



## 2024 Federal Legislative Priorities

### ECONOMY

**Rio de Flag Flood Control Project** - Utilizing the \$52 million in secured funding, support expedited award and completion of the project while working with the Army Corps, BNSF Railway and the Arizona Dept. of Transportation to ultimately remove more than half of the City's residents, as well as the downtown and NAU areas, from the flood plain and protect more than \$1 billion in property assets.

**Forest Health** – Utilize federal funding to support important regional projects to thin and restore forests. Advocate for collaborative prescribed fire efforts that support the development of a technically skilled workforce.

**Fire and Flood Insurance** – Advocate for affordable flood insurance premiums for Flagstaff residents. Support efforts to ensure affordable and accessible fire insurance coverage for Flagstaff residents. Work to ensure that FEMA deems post-wildfire flooding during monsoon season as an emergency under the Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide (PAPPG).

### TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

**Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)** - Pursue competitive grants and formula funds from the IIJA to finance high-priority infrastructure projects within the City, including resilient stormwater infrastructure, multi-modal transportation, roads, bridges, highways, wildlife corridors and restoration initiatives for the Museum Fire and Pipeline Fire burn scar areas.

**Multimodal Transportation** - Advocate for projects, policies and legislation that strengthen multi-modal transportation systems and adopt a transformative transportation planning approach, in line with the City's Active Transportation Master Plan and the Carbon Neutrality Plan.

**Water and Stormwater Infrastructure** – Utilize funding dedicated by the IIJA and other legislation to complement and improve City water and stormwater infrastructure.

**Rural Broadband** – Utilize federal funding for rural broadband access and capacity to encourage and develop economic activity, including allowing for remote education, business attraction, revenue creation and the attraction of remote workers.



# CITY OF FLAGSTAFF

**Flagstaff Pulliam Airport** – Advocate for funding for projects included in the Flagstaff Pulliam Airport five-year Capital Improvement Program, specifically the need for construction funding for the upcoming new Snow Removal Equipment (SRE) building.

**Amtrak** – Utilize funding dedicated by the IJA and other legislation to increase reliability and certainty along the Southwest Chief line for long-distance passenger train services as a generator of economic development for municipalities located in the I-40 corridor.

## ENVIRONMENT

**Climate Change** - Support legislation and funding to reduce greenhouse gas emissions at the national and community scale, including a sustainable energy policy that is equitable, investment in climate resilience projects, policy and investment in the transportation sector to reduce carbon emissions and car dependency, policy and investment in the building sector that advances both climate action and housing goals, and policies that protect residents from climate disaster-related hardship and/or displacement. Protect the wilderness, wildlife, water, and cultural resources throughout the Southwest region.

**Endangered Species Act** – Protect and strengthen the Endangered Species Act and encourage Congress to maintain its funding and enforcement while working to promote the restoration of threatened and endangered species in northern Arizona.

## COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

**Affordable Housing** – Support legislation to create a middle-income housing tax credit. Promote additional funding for Public Housing and capital funds, the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program, and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Advocate for the Fair Market Rent determination methodology to be modified to more accurately reflect the actual rental market in Flagstaff.

**Immigration Reform** – Advocate for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and other federal immigration policies that help keep families together while supporting their higher education goals.

**Veterans** - Support legislation and funding that improves the lives of all veterans and their families while emphasizing the need for additional housing vouchers for veterans.