



City of Dallas

Consideration of 2025 Legislative Priorities

**Transportation and
Infrastructure Committee
September 16, 2024**

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Overview



- Legislative Process
- Proposed legislative priorities for the 89th Texas Legislature and the 119th Congress
- Next steps



City of Dallas Legislative Process



- Prior to each legislative session, the City Council adopts a state and federal legislative agenda outlining official City of Dallas positions on various legislative issues.
- Input is sought from the Mayor and City Council, City executive leadership, City departments, and external organizations.
- The program serves as guiding principles for City elected officials, City staff, and the legislative team engaged in outreach and policy discussions. (See Appendix A)
- The agenda is communicated to elected offices upon adoption.



2025 Proposed TRN. Priorities



Reviewed by Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative Affairs on 8/27

Item	State/Federal
Permit greater flexibility in lowering of the prima facie speed limit in residential areas from 30 to 25 miles per hour	State
Permit roadway signage identifying High-Injury Network areas and allow municipalities to add a surcharge either fixed or % to regular citations	State
Clarify Texas Local Government code to improve the competitive bid process for public works projects	State
Establish regulation and reporting for autonomous vehicles	State
*Pursue legislation to set and enforce standards for the conditions, maintenance and speed control measures of state highways and adjacent properties	State
TxDOT to pay in full annually for mowing, cleaning, sweeping, their right of way as well as funding for cleanup up for encampments in overpasses and/or hardening/fencing	State

*Indicates items brought forward at the June 25 QOL committee for TRNI consideration



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Item	State/Federal
Protect constitutional home-rule authority against attempts to reduce local control	Both
Support funding for new technology use for traffic control systems and upgrades of antiquated equipment	Both
Pursue funding for streetlamps on major highways	Both
Support mobility safety enhancements outlined in the City's Vision Zero Plan	Both
Work with regional, state and federal agencies to address programs and funding strategies for the maintenance, repair and renewal of water, wastewater and storm drainage systems	Both
Support legislation, if needed, for high-speed rail, street cars and other potential new transportation and related funding	Both
*Support rail safety legislation to ensure transparency and protection of local communities	Both
*Support legislation that guarantees transparency in utility operations, ensures reliable service delivery to all consumers, and creates sustainable communities	Both

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Key Dates and Next Steps



- Receive and incorporate Committee feedback
- City Council **Briefing** on State and Federal Priorities – Sep. 18
- City Council **Action** on State and Federal Priorities – Sep. 25
- Dallas State Legislative Luncheon – Oct. 17





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Appendix:

88th Texas Legislature Legislative Priorities (2023)

118th Congress Legislative Priorities (2023)

