



88th State Legislative Session & Federal Legislative Update

February 27, 2023

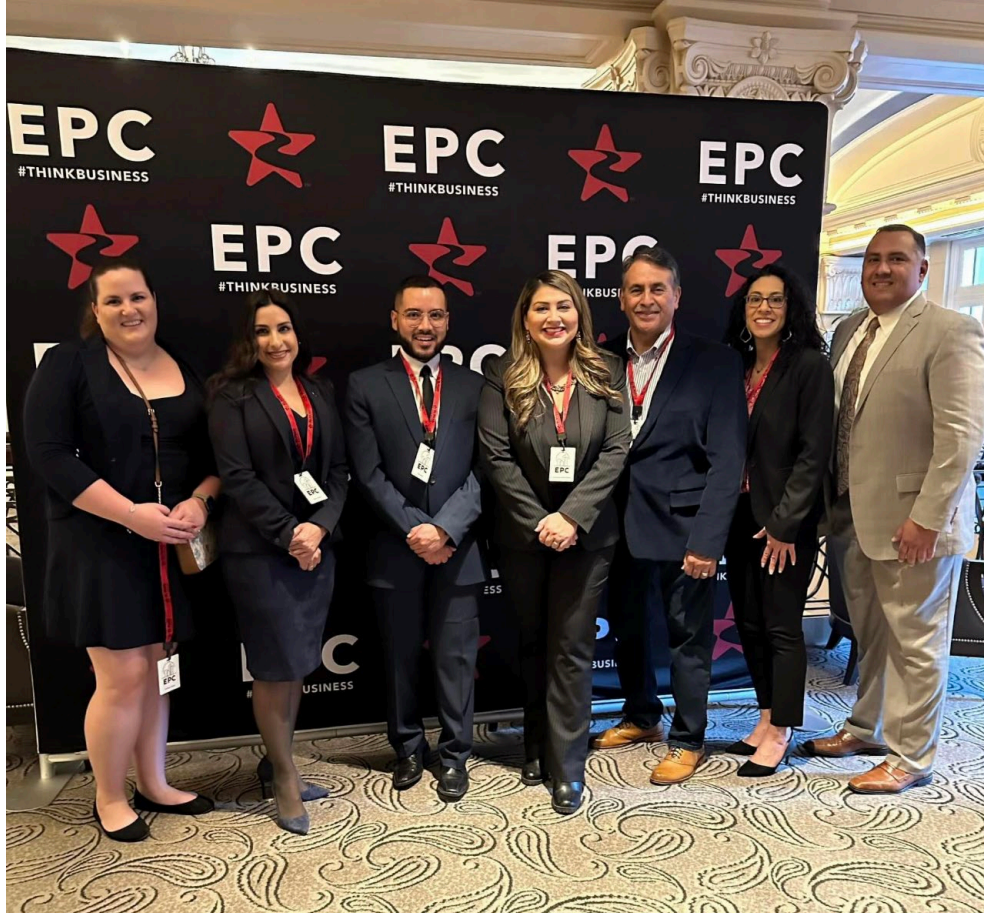




Purpose

- ❑ Update on the 88th Session of the Texas state legislature
- ❑ Federal Legislative Update

88th Session of Texas Legislature Update



General Updates

- ❑ As of 02/22/23:
 - ❑ 3,209 House Bills
 - ❑ 1,434 Senate Bills
 - ❑ Over 900 are city related
- ❑ El Paso Days in Austin Recap



Committee Assignments- El Paso Delegation



Senator Blanco

- Border Security
- Health and Human Services
- Natural Resources and Economic Development
- Veteran Affairs
- Water, Agriculture and Rural affairs
- Whole Senate



Rep. Gonzalez

- Appropriations, VICE CHAIR
- Higher Education



Rep. Moody

- Criminal Jurisprudence, CHAIR
- House Administration
- Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence
- Redistricting



Rep. Ortega

- Appropriations
- Land & Resource Management



Rep. Ordaz

- International Relations and Economic Development, VICE CHAIR
- Resolutions Calendar
- Transportation



Rep. Morales

- Elections
- Energy Resources, VICE CHAIR
- Healthcare Reform

Governors Emergency Items

- ☐ \$15 billion for Property tax relief
- ☐ Ending COVID restrictions forever
- ☐ Education Freedom for all Texans
- ☐ School Safety
- ☐ Ending Revolving Door Bail
- ☐ Securing the Border
- ☐ Fighting the Fentanyl Crisis



Lt. Governor's Priorities

- ☐ Property tax relief
- ☐ Increasing Homestead Exemption to \$70,000
- ☐ Mandatory 10 year sentence for criminal committing gun crime
- ☐ Addressing future water needs
- ☐ Banning local COVID-19 restrictions

Updates on Bill Filings

Pre-emption bills

- ☐ Several super pre-emptive bills have been filed
- ☐ Working with TML and other cities to oppose
- ☐ Field pre-emption – express preemption of fields (State Codes – finance, insurance, labor, AG, Natural Resources, Occupations) absent statutory authority

Mandatory Preferential Voting

Updates on Bill Filings

Immigration Bills –bills relating to cities performing federal duties related to immigration

- ☐ HB 1454/SB 106 would repeal certain provisions governing state and local enforcement of immigration laws and other provisions related to immigration law, such as the requirement that a law enforcement agency honor a detainer request
- ☐ HB 1675 Relating to a border operations training program for peace officers employed by local law enforcement to investigate and prosecute criminal activity in Texas Mexico Border region

Updates on Bill Filings

Electric Vehicles – bills that assess a fee or tax on electrical vehicles

Examples:

- ☐ SB 505/HB 2199 – vehicle registration fee \$400 initial, \$200 renewal, state highway fund
- ☐ HB 2027 – road use tax on retail sale, \$1,200, state highway fund
- ☐ HB 960 – road maintenance fee registration \$100 annual, state highway fund
- ☐ HB 820 – registration fee/renewal for hybrid \$100, electric \$200, 10% electric battery disposal account (TCEQ) 90% state highway fund

Priority Legislative Initiatives Update

- ☐ Chapter 313 Texas Economic Development Act Extension Bill was filed to extend to 2033 (HB2421- Lozano)
- ☐ Wyler Tramway Funding
- ☐ Chapter 380 and conveyance of city owned property
- ☐ Texas Mexico Border Transportation Master Plan (BTMP) and POE projects

Requested Council Action

- ☐ Direction on Support/Oppose/No position on:
 - ☐ Mandatory Preferential Voting
 - ☐ Immigration
 - ☐ Electric/Hybrid Vehicle fees



Federal Legislative Update

- ☐ City Federal Agenda
- ☐ NDAA Federal Appropriation submission

Federal Legislative Agenda

- ❑ Currently crafting the agenda with City Staff

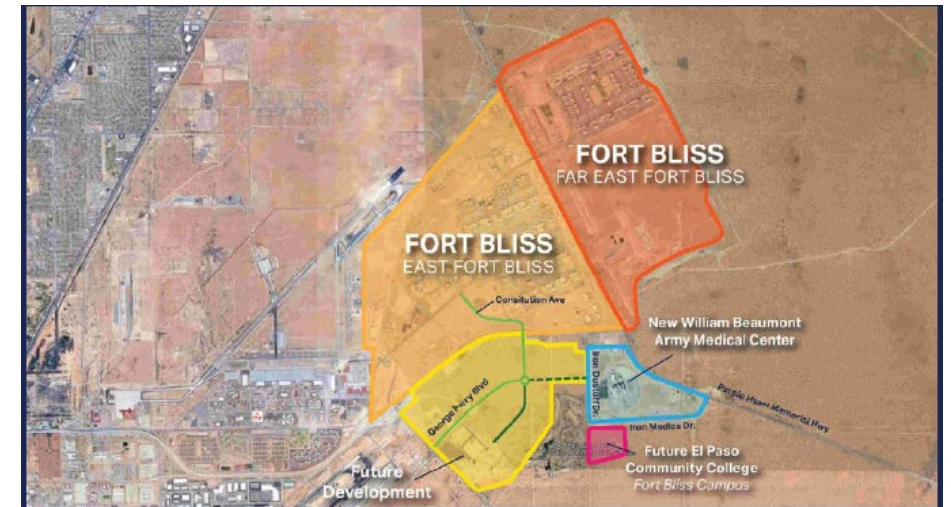
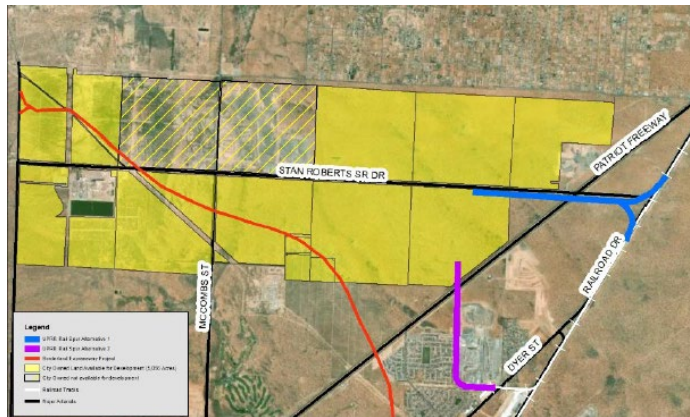


CITY OF EL PASO 2014 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

The City of El Paso (City)'s success at the federal level over the past several years has been made possible due to clear and realistic goals and priorities established by the Mayor and Council. The City has successfully leveraged federal programs and partnerships that will improve infrastructure and amenities

National Defense Authorizations Act Requests (NDAA)

- ❑ Submitted February 22, 2023
- ❑ Congresswoman Escobar & Congressman Gonzales
 - ❑ Northeast Rail Spur
 - ❑ Advanced Manufacturing Phase II





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