



Agenda Memorandum

Agenda Item – 3.B.

City Council Study Session March 6, 2023



Strategic Priority 1: Preparedness and Resilience

Build a system of intentional support for residents, businesses and the environment that mitigates risks and proactively seeks out ways to ensure the community not only endures, but thrives.



Strategic Priority 2: Proactive Public Safety

Enhance public safety to emphasize both prevention and enforcement, engage the community through education and outreach and provide the resources necessary to ensure safety and well-being throughout Westminster.



Strategic Priority 3: Shared Sense of Community

Foster equitable opportunities that help residents feel at home and connected in their community and empowered to live their best lives.



Strategic Priority 4: Quality of Life

Ensure that Westminster offers a diverse range of amenities and activities for residents, businesses and visitors that honor the city's history and support the arts, parks, recreation, open spaces, and libraries.



Strategic Priority 5: Robust Infrastructure

Provide safe and equitable access to core services and amenities by safeguarding, maintaining and improving the city's water, wastewater, stormwater, mobility and roadway systems.

Subject: Presentation of Federal Lobbyist Services

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Recommended City Council Action:

Listen to a presentation regarding the City's federal lobbyist services.

Summary Statement:

The City's federal lobbyist team of Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP (SPB) and City Staff will provide an overview of the City's federal lobbying program.

Fiscal Impact:

\$0 in expenditures

Source of Funds:

Not applicable

Policy Issue(s):

Does City Council want to receive an overview of the City's federal lobbying services by the federal lobbyist team of SPB and City Staff?

Alternative(s):

City Council may choose not to receive an overview of the City's federal lobbying services. This is not recommended because City Council familiarity with these services is important in guiding Staff and the federal lobbyist team of SPB in representing and advocating for the City on federal legislative matters and with the City's federal delegation.

Background Information:

In June 2021, the City executed a contract with SPB for federal lobbyist services. This contract was extended in June 2022 for another year of services through May 2023.

Both Mike Dino, Principal, and Mara Sheldon, Senior Policy Advisor, provide these services on behalf of SPB. The full scope of services for this work is described in Attachment A.

Staff and SPB will provide an overview of federal lobbying services to City Council as well as provide an update to City Council of the current status of the City's federal lobbying efforts.

Some highlights of federal lobbyist work Staff and SPB have been engaged in since June 2022 include:

- In response to requests received from the City's federal delegation in 2022 for infrastructure projects, with the assistance and guidance of SPB, two infrastructure projects were put forth to members of the City's federal delegation:
 - Federal Parkway Multimodal Transportation Improvements; and
 - Lowell Boulevard Water Main Replacement Project
- The Federal Parkway Multimodal Transportation Improvements was approved for funding (\$3,000,000) in the federal appropriations bill passed in December 2022.
- Assistance to Council in arranging and facilitating meetings with federal delegation both in-district and in Washington DC
- Twice monthly briefings with Staff to provide update and guidance on federal legislative matters

- Assistance with letters and other communications to federal delegation and federal agencies regarding matters of concern to the City, including a letter to the Environmental Protection Agency regarding lead air pollution from small-engine aircraft
- Provide relationship-building opportunities and facilitation with federal delegation including a meeting with newly elected Representative Yadira Caraveo on February 3, 2023
- Provide guidance to Council regarding Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport – Community Noise Roundtable membership and other opportunities to advance concerns of residents regarding airport operations
- Provides weekly reports entitled, "Infrastructure - Washington DC Update" and "Inflation Reduction Act Update"

SPB last provided an annual update of federal lobbyist services to City Council on March 21, 2022.

A review of federal lobbying services supports all of the City's Strategic Plan goals: Preparedness and Resilience, Proactive Public Safety, Shared Sense of Community, Quality of Life, and Robust Infrastructure.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark A Freitag". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mark A. Freitag
City Manager

Attachments:

Attachment A - Federal Lobbyist Scope of Services