



City of Olathe

COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

MEETING DATE: 2/18/2020

DEPARTMENT: Communications and Customer Service

STAFF CONTACT: Tim Danneberg

SUBJECT: Discussion of Federal Legislative Agenda

ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Discussion of Federal Legislative Agenda

SUMMARY:

The draft 2020 Federal Legislative Priority statement again provides a policy level filter for assessing and advocating for/against federal legislative initiatives. The priorities were established based input from departments, organizations such as MARC and NLC as well as guidance from Congressional staff. It follows the Council practice of focusing on City specific issues.

This year's proposed statement extends appreciation to the delegation for supporting our BUILD Grant application for the 119th/I-35 Interchange project, and lays the groundwork for upcoming funding requests for proposed projects. In addition, it proposes taking a stand in support of expanding Congressional authority to appropriately return Olathe federal tax dollars to Olathe infrastructure projects.

Again this year, we ask our federal delegation to remain vigilant in monitoring the reasonableness of federal environmental issues, including water quality issues. It addresses unreasonable financial burdens created by issues such as eliminating or reducing tax exemption for municipal bonds. Other key standing issues include forcing local governments to recognize collective bargaining, federal mandates and preserving local control.

Per Council direction, significant proposed changes from the previous year are highlighted.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

ACTION NEEDED:

Review the proposed platform and provide direction for any changes or additions.

ATTACHMENT(S):

A. Draft 2020 Federal Legislative Agenda