Security Grant, Lead-Based Paint Capital Fund Program, Mainstream Voucher Program, Family Unification Program through the Housing Choice Voucher Program, Project Safe Neighborhood, and Good Neighbor Next Door.</p> <p>Support HUD VASH Program</p>

Parks and Recreation	Action Item:
Future Park Sites	<p>Pursue federal assistance to secure land for future park site.</p> <p>Support permanent authorization of Land and Water Conservation Fund.</p>
Open Space and Connectivity Plan	<p>Pursue federal assistance to implement parts of the City's Open Space and Connectivity Plan.</p>
Greenways	<p>Pursue federal assistance for greenway system, including Irish Buffalo Creek and Hector Henry Greenway.</p> <p>Work with NC Division of Parks and Recreation to secure funds through the Recreational Trails Program, and with the Cabarrus-Rowan MPO to secure transportation enhancement funds.</p>

Other Priorities	Action Item:
Broadband	<p>Monitor and report on legislative and Administrative (FCC) efforts to accelerate broadband deployment and preempt local authority on ROW and land use decisions, as well as fees for pole attachments.</p>
Opportunity Zones	<p>Monitor and report on federal guidance related to the Department of Treasury's Opportunity Zones and how they can be used to expand affordable housing and commercial development.</p>
Financing	<p>Support tax-exempt municipal bonds and advance refunding bonds.</p>
Infrastructure Package	<p>Monitor and report on Administration's infrastructure package and resulting legislation.</p>
Labor Standards	<p>Monitor and report on any changes to Department of Labor overtime rules.</p>
FY 2020 Budget and Appropriations	<p>Support full funding for priority federal programs.</p>