



# Federal Legislative Update

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# Federal Update



## Administration's Activities

- Presidential Actions
- Cabinet Update



## COVID Relief

- American Rescue Plan
- Budget Reconciliation Resolution



## Infrastructure Plan

- Build Back Better Proposal



# **Administration Activities**

# Executive Orders

## COVID – 19

- ❖ Establish a COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force
- ❖ Create COVID-19 response coordinator position
- ❖ Address vaccination supply shortfalls with Defense Production Act
- ❖ Expand vaccine supply to States & launch first phase of the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program
- ❖ Require facemasks at airports, other modes of transportation
- ❖ Improve collection/analysis of COVID-related data

## Housing

- ❖ Extends eviction/foreclosure moratoriums until March 1
- ❖ Directs HUD to address discriminatory housing practices

# Executive Orders

## Immigration

- ❖ Preserving and Fortifying Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)
- ❖ Review and address the causes of migration and the humanitarian crisis in northern Mexico
- ❖ Create task force to reunite migrant families separated at the border
- ❖ Start roll back of Public Charge Rule
- ❖ Revoke order that aims to exclude undocumented immigrants from Census
- ❖ Stop construction of border wall

## FEMA

- ❖ Retroactively reimburse states fully for FEMA-eligible costs tied to COVID
- ❖ Increase FEMA reimbursement to states for National Guard, PPE

## Climate

- ❖ Rejoin Paris Climate Agreement
- ❖ Direct a review of previous administration's rollbacks of environmental regulations

# Confirmed Cabinet Members



Alejandro Mayorkas  
Secretary of Homeland Security



Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of Transportation



Tony Blinken  
Secretary of State



# Confirmed Cabinet Members



Janet Yellen  
Secretary of the Treasury



Lloyd Austin III  
Secretary of Defense



Avril Haines  
Director of National Intelligence

# Nominated



Merrick Garland  
Attorney General



Debra Haaland  
Secretary of the Interior



Tom Vilsack  
Secretary of Agriculture



Gina Raimondo  
Secretary of Commerce



Marty Walsh  
Secretary of Labor



# Nominated



Xavier Becerra  
Secretary of Health &  
Human Services



Jennifer Granholm  
Secretary of Energy



Marcia Fudge  
Secretary of Housing &  
Urban Development



Miguel Cardona  
Secretary of Education



# **COVID Relief Package**

# American Rescue Plan – COVID Relief



**\$1,400**

**Direct Payments to Individuals**



**\$400 Weekly**

**Enhanced Unemployment Benefits**



**\$3 Billion**

**Nutrition – SNAP**

# American Rescue Plan – COVID Relief



**\$350 Billion**  
**State & Local Governments**

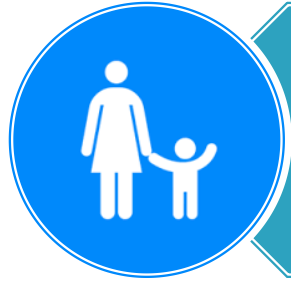


**\$20 Billion**  
**Community Vaccination Centers**



**\$50 Billion**  
**COVID Testing**

# American Rescue Plan – COVID Relief



**\$39 Billion**

**Child Care Dev. Block Grant**



**\$30 Billion**

**Rental Assistance/  
\$5 Billion Homelessness**



**\$170 Billion**

**Safely Reopen Schools**



# American Rescue Plan – COVID Relief



**\$25 Billion**  
**Small Business Grants**



**\$8 Billion for Airports**  
**\$30 Billion for Public Transit**



**\$4 Billion**  
**Substance Abuse/Mental Health**

# Budget Reconciliation Resolution

## Budget Reconciliation Process

House and Senate pass a Reconciliation Resolution

Committees Develop Legislation

House and Senate Review Legislation

House and Senate Reconcile Differences

House and Senate Vote on Final Bill  
*(Senate only needs 51 votes to pass bill)*

Presidential Consideration/Approval

# Budget Reconciliation– Status

- The House and Senate have passed their Budget Resolutions
- House and Senate Committees are working on the legislation this week
- The House is working toward a vote on the bill in mid February
- House and Senate leadership are aiming to pass the final COVID Relief bill by mid March



# Infrastructure Plan

# Infrastructure Proposal

## Build Back Better Plan

- ▶ Priority for the Administration
- ▶ Rebuild the country's infrastructure
- ▶ Create millions of jobs
- ▶ Nine priority themes



# Infrastructure Modernization Proposal

## Build Back Better Plan

### Infrastructure

#### Micromobility & Multimodal Transportation

- Completion of Linear Creek Trail System
- Bynum Avenue – Phase 2
- Downtown East–West Bike Corridor
- Sherman St.
- SW Military Hwy
- Frio St. – Cycletrack
- Abe Lincoln
- Enrique Barrera Parkway
- Citywide Sidewalk Gap Construction



# Infrastructure Modernization Proposal

## Build Back Better Plan

### Infrastructure

#### Airport & Parks

- Upgraded Baggage Handling System
- Terminal A and B Gate Expansion
- Advanced Security Lanes
- Hemisfair Civic Park – Phase2
- Historic Structure Rehabilitation
- Hemisfair Boulevard – Phase 2
- Redevelopment of Sunken Garden Theater



# Infrastructure Modernization Proposal

## Build Back Better Plan

# Housing & Innovation

- Multi-Family Gap Financing
  - Single Family Rehabilitation/New Construction
  - Multi-Family or Homeownership Gap Financing
  - Additional Affordable Housing Opportunities
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- Parks & Library Community Hubs
  - Underground Fiber to City Facilities
  - New Backbone Fiber to City Facilities
  - 5G Devices on Smart Streetlights
  - Library Device Check-Out



# Infrastructure Modernization Proposal

## Build Back Better Plan

### Rehab Buildings & Homes

- Ella Austin Community Center Renovation & Rehab
- Alameda Theater – Phase 2



# Infrastructure Proposal – Next Steps

- ✓ Review list of City's priority projects
- ✓ Obtain additional guidance & parameters
- ✓ Coordinate with community stakeholders, NLC & USCM
- ✓ Obtain Congressional support from our Delegation





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