



City of Olathe

COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

MEETING DATE: 2/16/2021

FOCUS AREA: All

STAFF CONTACT: Tim Danneberg

SUBJECT: Discussion of Federal Legislative Agenda.

ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Discussion of Federal Legislative Agenda.

SUMMARY:

The draft 2021 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.

While we do not anticipate requesting our delegation's assistance in securing federal financial support, the agenda continues laying the groundwork for future projects. Again this year, we ask our federal delegation to remain vigilant in monitoring the reasonableness of federal environmental issues, including water quality issues. This year, two specific water related issues of concern were added that have the potential for significant impacts to the City and our customers. The draft 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. 2021 Federal Legislative Agenda Draft