

# Federal Legislative Update

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# Federal Infrastructure Opportunities





House Committee on  
Appropriations

## Community Project Funding

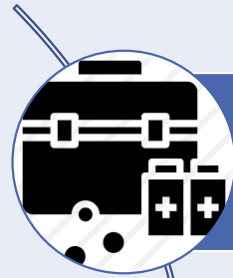
- Funding requests for State, Local & Nonprofits
- Members can submit 10 requests
- Projects must demonstrate community support
- Projects must qualify under specific program accounts, such as:
  - Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)
  - FEMA Mitigation Grant
  - HUD Economic Development Initiative



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## Community Project Funding

- COSA Recommended Projects



Emergency Kits for Vulnerable Populations,  
\$300K request



Mental Health Unit Expansion,  
\$750K- \$1M request



Equity Based Home Expansion & Rental  
Preservation Program, \$1-2 million request



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## Community Project Funding

### Community Partners' Projects

- Brooks City Base
  - Louis Bauer Road Reconstruction (\$5.8M & \$3.7M)
- SARA
  - Westside Creeks (\$2.3M)
- SAWS
  - Mitchell Lake study & construction; Generators (Pending)
- Texas Biomed
  - MRI Equipment (\$1.5M)
- UTSA
  - Cyber Security Initiatives (\$2M)





# FY22 Surface Transportation Reauthorization

- Requests will be considered for funding in the FY22 Surface Transportation Reauthorization
- Member Designated Projects
  - Projects must be included in the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)
  - Members must rank their top five projects
- Additional rounds of funding opportunities anticipated





# FY22 Surface Transportation Reauthorization

## COSA Recommended Projects

- Presa [SE Military to W. Boyer St.] – Complete streets, bicycle and pedestrian enhancements, \$10M
- Zarzamora/Frio City Rd. Railroad Overpass – Four lane grade separation at Union Pacific Railroad/Frio City Rd. intersection, \$23M
- Broadway [IH 35 to Burr Rd.] – Travel lane reduction, roadway rehabilitation, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, \$14M



## The American Jobs Plan

- Administration's \$2.25 trillion Infrastructure Plan
- Rebuild roads, bridges & airports
- Upgrade utility systems & broadband
- Build and retrofit homes
- Modernize schools, childcare facilities & veteran's hospitals





## The American Jobs Plan

### Anticipated Timeline

- Congress will work on developing legislation in the weeks and months to come
- House leadership have indicated they want to pass bill in summer/fall 2021



## **FY21 RAISE Grant**

- Formerly the BUILD Grant
- Competitive grant for surface transportation infrastructure projects with a significant local or regional impact, \$1 billion
- Maximum grant award is \$25 million, and no more than \$100 million can be awarded to a single State
- Up to \$30 million will be awarded to planning grants, including at least \$10 million to areas of persistent poverty
- Deadline to apply is July 12, 2021

# Action Items



Brief the IGR Committee



Council B Session Briefing by the Transportation Department



Submit Community Funding Requests



Submit T&I Committee Surface Transportation Requests



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