

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES POSITION STATEMENTS

CROSS BAR RANCH – BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

The City of Amarillo will support legislation increasing or providing additional funding for the development of 12,000 acres of federally owned land north of Amarillo for public access. Current priorities include funds for the replacement of a BNSF Railway train trussell, for widening and improvements to an existing access road, and for developing the interior road network to support visitor access within the property.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

The City of Amarillo will support legislation that continues to invest in the areas of defense and energy as it relates to agency initiatives or increased funding to support the Pantex Plant, Bell, or other companies that work in these industry sectors in the Amarillo area.

Making the funding of the MV-75 program a priority.

TRANSPORTATION

The City of Amarillo will support:

- a. the implementation of the recently-passed Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) which provides vital transportation funding, while protecting the environment and advancing the economic development goals of our community, for better connectivity and to better keep pace with the City's priority infrastructure needs for air, highway, transit, pedestrian, bicycle, and rail transportation. In addition to actively monitoring BIL program guidance and funding opportunities, this will also include working with respective state agencies such as TXDOT or the Texas Water Development Board that also receive direct funding through IJA;
- b. the priorities of Amarillo International Airport including: seeking federal funding through Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Airport Improvement Program (AIP) program and the recently-passed BIL to help address various airport infrastructure needs;
- c. legislative efforts that will positively impact Amarillo City Transit by engaging directly with the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) National and Regional Offices to explore other potential federal funding opportunities through the recently-passed BIL;
- d. federal legislative efforts to enhance rail safety and rail efficiency that resulted from the BIL.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The City of Amarillo will support:

- a. federal emergency management efforts to enable the city to pursue federal funding through various federal programs at FEMA, HUD, the Economic Development Administration, etc., pertaining to hazard mitigation and emergency preparedness;
- b. federal funding solutions established via the BIL to provide solutions for both current and

future flood resiliency, to create a community resilient to regional and localized flooding events, and to improve overall storm water quality. This will include continuing to work with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) about potential federal streams of funding related to watershed protection around the City.

PUBLIC SAFETY

The City of Amarillo will support:

- a. federal grant programs that advance police and fire public safety programs and overall emergency management operations for assistance with equipment, training and personnel. This includes exploring federal grant solicitations through the U.S. Department of Justice;
- b. federal funding efforts to enhance power grid infrastructure, resiliency, and reliability through the BIL.

TECHNOLOGY

The City of Amarillo will support:

- a. legislative efforts to secure federal broadband deployment funds established via the BIL;
- b. legislative efforts to secure federal funding included in the BIL for cybersecurity needs for state and local governments.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The City of Amarillo will support legislation that:

- a. continues or increases funding for Community Development Block Grants and HOME Partnership funds;
- b. continues or increases incentives, including tax credits, for development of historic buildings;
- c. continues or increases incentives for redevelopment of city neighborhoods in need of revitalization;
- d. continues or increases funding for park related projects; and
- e. continues or increases funding to demolish blighted structures.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The City of Amarillo will support legislation that aims to create a Texas based rare earth metals exchange that will allow for more economic growth in Texas and for further decoupling from China for the United States. The creation of this exchange is vital to the national defense and security of the United States as well as to the economic future of the City of Amarillo.