



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

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FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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Introduction & Strategic Plan

This program reflects the City's official position regarding federal public policy that would impact the operation of municipalities. It also provides City projects and programs in need of federal funding.

Infrastructure

GOAL 1: Build a sustainable and resilient community.

GOAL 2: Build a multi-modal and pedestrian friendly community.

Public Places

GOAL 3: Build a healthy and engaging community.

Neighborhood Enhancement

GOAL 4: Build a thriving and inclusive community of neighborhoods.

Business Development

GOAL 5: Build an attractive global and local economic community marketplace.

Public Safety

GOAL 6: Build a safe and well-prepared community.

Internal Support

GOAL 7: Build a values-based organization dedicated to developing and retaining qualified employees.

GOAL 8: Build a leading government organization that manages all resources wisely and sustainably.

Fundamental Principals

The City *opposes* legislation that infringes on the basic human and civil rights of Floridians. An integral portion of the advocacy effort by the Commission focuses on the Resolution process. Resolutions provide staff, advocacy teams, and federal Executive and Legislative Branches with the City's position regarding proposed legislation.

NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES

Supports the National League of Cities (NLC) Legislative Priorities and Policy Statements, unless specific issues conflict with the City's approved Legislative Priorities.

UNFUNDED MANDATES

Oppose legislation which shifts the financial burden from the state to local government, specifically municipalities.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The Commission supports legislation that increases funding for agencies supporting local government initiatives. The Commission also supports the reenactment of the member Community Funding Projects (Earmarks). These earmarks provide Congressional members the opportunity to provide funding for projects and programs in their respective Districts.

HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES

The Commission *supports* legislation and funding for municipalities to address homelessness and the creation of housing opportunities. This includes the evaluation of activities and initiatives that can address the root cause of homelessness while identifying ways to create additional housing opportunities in the city.

INFRASTRUCTURE, RESILIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Examine and address infrastructure needs related to water, wastewater, and stormwater. Integrate resilience in all decisions relating to current and future City operations, so that the city can effectively plan for, respond to, and quickly recover from disruptive events. Develop programs and implement strategies to improve traffic flow and evaluate new solutions that will alleviate congestion within the city.

The Commission *supports* legislation and funding for transportation enhancements focused on greenways, complete street initiatives, pedestrian safety, improving traffic flow, and mass transit development.

Commission Legislative Priorities (General Statements)

Improve Water Quality and Wastewater Management

- Support legislation that promotes improved water quality and quantity.
- Support funding for water, sewer, and stormwater infrastructure improvements and to enhance our resilience efforts.

Infrastructure Enhancements

- Support legislation and funding for transportation enhancements focused on innovative commuter rail, inter-modal facilities, and livability options for mass-transit.
- Support continued funding for Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport capital projects and programs.

Support Public Safety Initiatives

- Support policies providing equitable funding for the Miami/Fort Lauderdale Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI), and policies towards adjusting the Florida Department of Emergency Management and UASI sub-allocations to municipalities based on each municipality's risk profile assessment.
- Support funding for additional emergency response capital projects, fire rescue equipment, training, and other necessary resources to maintain and enhance emergency response and fire station capabilities.
- Support policies providing resources for law enforcement officials to protect and serve residents.

Strengthen Neighborhoods

- Support policies and funding to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).
- Support policies and funding for municipalities to create and execute a comprehensive homelessness strategy to reach net-zero homelessness within a certain period.
- Support funding for capital projects and programs that promote healthy lifestyles and access to educational and recreational programming.

Address Climate Change and Disaster Resiliency

- Support policies and funding for climate change and sea level rise mitigation projects and programs.
- Support policies encouraging energy efficiency and the development of alternative energy sources.
- Support funding for beach nourishment, revitalization, and enhancement.
- Support policies and funding for flood prevention and hazard mitigation projects and programs.

Promote Economic Stability and Business Development

- Support funding that assists in promoting the city's tourism and marine industries.
- Oppose policies that created unfunded mandates; and decrease revenue allocations to local governments.

Appropriation Requests

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Critical Homeless Support Service Hotspots Project | \$2,000,000

The goal of this project is to address hotspots in the city where homeless individuals are congregating and/or encamping by deploying an array of community services to create a housing strategy.

PUBLIC SAFETY

New Fire Station No. 13 | \$6,100,000

The existing building is not designed to the current code, and it cannot meet the regulations for the essential facility established under the City of Fort Lauderdale and Florida building codes. The new fire station will be built to meet the needs of the Fire Rescue Department pursuant to the 2005 Fire Rescue Bond referendum approved in November 2004. Fire Station No.13 will be built to withstand a Category 5 hurricane, enabling the fire station to still be operable and serve residents in cases of extreme weather events.

INFRASTRUCTURE & RESILIENCE

Lead and Copper Rule Compliance Program | \$3,000,000

To provide a lead and copper service line inventory to FDEP by October 2024, a service line replacement plan with a ten-year completion date, a sampling and monitoring plan, and public outreach to customers.

SE Isles Stormwater Improvements | \$17,500,000

Proposed improvements are intended to reduce flood stage and time of inundation above road crowns for a 10 year-24-hour design storm event, and to protect against structural flooding in a 100 year-72-hour storm event. The benefits of funding and completing this project is to provide our residents a safer community to leave and protect major infrastructure from damage due to flooding.

Victoria Park Neighborhood Stormwater Improvements | \$12,800,000

The primary goals of this project are to implement new stormwater infrastructure within the right of way areas of the Victoria Park neighborhood that will meet level of service criteria for flood control and water quality treatment while alleviating any historical localized flooding issues within the neighborhood.

TRANSPORTATION

Breakers Avenue Streetscape project | \$13,600,000

The project will create an iconic corridor that not only provides mobility but is also a safe, accessible, attractive, climate-resilient public space serving neighbors and visitors in Fort Lauderdale. Proposed improvements include streetscape elements such as pedestrian lighting, trees, landscape, shared used street design, and underground water and sewer utility upgrades.

Las Olas Boulevard Corridor Improvement Project | \$5,100,000

The Las Olas Boulevard Corridor Improvement Project aims to create a complete street that allows the iconic roadway to provide residents and visitors a "Main Street" experience while also operating as a regionally significant corridor for commuters and balancing the needs of all the users. It supports the City's Vision Zero Plan to eliminate traffic fatalities and severe injuries by enhancing pedestrian safety and improving ADA facilities. Once constructed, the City will realize its vision of developing an active unique world-class live, work, and play street.

Riverland Road Traffic Calming | \$175,000

The project is to leverage recent TIGER funding that added mobility improvements by adding traffic calming measures to slow vehicle traffic to improve safety for the users of the new infrastructure. The project is on Riverland Road between US411/SR7 and Davie Boulevard (SR-736) and includes traffic calming measures at five intersections and two crosswalks.

Laudertrail | \$6,510,000

Comprehensive multi-use trail system that safely connects everyone in the City of Fort Lauderdale to parks, transit, local businesses, and attractions. This request is to construct segments 2d, 2e and 2f, connecting the Downtown Mobility Hub to Carter Park.

Westwood Heights Pedestrian Improvements | \$125,000

to complete 1,500 linear feet of sidewalk gaps and 31 missing ADA connections surrounding the Westwood Heights Elementary School to improve safety and multimodal connectivity for students and residents of the neighborhood. The Melrose Manor neighborhood surrounding the school has a mostly complete network of sidewalks with a few gaps and lacks connections between the blocks. This project will complete the network.

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To be included after Workshop

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