



Washington, DC Federal Advocacy Trip Debrief

April 22, 2024

Overview

- Council conducts an annual advocacy trip to Washington, DC. The goals are to:
- Build and maintain relationships with key partners in Congress and federal agencies.
- Advocate on behalf of City needs and in support of Council goals.

Summary of Meetings

- Fish and Wildlife Service
- Department of Transportation
 - Federal Highway Administration
 - Federal Railroad Administration
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Department of the Army
- Senator Bennet
- Senator Hickenlooper
- Representative Caraveo

- Assessment of bison herd
- Northern entrance
- Solar installation on refuge
- Wildfire plan

- CRISI grant obligations
- Train blockages – need to report to DOT whenever they occur
- Grade separation program
- Other funding opportunities

- Suncor
 - Community input on how to address refinery and health issues
 - Need to distinguish among pollution sources
- Working with SACWSD on PFAS/PFOA
- Use of settlement funds for more staff
 - Looking at Refuge documentation
 - Bison herd health assessment to share with native communities

Army

- Personnel turnover and structure
 - Arsenal is part of Fort Carson command structure
- Support for solar installation with FCCO
- PFAS is not migrating and is captured
- Priority is remediation and restoration

Bennet

- Infrastructure development and CDS
- Suncor
- HUD permitting for affordable housing
- Collaboration with SACWSD on PFAS

Hickenlooper

- Suncor
- Housing
 - Construction defects
 - Displacement
- Infrastructure/CDS
- Aviation noise from DIA

Caraveo

- Funding opportunities
 - Safe Routes to School
 - RAISE Grant
- Collaboration with SACWSD
- Suncor and health issues
- Train blockages and reporting

Next Steps

- Applications submitted for FY25 CDS.
- Working with the Grants Office to identify opportunities.
- Continue to build and maintain relationships.