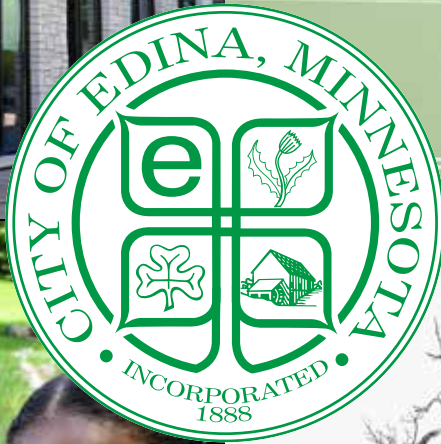


2020 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES





Centennial Lakes Park

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Federal Legislative Priorities Details

Investment in Local Transportation Priorities

The City Council urges Congress to support transportation programs that recognize the central role of transportation to metropolitan and regional economies.

Specifically:

- Identify a user-fee based system that keeps the Highway Trust Fund fully funded beyond the expiration of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act
 - Increase federal funding for programs like Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grants, Transportation Alternatives, the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program, New Starts and Fostering Advancement in Shipping and Transportation for the Long-term Achievement of National Efficiencies (FASTLANE) Grants
 - Support the reconstruction of the interchange at the intersection of interstate highways 494 and 35W
 - Support future federal investment in transit projects in the Twin Cities region like the Southwest Light Rail Transit (LRT)
- Supporting and coordinating the efforts of states to address climate change
 - Converting all electricity generation to carbon-free or renewable sources
 - Decarbonizing the economy
 - Supporting and promoting energy efficiency
 - Recognizing the impact of economic changes on people and communities, helping mitigate the negative impact especially on vulnerable individuals and frontline communities, ensuring an equitable distribution of the benefits, and thus securing for all people of the U.S. for generations to come:
 - clean air and water
 - climate and community resiliency
 - healthy food
 - access to nature
 - sustainable environment

Climate Change

The City of Edina promotes actions that protect future generations from the consequences of climate change. We ask congress to promote systematic changes to the U.S. economy that address climate change, including, but not limited to:

- Aligning our land stewardship policies, including urban and rural land use, to maximize carbon recapture and promote soil health
- Creating a system for measuring and reporting progress on these goals

Election Security

The City of Edina urges Congress to protect the integrity of the entire election system, including cybersecurity, physical security for election materials and equipment, emergency planning for possible disruptions, trainings for election staff and process risk.

Affordable Housing

Supplying affordable housing to all Minnesotans is an important investment we can make in Minnesota's future. Cities cannot close the housing affordability gap on their own. We urge Congress to preserve Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) and prioritize

affordable housing and work with local partners to coordinate federal housing resources.

The City Council asks Congress to support the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership (HOME) program. These programs are the principal source of federal revenue for localities to use in developing and implementing community development solutions for creating and sustaining healthy, functioning communities.

Local Management of Wireless Siting

Recent rulings by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) have created caps on application fees and rent charged for use of these assets, failing to consider the actual costs cities incur in processing applications or the fair market value of using municipal assets. As a result, taxpayers will have to subsidize the deployment of wireless services, and cities will lose control of their

municipal assets. We urge Congress to analyze the FCC rulings and recognize that the siting of wireless facilities on city assets must balance the needs of the wireless companies with the ability of cities to make decisions that are best for their communities.



Walnut Ridge Park



50th & France

Enable Cities to Protect Residents from Harmful Levels of Aviation Noise

The City Council has identified aviation noise as one of the key threats to the quality of life in Edina. Council Members request support from Edina's federally elected officials for eliminating Categorical Exclusions (CATEX) when implementing Performance Based Navigation (PBN). The process should ensure that ground impacts and community concerns are incorporated into PBN and traditional track changes that will change noise exposure.

The Edina City Council opposes the privatization of Air Traffic Control. We are concerned it may reduce the accountability of the organization to Congress, and that without a mechanism for compelling the private company to meet and discuss community concerns, there will be fewer opportunities for advocacy on noise impacts.

The FAA has taken positive steps to improve community engagement, including adopting a Community Involvement Manual and hiring a Community Involvement Manager for Airspace Projects. The Edina City Council believes that this will result in a more efficient and successful implementation of NextGen and we strongly support these efforts.

Post Office Preservation

The Edina Post Office in the 50th & France District in Edina is housed in a leased facility. The property owner has announced that this lease will not be renewed following its expiration in 2021. The Edina Post Office is important to the Edina, Minneapolis and St. Louis Park residents it serves. We ask your support in keeping a full-service post office in the 50th & France District.

Cable Franchise Fees

The Edina City Council urges Congress to recognize, support and maintain the exercise of local franchising authority to encourage increased competition between incumbent cable system operators and new wireline competitive video service providers.

The City Council asks Congress to refrain from adopting any FCC rule changes that would restrict existing local authority to charge for and control access to public rights-of-way by all video and cable service providers.

Protection of Municipal Bonds

Edina's Aaa and AAA credit ratings from Standard + Poor's and Moody's Investors Services represent the financial strength of our city. These ratings create opportunities for the City to invest in our community's future and provide the best value in

public services back to our residents. Any changes to the tax code should recognize the vital role of tax exempt municipal bonds. The Edina City Council asks you to oppose any attempt to make changes to the tax exempt status that would increase the cost of financing for cities as doing so would be devastating for our operations, our services and, ultimately, our residents.

State and Local Tax (SALT) Deduction

The 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act reduced the opportunity for taxpayers to fully itemize deductions for their state and local taxes (SALT) against their federal income tax liability. This fundamental change to the tax code will have a detrimental impact on many taxpayers in Edina. We ask for your support in reversing this change to the tax code and reinstating full federal deductibility of state and local taxes.



Edina, Minnesota

About Edina

Edina is a part of the Twin Cities metro which is home to more than 3.4 million residents. It is a community of 16 square miles serving approximately 50,000 residents.

Edina is a business destination as well as a residential destination. Every day, 44,000 people commute into Edina to work and 18,500 people commute out of Edina to work. In addition to this traffic, the city's retail centers attract visitors from all over the metropolitan area.

Edina has a five-member City Council, all of whom are elected at large from our community on a non-partisan basis. The City Council sets policy and direction for the City which is then executed by the City Manager. The City provides a full range of services.

Local Economy

The City currently enjoys a strong economic environment and local indicators point to continued growth. Major private employers in Edina include:

- M Health Fairview Southdale Hospital
- Southdale Center
- Galleria Edina shopping mall
- Spartan Nash
- FILMTEC (Dupont)
- Lunds & Byerlys
- Jerry's Enterprises, Inc.
- Western National Insurance

Community Vision

City staff are guided by Vision Edina, the City's long-range strategic plan. The City's Comprehensive Plan guides development and redevelopment and addresses changes likely to occur due to various social and market forces.

The City continues to focus on quality of life improvements throughout Edina. These efforts cover a broad array of areas, including an emphasis on sustainability both internally and externally as well as intensive work to identify and remedy racial inequities within our city government to ensure that all people are being served and have an opportunity to serve within our local government.

The City has four ongoing budget goals:



Strong Foundation

Maintain physical assets and infrastructure



Reliable Service

Maintain service levels that best meet the needs of the community



Livable City

Plan for connected and sustainable development



Better Together

Foster inclusive and engaged community



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