



REPORT TO LAW & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE City of Sacramento

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Staff Report
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Honorable Members of the
Law and Legislation Committee

Title: 2012 State and Federal Legislative Program

Location/Council District: Citywide

Recommendation: Adopt the proposed 2012 State and Federal Legislative Program.

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Description/Analysis

Issue: One of the primary goals of the City's legislative program is to enable timely and effective advocacy of City interests on pending State and Federal legislation and issues. A more strategic approach to identifying specific priority issues is being recommended for this year. The revised format provides the City's State and Federal legislative representatives with a clear understanding of the City's priorities and specifically on which areas to focus advocacy efforts during the 2012 Legislative Session.

For the upcoming legislative session, the proposed 2012 State and Federal Legislative program has been modified to reflect the City's specific "Priority issues" that have the greatest potential and need for State and Federal participation. Staff is recommending that the City's "Priority Issues" for 2012 are Redevelopment, Flood Control (Levee improvements) and Transportation (Intermodal Transportation Facility) at the State level and Community Development (CDBG - Community Development Block Grant), Flood Control(Levee improvements) and Transportation (Intermodal Transportation Facility) at the Federal level.

In addition to the Priority Issues, the legislative program includes "Projects and Issues of Significance" which are separated into various operational areas with relevant Legislative Guiding Principles within each area. Staff anticipates these

modifications will facilitate the City's ability to respond timely to pressing legislative issues.

A complete list of the identified priority issues and projects of significance at the State and Federal levels is included in Attachments 1 and 2, respectively.

Policy Considerations: The proposed 2012 State and Federal Legislative program is a focused, comprehensive State and Federal agenda outlining the City's priorities for the coming year. The legislative program includes projects and issues that have the potential for State and Federal participation. The legislative program also provides the City's State and Federal legislative representatives with a clear understanding of our priorities.

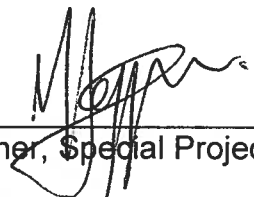
Environmental Considerations: None.

Sustainability Considerations: None.

Rationale for Recommendation: The 2012 State and Federal Legislative program sets out clear and focused priorities for the City and its State and Federal representatives.

Financial Considerations: None.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): None.

Respectfully Submitted by: 
Michelle Heppner, Special Projects Manager

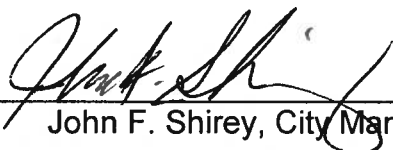
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Attachment 1

CITY OF SACRAMENTO'S PROPOSED 2012 STATE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

PRIORITY ISSUES (LISTED ALPHABETICALLY)

Priority issues are those issues identified to have significant impact on City business and on which legislative advocacy efforts will be concentrated for the 2012 Legislative Session.

1. Flood Control: Improvements are needed to levees around the Natomas Basin to achieve an initial 100-year flood protection certification with the ultimate goal to achieve a 200-year flood protection in the future. Improvements are also needed to levee systems protecting areas of northern and southern Sacramento, including Downtown and Pocket areas to 200-year levels of flood protection. The City supports legislation that provides authorization and funding to achieve these flood protection goals.
2. Redevelopment: Redevelopment agencies and tax increment financing are essential local tools for revitalizing Sacramento neighborhoods. The City opposes diminishing the current authority or financing capabilities of redevelopment agencies. The City supports legislation that provides funding for community revitalization efforts.
3. Transportation: The Sacramento Intermodal Transportation Facility is a multi-phased project ready to proceed to Phase 2 which includes final design and construction. Improvements include structural and seismic strengthening of the existing historic station, upgrade of mechanical and electrical systems and internal circulation, site circulation and parking improvements and relocation of bus layover areas and Light Rail Train station. The City supports legislation and other viable opportunities to fund the improvements to and revitalization of the Sacramento Intermodal Transportation Facility.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND PROJECTS OF SIGNIFICANCE (BY OPERATIONAL AREA)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
<p>Legislative Guiding Principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support legislation that increases the supply of affordable housing, including rental and homeownership opportunities through funding and/or program administration. • Support programs and funding to eliminate homelessness, including funding for supportive services in permanent housing. • Support legislation to reduce foreclosure rates and to provide relief for the community impacts of foreclosure. • Support adoption of effective and clear green building standards in the California Building Code. • Support adoption of accessibility standards in the California Building Code consistent with federal standards. <p>Specific Projects and Issues of Significance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Affordable Housing</u>: The need for affordable housing is high, affecting working and disabled families and individuals and the community as a whole. • <u>Eliminating Homelessness</u>: Sacramento has adopted its Ten-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness and implemented prevention and rapid re-housing , evidenced-based solutions with "housing first" as the centerpiece strategy. • <u>Housing Element</u>: The Housing Element of the General Plan is the City's housing "constitution," directing land use, planning and funding for housing. It is important to have housing element laws that support the City's ability to provide housing for all economic segments of the community. • <u>Foreclosure</u>: In October 2011, Sacramento's foreclosure filing rate, one in every 176 households, ranked 7th in the nation for metro areas with more than 200,000 people. Foreclosure affects families, neighborhoods and the broader community. The City is making a concerted effort to address the foreclosure crisis, but support from the state and federal governments is key to a complete foreclosure recovery program. • <u>Sustainable Planning and Development</u>: The City has applied for \$1 million each from the state Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Federal Community Challenge Planning Grant for the Green Development Code that will streamline and modernize zoning and development regulations. Additionally, the City supports environmental and regulatory streamlining on the state level to encourage sustainable infill development.

A myriad of recent state regulations created confusion and uncertainty, and are sometimes contradictory. An example is when the State's Energy Commission issued revisions to Title 24 for energy efficiency separately from the other revisions the Department of Housing and Community Development made to Title 24 regarding building.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Legislative Guiding Principles:

- Support funding and incentives for smart growth and sustainable development.
- Support legislation that provides for the establishment of green technology as well as for the development of programs that assist green businesses.
- Support legislation that supports any appropriate changes within the context of the overall state budget that will improve or strengthen economic development incentives and strategies that stimulate economic growth and revitalization in the region.
- Support legislation and funding for the repair, upgrade and new development of infrastructure in infill areas to facilitate the construction of higher density residential, commercial and mixed-use development.
- Support legislation that would make the region more competitive by improving the current business climate with respect to streamlined permit processing, access to capital and regulatory certainty.
- Oppose measures that would reduce or redirect tax increment.

Specific Projects and Issues of Significance:

- Regulatory Reform: Many State regulations are placing California businesses at a disadvantage and therefore inhibiting job growth.
- Enterprise Zone: California's Enterprise Zone (EZ) Program offers one of the state's most significant economic development tax incentives, broadly applying to businesses of all sizes across virtually all industry lines.
- Small Neighborhood Commercial Centers: Support funding for revitalization of small neighborhood commercial centers that are not in redevelopment areas.

ENVIRONMENTAL/SUSTAINABILITY

Legislative Guiding Principles:

- Support measures and funding for City programs and projects that address sustainability issues such as air quality improvement, energy efficiency, water efficiency, renewable energy, fuel efficiency, energy adequacy, and security while balancing the reduction of emissions with impacts on business.
- Support the representation of the Sacramento region on the California Air Resources Board (CARB).
- Pursue and support legislation and funding to maintain and expand the City's Urban Forest.
- Support and monitor funding for implementation of AB 32 and SB 375 Climate Change requirements.
- Support legislation that provides reasonable regulatory fees and cost effective, balanced regulatory requirements with a direct correlation to water quality improvement.
- Support programs, legislation, regulations, grants and other funding sources that will support the City's efforts to meet the State's solid waste diversion requirement as promulgated under AB 341. This could include, but is not limited to funding for education, programs, infrastructure, extended producer responsibility (EPR) and organics diversion.
- Support increases in funding for education, programs, and infrastructure to meet regulatory obligations for banned materials such as batteries, light bulbs, e-waste and household hazardous waste.
- Support air quality efforts that emphasize the use of advanced technologies, market incentives, and incentives for the use of alternative fuels and the development of the infrastructure for alternative fuel vehicles.
- Support legislation and grants that encourage the use of clean-burning alternative fuels for vehicles and that provide incentives and rewards for cities with innovative alternative fuel programs.

<p>Specific Projects and Issues of Significance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Permanent Sacramento Member on California Air Resources Board (CARB):</u> The Sacramento region is the only "severe" or worse federal ozone non-attainment area that currently has no representative on the CARB. • <u>Urban Forest:</u> Maintaining and expanding a vibrant Urban Forest is a major public works endeavor for the City of Sacramento that results in air quality, public health, and quality of life benefits. • <u>Permit Requirements:</u> The City is under several regulatory permits, including prescriptive environmental management programs for stormwater quality, combined system, sanitary sewer overflows, residual disposal at the City's two surface water treatment plants, and groundwater protection at the historic 28th Street Landfill. Permit requirements should be reasonable, cost effective, and provide environmental benefits. • <u>Alternative Fuel Vehicles and Fueling Infrastructure:</u> Funding is essential for projects and programs to extend and/or expand tax incentives to expand Alternative Fuel Vehicles and fueling infrastructure as well as alternative fuel dispensing or purchasing. The passage of legislation supporting alternative fuel would enable the City of Sacramento fleet to expand its use of Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) beyond the refuse fleet to other Public Works vehicles, thereby reducing emissions and saving fuel expenses over diesel powered vehicles currently in operation.
<p>FLOOD CONTROL</p>
<p>Legislative Guiding Principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pursue and support legislation and funding for improvements. <p>Specific Projects and Issues of Significance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>South Sacramento County Streams:</u> Project to help ease stream flooding near business and residential neighborhoods in southeastern Sacramento. • <u>American River Common Features Project:</u> Common Features Project providing for improvements to American River levee.
<p>HISTORIC PRESERVATION</p>
<p>Legislative Guiding Principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor funding opportunities and pursue funds for rehabilitation and reconstruction of historic sites in Sacramento. • Support legislation to expand use of tax credits for historic preservation. <p>Specific Projects and Issues of Significance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Historic Depot Central Shops:</u> Rehabilitation and reconstruction of the historic railroad structures including seismic retrofitting, stabilization and other rehabilitation. • <u>Old Sacramento Boardwalk:</u> Reconstruction of the historic landmark in Old Sacramento to meet Americans with Disabilities Act requirements. • <u>Historic City Cemetery:</u> Reconstruction of a historic landmark: refurbish antiquated irrigation system to meet new water conservation requirements.
<p>LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE/FISCAL STABILITY AND LOCAL CONTROL</p>
<p>Legislative Guiding Principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support legislation or ballot measures to prevent the state from borrowing, raiding or otherwise redirecting revenues from local government. • Oppose measures making cities more dependent on the state for financial stability and policy direction. • Oppose measures imposing state-mandated costs when there is no guarantee of local reimbursement or offsetting benefits. • Oppose measures that would decrease local control, including the City's legal authority to provide essential services, reduce revenue sources that are required to maintain services, or mandate additional costs without providing reimbursement.

- Oppose changes in State law that would limit the ability of charter cities to preserve their local revenue base.

Specific Projects and Issues of Significance:

- Protect Local Revenues: In prior years, the Legislature has attempted to acquire local revenues typically slated for local government services. Due to the downturn in the economy, existing revenues for local governments are steadily declining and are therefore more vital than ever to maintain these existing revenue sources.
- Preserve, protect, and return Local Revenues: Preserve, protect, and return revenues taken by the state from cities to support and/or reinstate vital public services.
- Local Control: Each legislative session brings proposed bills to decrease local control over local matters.

PARKS, RECREATION, TRAILS & OPEN SPACE

Legislative Guiding Principles:

- Support legislation and grants to fund parks, recreation and capital improvements, and programs to increase the quality of life for Sacramento residents.
- Pursue legislation and seek funding opportunities for maintenance and operations of the Sacramento Riverfront and American River Parkway.
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- Protect After School Enrichment Services (ASES) funding by opposing legislation intended to repeal Proposition 49, the After School Education and Safety Program Act of 2002.
- Support legislation and seek funding for improving early childhood literacy, environmental retrofitting for school facilities, and increased school and community safety.

Specific Projects and Issues of Significance:

- American and Sacramento River Parkways: Protect and enhance natural habitat and recreational uses of the Sacramento and American River Parkways and guide development to provide additional public access.
- Sacramento Parks and Recreation Master Plan Implementation: Sacramento lacks dedicated funding sources for some elements of the City's public parks and recreation system, including regional parks, regional off-street trails and parkways and major destination attractions.
- After School Programming for Teens: Implement and maintain prevention / intervention programs for middle and high school teenagers during after school and summer evening hours. The rise of youth violence and crime in the City of Sacramento during non-school hours is a major concern. Quality programs and services for teens would promote positive changes in teen behavior.
- Outdoor Education and Recreation: Due to urbanization, everyone is increasingly detached from the natural environment and thus deprived of the benefits associated with exploring, engaging, and experiencing nature.
- Health and Wellness: There is significant need for awareness and action on issues related to health and nutrition to lead California's effort to combat obesity, and make California the nation's model for health, nutrition and fitness.
- Subsidized Quality Licensed Childcare: Develop a sustainable partnership that maximizes resources in support of an excellent public education and high quality of life for Sacramento children, families, and community through alignment between City services and district's needs.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Legislative Guiding Principles:

- Support legislative efforts to grant state funding to supplement local law enforcement to increase staffing and equipment to improve the safety, security and the quality of life for Sacramento residents.
- Support legislation that seeks to reimburse the City for overtime costs paid to public safety personnel who are required to appear in State and/or County courts.
- Support legislation and grants which provide funding for public safety equipment upgrades, training and capital improvements.

- Support legislation and seek funding that will assist in reducing and preventing crimes, primarily related to drugs, gang violence and pedestrian safety.
- Support legislative efforts to improve local law enforcement, fire suppression and prevention, hazardous materials mitigation, rescue, emergency medical services, and disaster preparedness initiatives.
- Support legislation that provides funding at the local level to promote crime prevention, public outreach, and intervention programs.
- Seek funding for homeland security and emergency preparedness.

Specific Projects and Issues of Significance:

- Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness: Continue to seek funding to refine and enhance the City's response plan and strategies for mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery.
- Crime Prevention and Reduction: It is imperative to continue to work toward preventing and reducing the number of crimes, with an emphasis on drugs, gang violence and pedestrian safety.

TRANSPORTATION

Legislative Guiding Principles:

- Support efforts to increase funding for transportation programs and projects within the City, including support for mass transit programs.
- Support measures to enhance the ability of local agencies to finance local transportation programs and facilities.
- Support legislation providing increased State funding for preservation and maintenance of local roads.
- Support efforts to secure the maximum amount of State funding for the construction and maintenance of local roads, infrastructure, transportation projects and major corridors.
- Support initiatives to provide transit operations and maintenance funding to local jurisdictions.

Specific Projects and Issues of Significance:

- South Line Phase II - Light Rail Project: Extend Sacramento Regional Transit District's (RT's) South Corridor Light Rail Transit (LRT) service from its existing terminus at Meadowview Road south and east to Cosumnes River College (CRC). The LRT Project will add four new LRT stations, 2,700 park-and-ride spaces and a major new transit center at the CRC station near State Route 99.
- Downtown Natomas Airport (DNA) Light Rail Corridor: The DNA is a Regional Transit Project. The 13-mile, 13 station light rail transit corridor extends from downtown to the Sacramento International Airport, serving the future Intermodal Facility, Union Pacific Railyards development, River District Development Area and the communities of South and North Natomas.
- San Joaquin Regional/High Speed Rail Corridor Improvements: ACE and the CA High Speed Rail Authority are undertaking a corridor improvement project as part of the statewide High Speed Rail Initiative. The San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission is working closely with representatives from Merced to Sacramento to plan and implement infrastructure improvements to provide higher speed rail in the Central Valley that can ultimately be utilized for Phase 2 of the CA High Speed Rail project in the future.
- 65th Street Transit Village Area: Neighborhood/university mixed-use district intended to provide a variety of housing types, retail and employment uses to increase transit use and to reduce vehicle trips. The plan envisions 65th Street as a pedestrian scale Main Street that connects California State University, Sacramento with the existing light rail station and the business community.

WATER POLICY

Legislative Guiding Principles:

- Monitor and engage in legislative and regulatory initiatives and processes to protect the City's water rights and represent the City's interests consistent with City Council adopted policies.
- Support regulatory processes that are not a one size fits all approach to maintain flexibility for the City to determine the best means of achieving conservation mandates.

- Support legislation that maintains flexibility for the City to determine the best means for providing water services to its residents and allow local control over reclaimed water, and take into account the costs versus the benefits of reclaimed water and regulatory considerations.
- Pursue funding to complete State mandated projects.

Specific Projects and Issues of Significance:

- Delta Plan: The Delta Stewardship Council was created by legislation in 2009. The Council is charged with developing a comprehensive management plan for the Delta to achieve the co-equal goals of providing more reliable water supply for California and protecting the Delta ecosystem.
- Water Meters: Per AB 2572, the City is required to install water meters on all properties by January 1, 2025 at an estimated cost of \$440 million.
- Water Conservation: Legislation passed in 2009 mandates a 20% reduction in per capita water use by 2020. The City of Sacramento is committed to conservation through participation in the Water Forum, water conservation ordinance and education of the public regarding water conservation issues.
- Reclaimed Water: Reclaimed water involves the use of treated wastewater for landscaping and irrigation purposes and is a great alternative for areas with limited water supply. There are additional costs to treat and supply reclaimed water that can offset the benefits to the rate-payer. Current and future regulations for protection of groundwater quality and public health may affect feasibility.

Attachment 2

CITY OF SACRAMENTO'S PROPOSED 2012 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

PRIORITY ISSUES (LISTED ALPHABETICALLY)

Priority issues are those issues identified to have significant impact on City business and on which legislative advocacy efforts will be concentrated for the 2012 Legislative Session.

1. **Community Development / Redevelopment:** Federal housing and community redevelopment funds are essential tools for revitalizing Sacramento neighborhoods. The City opposes Federal legislation that would reduce funds dedicated to the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and the HOME program and support the expansion of eligibility and allowable uses under this program.
2. **Flood Control:** Improvements are needed to levees around the Natomas Basin to achieve an initial 100-year flood protection certification with the ultimate goal of achieving a 200-year flood protection in the future. Improvements are also needed to levee systems protecting areas of northern and southern Sacramento, including Downtown and Pocket areas to 200-year levels of flood protection. The City supports legislation that provides authorization and funding to achieve these flood protection goals.
3. **Transportation:** The Sacramento Intermodal Transportation Facility is a multi-phased project ready to proceed to Phase 2 which includes final design and construction. Improvements include structural and seismic strengthening of the existing historic station, upgrade of mechanical and electrical systems and internal circulation, site circulation and parking improvements and relocation of bus layover areas and a Light Rail Train station. The City supports legislation and other viable opportunities to fund the improvements to and revitalization of the Sacramento Intermodal Transportation Facility.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND PROJECTS OF SIGNIFICANCE (BY OPERATIONAL AREA)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
<p>Legislative Guiding Principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support legislation to preserve affordable housing programs including Low Income Housing Tax Credits and Multi-Family Bonds. • Support legislation that encourages job growth and supports the success of the business community. • Support programs and funding to eliminate homelessness, including funding for supportive services in permanent housing. • Support legislation to promote sustainable planning and development such as planning and funding efforts by HUD, EPA, and DOT, which are currently under threat and may be defunded. • Support legislation to reduce foreclosure rates and to provide relief for the community impacts of foreclosure. <p>Specific Projects and Issues of Significance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Affordable Housing:</u> The need for affordable housing is high, affecting working and disabled families and individuals and the community as a whole. • <u>Eliminating Homelessness:</u> Sacramento has adopted its Ten-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness and implemented prevention and rapid re-housing, evidenced-based solutions with "housing first" as the centerpiece strategy. • <u>Public Housing:</u> Steady reductions in HUD subsidies have affected public housing and Housing Choice Voucher operations. • <u>Foreclosure:</u> In October 2011, Sacramento's foreclosure filing rate, one in every 176 households, ranked 7th in the nation for metro areas with more than 200,000 people. Foreclosure impacts families, neighborhoods and the broader community. The City is making a concerted effort to address the foreclosure crisis, but support from the state and federal governments is key to a complete foreclosure recovery program. • <u>Sustainable Planning and Development:</u> The City has applied for \$1 million each from the state Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and federal Community Challenge Planning Grant for the Green Development Code that will streamline and modernize zoning and development regulations.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Legislative Guiding Principles:

- Support funding and incentives for smart growth and sustainable development.
- Support legislation and funding for the repair, upgrades and new development of infrastructure in infill areas to facilitate the construction of higher density residential, commercial and mixed-use development.
- Support legislation that targets and increases Small Business Administration (SBA) lending in older commercial corridors and targets community investment and lending for these corridors.
- Support funding for the revitalization of small neighborhood commercial centers that are not in redevelopment areas.
- Support legislation that provides for vocational training and related support for America's youth and working adults, at the region's community colleges.
- The City opposes Federal legislation that would reduce US Economic Development Administration (EDA) funds and supports the expansion of eligibility and access to these funds.

Specific Projects and Issues of Significance:

- Docks Promenade: As part of the Riverfront Master Plan, the City will redevelop the Docks Area as a mixed-use neighborhood that provides public access to the riverfront; pedestrian and bicycle linkages that integrate the area with the adjacent waterfront and downtown; and high-quality public space, including a riverfront parkway. The City is currently negotiating with the State to develop the land.
- Manufacturing Investment Credits: As the economic recovery begins to occur, basic manufacturing in Sacramento must be supported particularly Green manufacturing and sustainable production jobs.
- Vocational Training: Provide a workforce development opportunity through vocational training to ensure that the appropriately skilled work force is available for Sacramento business and industry and to provide employment opportunities to Sacramento residents.
- Economic Development Funds: Economic Development funds are an essential tool for continuing the effort to create more jobs or retain jobs, improving the local and/or regional tax base, or otherwise enhance the quality of life in the community.
- US Economic Development Administration Funds: EDA Funds are an essential tool for promoting competitiveness and preparing regions for growth and success, creating jobs and leveraging public and private resources.

ENVIRONMENTAL/SUSTAINABILITY

Legislative Guiding Principles:

- Support measures and funding for City programs and projects that address sustainability issues such as air quality improvement, energy efficiency, water efficiency, renewable energy, fuel efficiency, energy adequacy, and security while balancing the reduction of emissions with impacts on business. Support federal climate change legislation and policies that include local government funding and consideration for implementation at the local level.
- Pursue and support legislation and funding to maintain and expand the City's Urban Forest.
- Support regulatory processes that are not a one size fits all approach and maintain flexibility for the City to determine the best means of achieving water conservation mandates.
- Support the proposed Federal Natural Gas Act legislation, H.R. 1380, as well as other legislation that promotes expansion of the use of alternative fuels to migrate from petroleum in public and private fleets.

Specific Projects and Issues of Significance:

- Urban Forest: Maintaining and expanding a vibrant Urban Forest is a major public works endeavor for the City of Sacramento that results in air quality, public health, and quality of life benefits.
- Water Conservation: Legislation passed in 2009 mandates a 20% reduction in per capita water use by 2020. The City of Sacramento is committed to conservation through the installation of water meters in compliance with AB2572, participation in the Water Forum, water conservation ordinance and education of the public regarding water conservation issues.

- Reclaimed Water: Reclaimed water involves the use of treated wastewater for landscaping and irrigation purposes and is a great alternative for areas with limited water supply. There are additional costs to treat and supply reclaimed water that can offset the benefits to the rate-payer. Current and future regulations for protection of ground water quality and public health may affect feasibility.
- Alternative Fuel Vehicles and Fueling Infrastructure: Funding is essential for projects and programs to extend and/or expand tax incentives to expand Alternative Fuel Vehicles and fueling infrastructure as well as alternative fuel dispensing or purchasing. The passage of legislation supporting alternative fuel would enable the City of Sacramento fleet to expand its use of Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) beyond the refuse fleet to other Public Works vehicles, thereby reducing emissions and saving fuel expenses over diesel powered vehicles currently in operation.

FLOOD CONTROL

Legislative Guiding Principles:

- Pursue and support legislation and funding for improvements.

Specific Projects and Issues of Significance:

- South Sacramento County Streams: Project to help ease stream flooding near business and residential neighborhoods in southeastern Sacramento.
- American River Common Features Project: Common Features Project providing for improvements to American River levee.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Legislative Guiding Principles:

- Monitor funding opportunities and pursue funds for rehabilitation and reconstruction of historic sites in Sacramento.
- Support legislation to expand use of tax credits for historic preservation.

Specific Projects and Issues of Significance:

- Historic Depot Central Shops: Rehabilitation and reconstruction of the historic railroad structures including seismic retrofitting, stabilization and other rehabilitation.
- Old Sacramento Boardwalk: Reconstruction of the historic landmark in Old Sacramento to meet Americans with Disabilities Act requirements.
- Historic City Cemetery: Reconstruction of a historic landmark: refurbish antiquated irrigation system to meet new water conservation requirements.

PARKS, RECREATION, TRAILS & OPEN SPACE

Legislative Guiding Principles:

- Support legislation and grants to fund parks, recreation and capital improvements, and programs to increase the quality of life for Sacramento residents.
- Pursue legislation and seek funding opportunities for maintenance and operations of the Sacramento Riverfront and American River Parkway.
- Support legislation for the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund and Urban Parks and Recreation Recovery Program to retain the current state appropriation formula.

Specific Projects and Issues of Significance:

- American and Sacramento River Parkways: Protect and enhance natural habitat and recreational uses of the Sacramento and American River Parkways and guide development to provide additional public access.
- Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and Urban Parks and Recreation Recovery Program (UPARR): LWCF matches funds to assist parks and recreation infrastructure development and the creation of public parks. UPARR matches local funds to rehabilitate urban recreation facilities in economically distressed neighborhoods.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Legislative Guiding Principles:

- Seek funding for homeland security and emergency preparedness.
- Support legislation and grants which provide funding for public safety equipment upgrades, training and capital improvements.
- Support legislation and seek funding that will assist in reducing and preventing crimes, primarily related to drugs, gang violence and pedestrian safety.
- Support legislation that provides funding to finance local public safety training programs and facilities.
- Support increases in grant funding for the Community Oriented Policing Services (“COPS”) Program and the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (“JAG”) Program.

Specific Projects and Issues of Significance:

- Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness: Continue to seek funding to refine and enhance the City’s response plan and strategies for mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery.
- Northern California Public Safety Training College: Continue with the development of the public safety training college within the Sacramento region to provide curriculum and tactical training to “first responders” who would serve the western United States and the Pacific Rim.
- Crime Prevention and Reduction: It is imperative to continue to work toward preventing and reducing the number of crimes, with an emphasis on drugs, gang violence and pedestrian safety.

TRANSPORTATION

Legislative Guiding Principles:

- Support efforts to increase funding for transportation programs and projects within the city, including support for mass transit programs.
- Support measures to enhance the ability of local agencies to finance local transportation programs and facilities.
- Support legislation providing increased State funding for preservation and maintenance of local roads.
- Support efforts to secure the maximum amount of State funding for the construction and maintenance of local roads, infrastructure, transportation projects and major corridors.
- Support initiatives to provide transit operations and maintenance funding to local jurisdictions.

Specific Projects and Issues of Significance:

- South Line Phase II - Light Rail Project: Extend Sacramento Regional Transit District’s (RT’s) South Corridor Light Rail Transit (LRT) service from its existing terminus at Meadowview Road south and east to Cosumnes River College (CRC). The LRT Project will add four new LRT stations, 2,700 park-and-ride spaces and a major new transit center at the CRC station near State Route 99.
- North Central Business District: Improvements include several related projects that will serve the area of Richards Boulevard north of the Sacramento Railyards, the Railyards Development Area (including the Sacramento Intermodal Station), and adjacent neighborhoods north of downtown.
- Transit Oriented Development Areas - 65th Street, R Street, 7th Street, 12th Street: Joint effort to transform former inner-city (rail) corridors to mixed-use redevelopment areas focused upon light rail stations.
- Folsom Boulevard Area Projects: Improvements estimated to cost \$70 million to relieve congestion at the intersection of Folsom Boulevard and Power Inn Road and to provide additional north-south and east-west capacity in the area.
- San Joaquin Regional/High Speed Rail Corridor Improvements: ACE and the CA High Speed Rail Authority are undertaking a corridor improvement project as part of the statewide High Speed Rail Initiative. The San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission is working closely with representatives from Merced to Sacramento to plan and implement infrastructure improvements to provide higher speed rail in the Central Valley that can ultimately be utilized for Phase 2 of the CA High Speed Rail project in the future.

- Downtown Natomas Airport (DNA) Light Rail Corridor: The DNA is a Regional Transit Project. The 13-mile, 13 station light rail transit corridor extends from downtown to the Sacramento International Airport, serving the future Intermodal Facility, Union Pacific Railyards development, River District Redevelopment Area, and the communities of South and North Natomas. The first phase of the DNA light rail extension – now referred to as the Green Line to the Airport – will extend light rail 1.1 miles north to Richards Boulevard and 7th Street at the Township 9 development.
- Streetcar Project: The streetcar starter line will link the cities of Sacramento and West Sacramento. The 3.3 mile line will start at the West Sacramento Civic Center and extend to 19th and L in Sacramento reaching Raley Field, Old Sacramento, Downtown Plaza, Sacramento Intermodal Facilities, Convention Center, State Capitol, and major downtown hotels.

WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

Legislative Guiding Principles:

- Pursue funding to rehabilitate critical infrastructure through the Water Resources Development Act and other legislation.