

# Federal Legislative Priorities for FY 2022

## Build Sustainable Infrastructure

1	Support FEMA, HUD and other federal disaster preparation programs that provide support for under grounding and building sustainable infrastructure as part of its hurricane and small storm preparedness	GRU- Gary Baysinger
2	Support funding for an EV charging implementation program, including distribution grid improvements to enable this initiative	GRU- Gary Baysinger
3	Support funding for solar and battery storage as a microgrid program	GRU- Gary Baysinger
4	Support FEMA, HUD and other federal disaster preparation that support optical ground wire fiber optic installation services	GRU- Gary Baysinger
5	Seek funding for the replacement of substation transformers as part of the reliability and resiliency program	GRU- Gary Baysinger
6	Support funding for the replacement of oil circuit breakers as part of the emergency preparedness goal	GRU- Gary Baysinger
7	Seek funding for implementing the Department of Energy (DOE) defined Smart Grid and cybersecurity initiatives throughout the electric distribution system	GRU- Gary Baysinger
8	Support FEMA, HUD and other federal disaster preparation and recovery programs that provide for climate resiliency and flood mitigation	GRU- Gary Baysinger
9	Encourage expansion of FCC broadband programs and provide incentives to encourage the development of broadband services in underserved areas	City Manager
10	Allow EPA to establish science based Per-and Polyfluoroalkyl substances drinking water criteria using existing authorities	GRU- Tony Cunningham
11	Expand opportunities to develop artificial intelligence (AI), smart infrastructure, crowd analytics, and other technology projects to enhance, livability, workability, and sustainability	City Manager
12	Promote improved water quality for our state and local communities	GRU- Tony Cunningham
13	Support federal funding, specifically grants, for water and wastewater infrastructure	GRU- Tony Cunningham

## Enhance Mass Transit Services

14	Continue to seek funding to replace the aging diesel buses	RTS - Jesus Gomez
15	Develop an eastside transit station to increase residents' access to employment centers, medical services and increase access to food services	RTS - Jesus Gomez
16	Seek funding to continue to develop a bus stop improvement plan to identify and prioritize bus stops that require Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) modification and passenger amenities like benches and shelters	RTS - Jesus Gomez
17	Support premium bus services hub projects and pilot programs with limited stops to connect north & south routes and east & west routes in service areas	RTS - Jesus Gomez
18	Support timely reauthorization transportation funding, and other opportunities to augment no and low emission efforts and expand bicycle/pedestrian facilities	RTS - Jesus Gomez
19	Increase options for pilot programs to expand carbon neutral and renewable energy sources	Request carryover from FY 21

**Promote Emergency Management, Public Safety and Violence Reduction**

20	Continue funding for CDBG-Public Facilities Improvement program to assist municipalities for the Purchase of land and construction of fire, police and EMS stations	GFR - Chief Dixon
21	Continue funding for public health emergency preparedness and planning to assist cities and counties in the development of effective emergency management and response according to established standards	GFR - Chief Dixon
22	Ensure sufficient funds under the Emergency Management Performance Grant to address cybersecurity, prevention, protection, response and recovery mission areas described in the National Preparedness Goal	GFR - Chief Dixon
23	Continue funding for the Assistance to Fire Grant (AFG) to support firefighters and emergency personnel by providing critically needed resources	GFR - Chief Dixon
24	Streamline and expedite the FEMA public assistance program reimbursement process for natural disaster and COVID -19 expenditures	GFR - Chief Dixon
25	Ensure sufficient federal funding streams are in place and appropriation are directly made locally for various emergency services, mental health, and violence prevention needs	GPD - Chief Jones
26	Enhance JAG Byrne funding, especially for technology advancement and provide funds for additional training on racial and gender bias, community policing, and de –escalation	GPD - Chief Jones

**Create More Job Opportunities**

27	Determine the best use in redevelopment of local US Department of Labor Job Corp site	Request carryover from FY 21
28	Position the expansion of new job opportunities for a post-COVID world via partnership	Request carryover from FY 21
29	Update the Federal Opportunity Zone program to better encourage private investment in underserved areas of the City	Request carryover from FY 21

**Address Affordable Housing, Homelessness, Public Health, & Food Security**

30	Continue funding for CDBG, Home and other grant programs while promoting equity in housing	Request carryover from FY 21
31	Prevent homelessness through furtherance of the ESG grant program for local Continuum of Care workers	Request carryover from FY 21
32	Enhance public health through support of our Community Resource Paramedicine program	Request carryover from FY 21
33	Secure funding to improve access, justice, and sustainability in our local food system via Healthy Corner Store Initiatives, food workforce development, and a food hub establishment	Request carryover from FY 21