



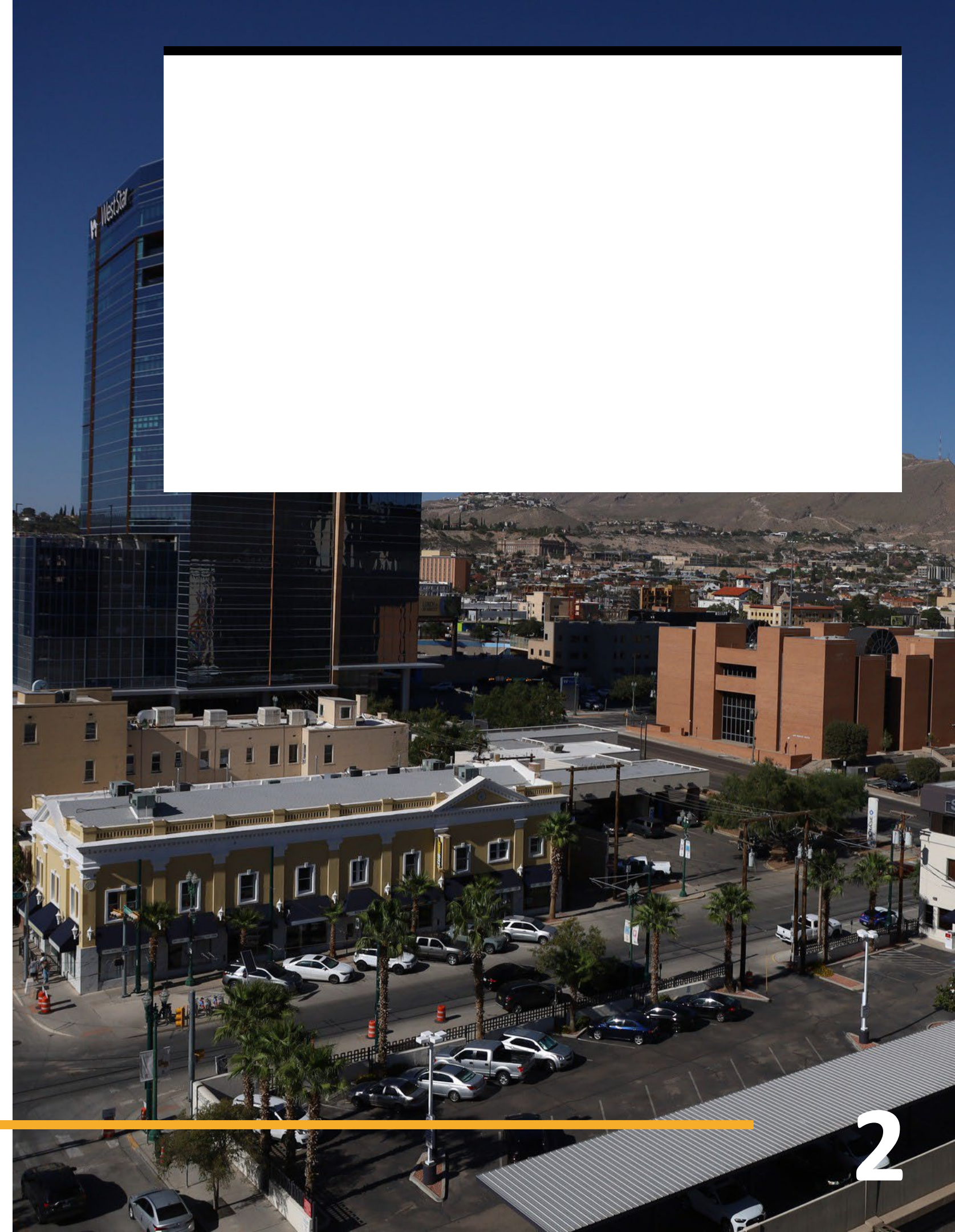
89th Texas Legislative Agenda

Strategic and Legislative Affairs



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Intergovernmental Affairs

The State Legislative Agenda reflects the City's priorities and enables us to continue our mission of delivering exceptional services to support a high quality of life for our community.

The Mayor, as the City's representative in intra- and intergovernmental relationships, will provide additional direction to the Strategic and Legislative Affairs Team on the City's position for specific legislation.



State Legislative Priorities

Hot Topics

- Texas-Mexico Border Security
 - Impact of state/local participation in border security, transnational criminal activity affecting commerce, & interagency border operations
- Energy Grid Resilience
 - Incentivization of thermal generation & variable resources to increase grid capacity



State Legislative Priorities

Preemption Threats

- Property Taxes
 - Potential homestead exemption increase and/or elimination of all property taxes
- Scrutiny of ARPA Spending by Local Governments



State Legislative Priorities Cont.

Resource Opportunities

- Mental Health
 - Funding for mental health service expansion, particularly for children/veterans & inpatient facilities
- Transportation
 - Support for aviation and international ports of entry to meet current and future growth demands



Leading City Priorities



**Increased
Funding for
Infrastructure**



**Increased
Public Health
& Safety
Resources**

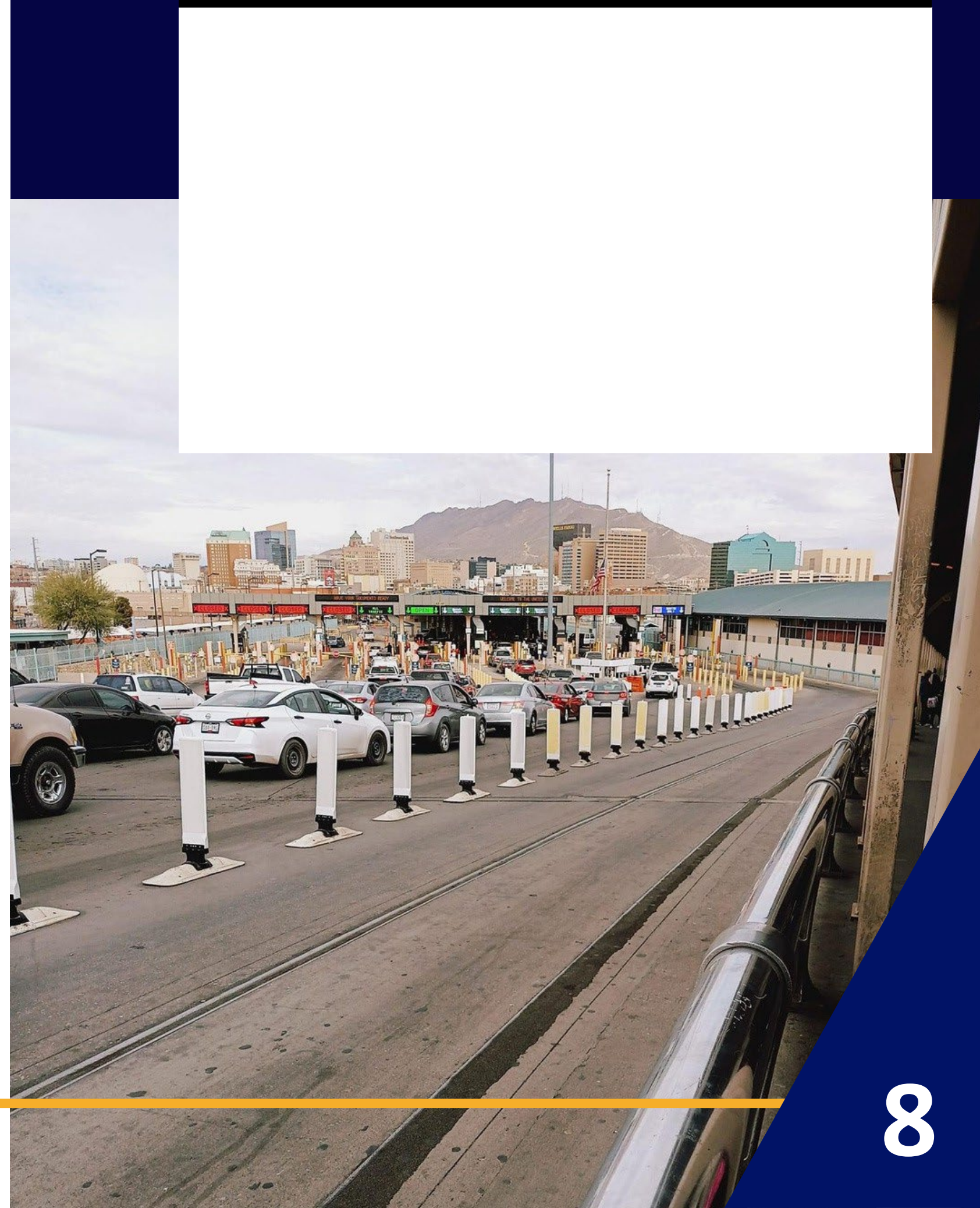


**Expanded
Workforce
Development
Resources**

Increased Funding for Infrastructure

Legislative priorities include:

- International bridge expansion & funding
- Enhanced flood prevention & stormwater management
- Expansion of broadband access
- Support for military value projects that strengthen Texas military installations



Increased Public Health & Safety Resources

Legislative priorities include:

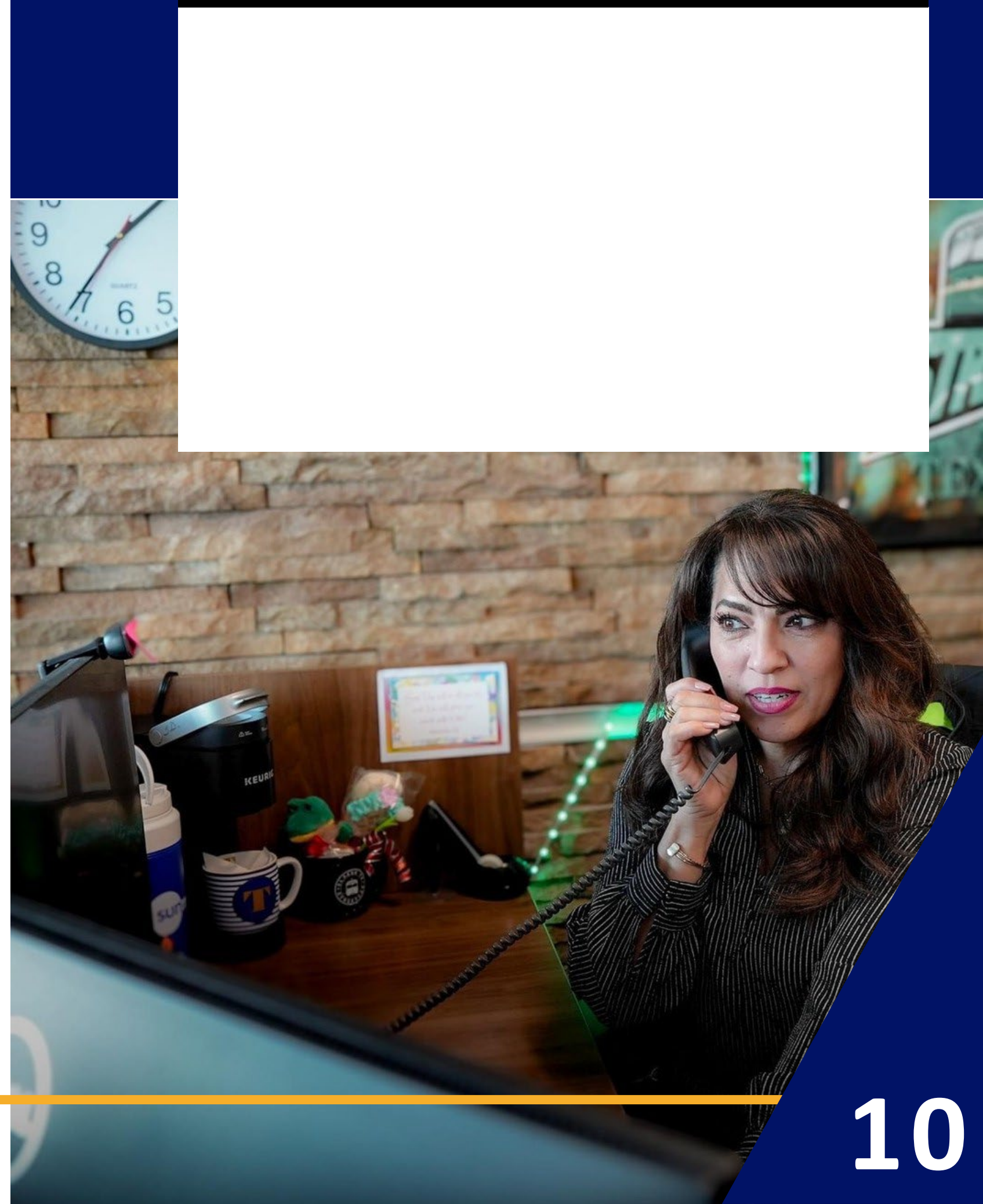
- Increased/sustainable funding for equipment
- Support for gear/equipment changes due to PFAS-chemicals ban
- Increased support for emergency management



Expanded Workforce Development Programs

Legislative priorities include:

- Expanded workforce development programs to allow municipalities to access funding
- Creation & retention of incentive programs to grow our region's workforce within highly competitive & emerging trades/sectors including:
 - Advanced Manufacturing
 - Aerospace
 - Defense
 - Information Technology



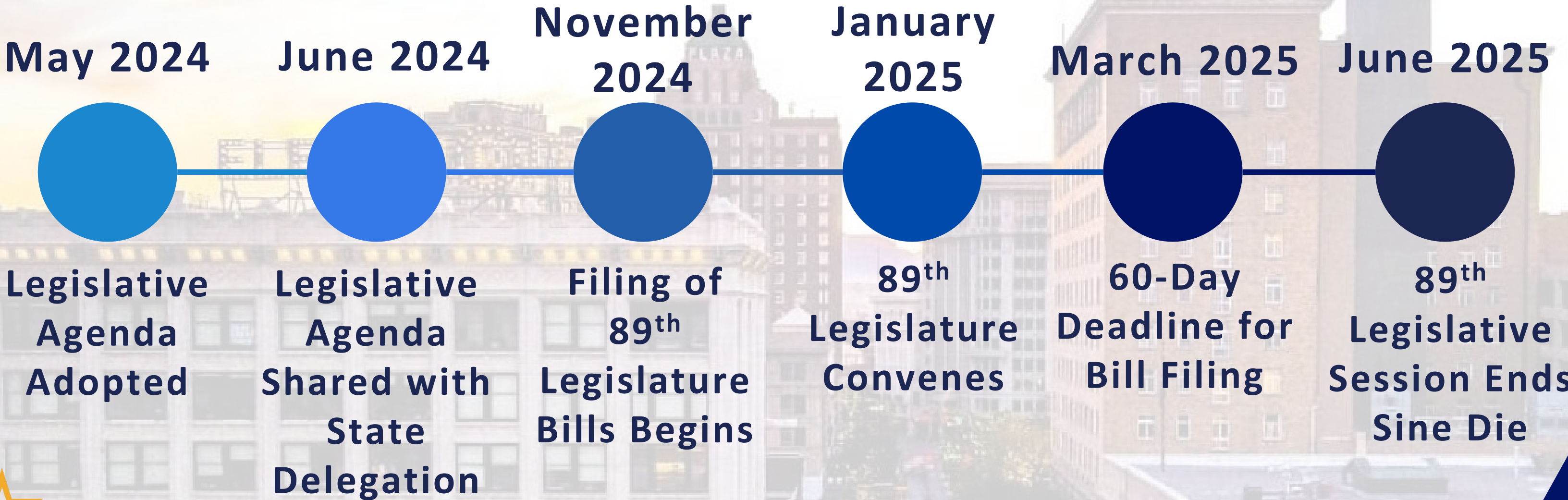
Riders

Riders are amendments to legislation that secure funding for specific programs or projects.

- Funding is approved in the State Budget
- Appropriations are directed at specific programs and projects under state agencies like TxDOT and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
- State Delegation must sponsor Rider requests

**Last Rider
Awarded:
\$32M for ITS
Technology**

State Legislative Timeline



Council Requested Action

**Resolution to adopt the State
Legislative Agenda for the
regular session of the 89th Texas
Legislature.**

MISSION

Deliver exceptional services to support a high quality of life and place for our community.



VISION

Develop a vibrant regional economy, safe and beautiful neighborhoods, and exceptional recreational, cultural and educational opportunities powered by a high performing government.



VALUES

Integrity, **R**espect, **E**xcellence,
Accountability, **P**eople

