

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE June 10, 2024

Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee
TO Cara Mendelsohn (Chair), Kathy Stewart (Vice Chair), Tennell Atkins, Jesse Moreno
Gay Donnell Willis

SUBJECT **2025 Proposed Legislative Priorities – Public Safety**

As the City of Dallas prepares for the 89th Texas Legislature and 119th Congress, both set to convene in 2025, the Office of Government Affairs has been working with peer departments and stakeholders to develop the City's legislative programs for consideration by the City Council.

As an overview, 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. Throughout the development process, input is sought from the Mayor and City Council, executive City leadership, City departments, and external organizations. Once adopted, the programs will serve as guiding principles for City elected officials, City staff, and the legislative team engaged in outreach and policy discussions. You can find both the [88th Legislative Program](#) and [118th Congress Legislative Program](#) on the Office of Government Affairs website.

Legislative priorities submitted for consideration as part of the 2025 state and federal legislative programs include:

- Pursue revenue streams that could support future public safety and pension obligations. **(State)**
- Clarify statutory language supporting police access to less lethal devices. **(State)**
- Properly align responsibilities and seek funding for school crossing guard programs. **(State)**
- Seek funding for emergency protection equipment blockers for Emergency Accident Response. **(State)**
- Consider establishing the Department of Public Safety as the primary first responder on state highways. **(State)**
- Clarify municipal authority to designate roadways as a High Injury Network (HIN) roadway. **(State/Federal)**
- Enhance safety for residents of senior facilities. **(State)**
- Support additional prevention, protections and resources for domestic violence and human trafficking survivors and abusers. **(State/Federal)**
- Increase funding for re-entry services. **(State/Federal)**

In addition to the items above, we urge legislative efforts include maintaining existing funding streams at both the state and federal levels.

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DPD Legislative Priorities

Item

Authorize municipalities to install automated speed safety cameras to reduce motor vehicle accidents and fatalities.

Authorize local law enforcement agencies to conduct driving while intoxicated checkpoints to combat the prevalence of drunk driving, motor vehicle accidents, and fatalities.

Streamline the out of state lateral transfer process for peace officers.

Request funding to fund a Weed & Seed Program in the City of Dallas.

Request funding for a childcare center at the new Dallas Police Training Facility.

Create a 10-Year minimum sentence for aggravated assault on a peace officer.

Create a definition for Less Lethal Devices in the Texas Penal Code to ensure law enforcement agencies may utilize the latest and greatest life-saving technologies available.

Adopt a statewide minimum cash bail schedule for eligible violent felonies and mandate the revocation of bail of defendants arrested for any violent felony while the defendant is awaiting trial on a previously charged violent felony.

Mandate that judges order participation from high-risk violent offenders in Focused Deterrence programs as a condition of probation or parole.

Amend the Open Records Act to exempt preliminary recommendations derived from early warning software platforms designed to support proactive employee intervention.