



# Federal Advocacy Update

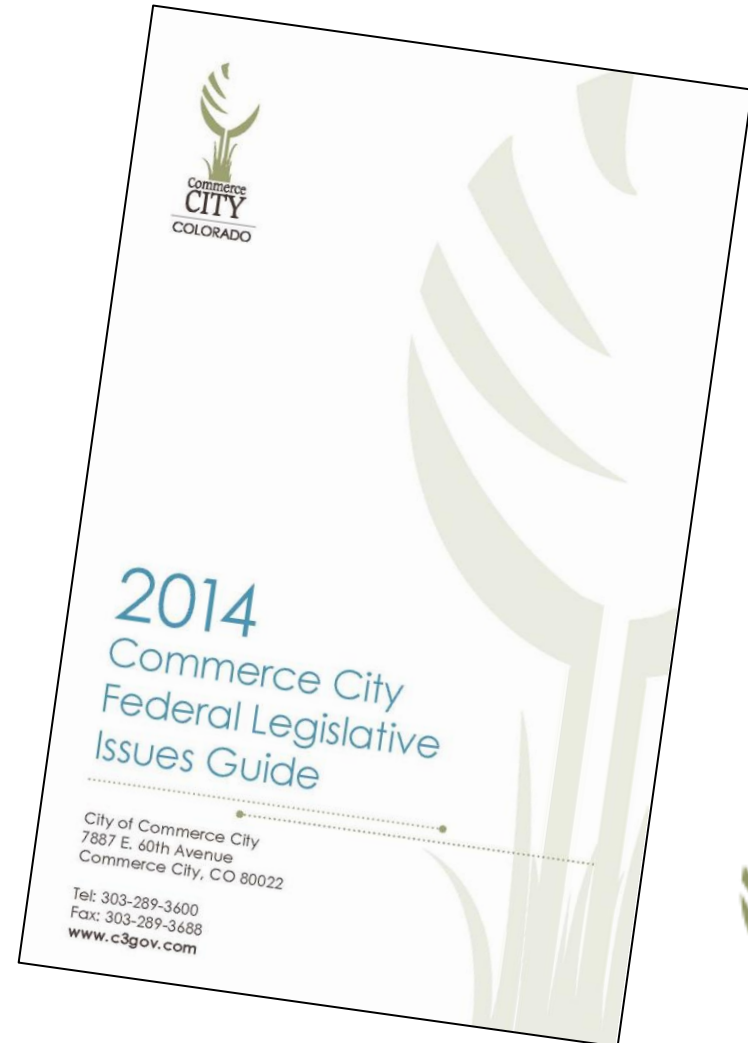
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# Annual Priorities

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



# Advocacy Meetings

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- 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

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- 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

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



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# Economic Vitality

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- 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

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- Secured waiver for 96<sup>th</sup> 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

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



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# Financial Fairness

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- 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

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



# Recovering from Disaster

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- 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

