



# 88<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATIVE SESSION AND CITY'S STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

May 9, 2022



# PURPOSE

## 88<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session

- Timeline
- Recommended Priority Legislative Initiatives

### Priority

Issues identified as critical for the City of El Paso

### Oppose

Any bill that contradicts or undermines positions adopted by City Council

### Support

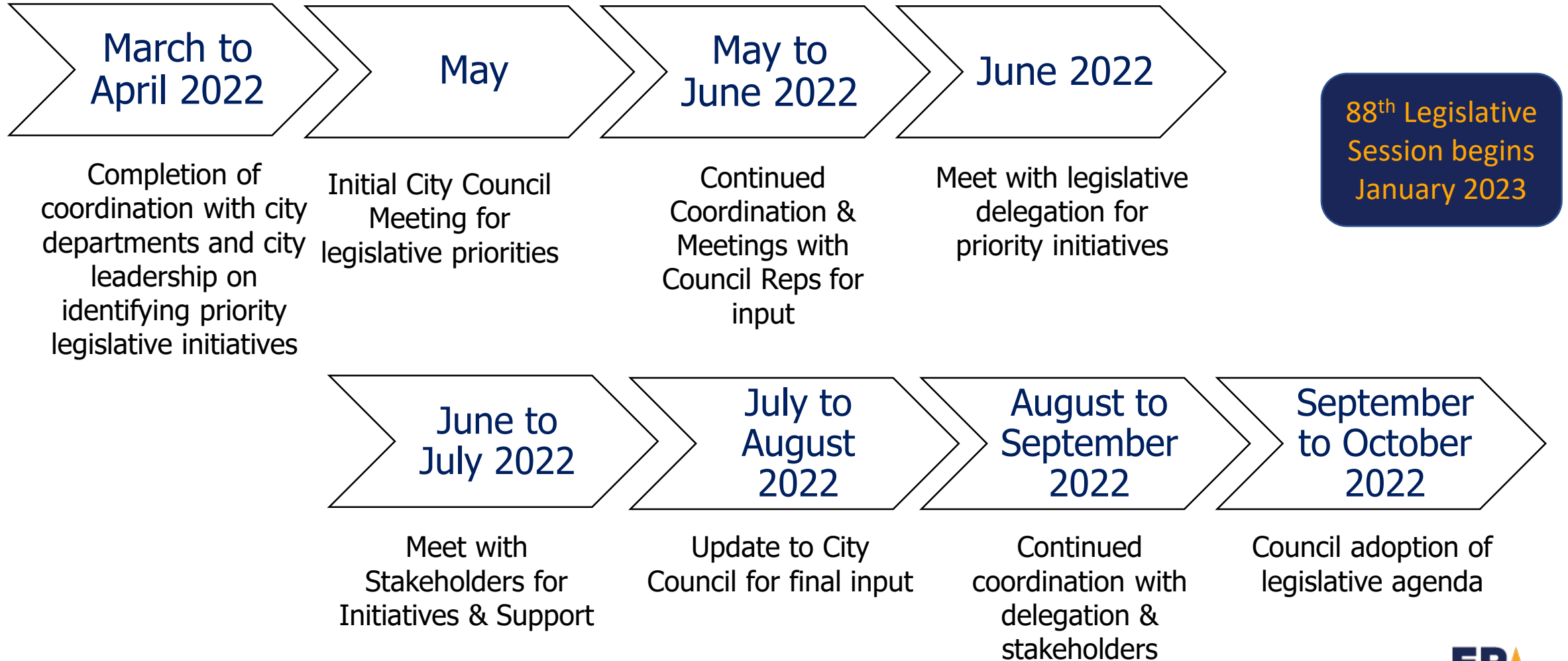
Not a City initiated ask, but does support based on positions adopted by City Council

# CITY LEGISLATIVE AGENDA



- Provides guidance and direction to the legislative team on new legislative bills to propose
- Provides guidance and direction on positions to take on behalf of the City on bills filed during the session
- Inform and coordinate with legislative delegation on bills the City wants the delegation to file on behalf of the City

# Timeline



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# CITY- RELATED PRIORITY LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES

The City will actively seek the passage of the following initiatives using City staff and authorized representatives to secure legislators to author a bill, provide testimony, and advocate for the bill's passage throughout the legislative process

Economic  
Development

Budget

Transportation

Bridges



# Economic Development

- Seek legislation that will streamline and expand the **Skills Development Fund Program** to allow municipalities' access to funding or provides for the reimbursement to companies relocating to Texas for the training provided by those companies in necessary skills required to perform jobs within the company.
- Seek legislation that will extend the **Texas Economic Development Act (Chapter 313)** and expand eligibility for the Act to include back office and large scale warehouse distribution companies.
- Seek legislation that will clearly allow municipalities to **convey city owned property** as part of **Chapter 380** economic development agreement.
- Seek legislation that will provide for more economic incentives and support for solar and **renewable energy initiatives**.



# Budget

- Seek legislation that will address the impact of new collective bargaining agreements and the **impact of inflation** to the City's ability to provide services, to include the impact on the city's workforce.
- **Appropriate money** for the **Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant (DEAAG) program** to fund military value projects that strengthen Texas military installations.
- Seek legislation that will **appropriate funding** to municipalities for the **acquisition** of police body cameras and **storage of data** obtained by body cameras

# Transportation

- Seek legislation that will add transparency on how the Texas Department of Transportation Commission allocates Category 12 funding under the Unified Transportation Program to include whether or not the formulas used need to be updated and clarification on how Metro District designations are defined and determined.
- Seek legislation that allows the county to submit to the voters an increase in vehicle registration fees and contains provisions that will provide for a more equitable distribution of any increased revenue generated by such legislation
- Appropriate Funding for the Wyler Aerial Tramway



# Border

- Seek legislation that will appropriate funding to install and upgrade ITS technology and traffic control improvements/measures at the Paso del Norte (PDN) and Stanton Street bridges.
- Seek legislation that will enhance and complement the use of the ITS by completing the Texas Transportation Institute's Border Crossing Information System to include exploring the possibility of expanding scope into Mexico via the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority.
- Seek legislation that will increase funding for Cross Border Infrastructure for projects identified in the TXDOT Texas Mexico Border Transportation Master Plan (BTMP) and provide for a dedicated funding source

# Next Steps:

- Set up meetings with City Council
- Continue to craft agenda and work with stakeholders and delegation





## 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, Respect, Excellence,  
Accountability, People