

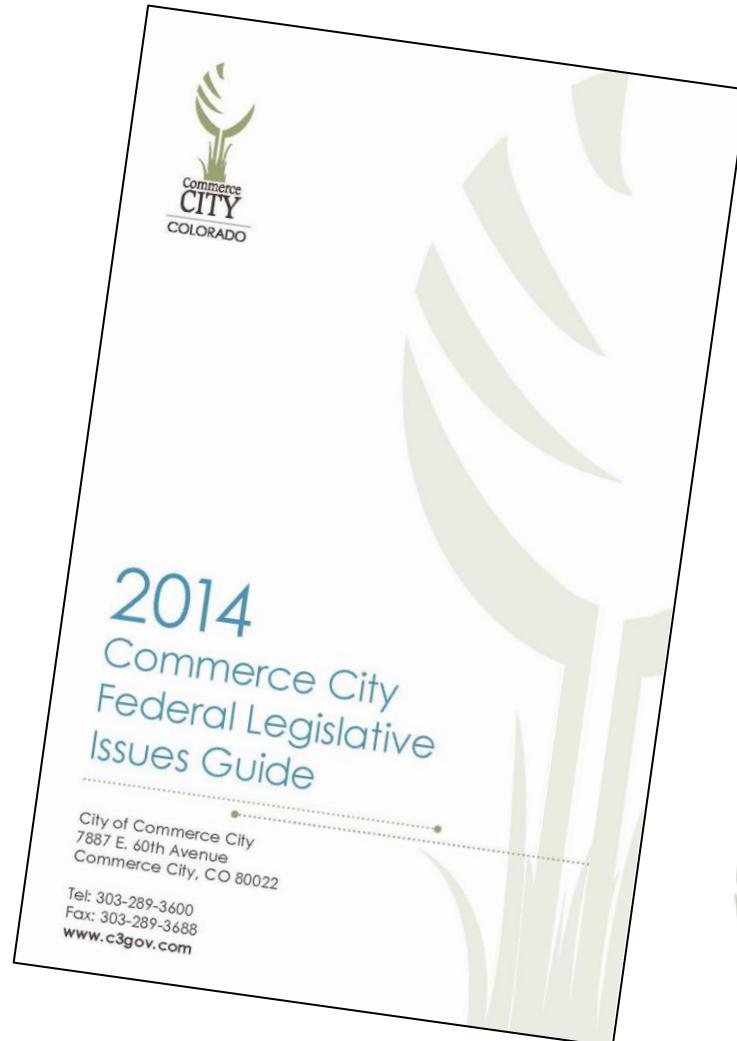


Federal Advocacy Update

April 14, 2014

Annual Priorities

- Transportation Equity
- Economic Vitality
- Quiet Zone Relief
- Block Grants
- Financial Fairness
- Providing a Safety Net
- Recovering from Disaster



Advocacy Meetings

- March 4 -7, 2014, Washington, D.C.
- Mayor Ford, Mayor Pro Tem Bullock, Councilor Benson, Councilor Douglas and City Manager McBroom
- Michelle Halstead, director of communications & government affairs and Mike Dino, senior policy advisor, Patton Boggs



Advocacy Meetings

- Senator Udall
- Senator Bennet
- Congressman Perlmutter
- Congresswoman DeGette
- U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development
- Department of Interior
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
- Federal Highway Administration
- Federal Railroad Administration
- U.S. Department of Transportation



Transportation Equity

- Provided updates to delegation on Tower Road/Pena Boulevard project
- Briefing on innovative financing options for Interstate 270, I-70
 - TIGER planning grant



Economic Vitality

- Discussed importance of New Market Tax Credits reinstatement (tax extenders) with delegation for Mile High Greyhound Park
- Discussed deed restrictions and refuge and need for revision of Federal Facilities Agreement
 - Identify process/parties
 - Engagement in CCP process



Quiet Zone Relief

- Secured waiver for 96th Avenue and State Highway 2
- Thanked federal staff and delegation for support
- Advocated for revision of rule-making process
 - Provide feedback to agency
 - Future hearings



Block Grants

- Discussed need for preserving federal grant funding
- Identified additional grant opportunities for transportation, housing projects



Financial Fairness

- Explained importance of tax-exempt municipal bonds
 - City's Capital Improvement Program
 - Reinforced CML priority
- Highlighted need for Marketplace Fairness Act
 - Reinforced CML priority



Providing a Safety Net

- Advocate for neediest residents
- Identified opportunities for community preservation and development programs
- Funding for senior, low-income and affordable housing



Recovering from Disaster

- Provide update on storm recovery within city, Refuge
- Support CDBG-Disaster Recovery funds to state
 - Consider application through Colorado Department of Local Government Affairs





Questions
