



DECEMBER 15, 2023

WEEKLY REPORT

TO: MAYOR MITCHELL AND COUNCIL MEMBERS
FROM: CITY MANAGER BRYAN LANGLEY

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I. COUNCIL SCHEDULE

All meetings will be held at Kyle City Hall Council Chambers, 100 W. Center St. The meeting will be conducted in the council chambers and is also available via live stream on Kyle10.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2023

ELECTION CANVASSING MEETING AT 5:30 P.M.

TIRZ #5 MEETING AT 6 P.M.

COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AT 6:30 P.M.

COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AT 7 P.M.

Due to Public Notices, the December 19, 2023 Meeting cannot be moved to another day.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024

COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AT TBD

COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AT 7 P.M.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024

COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AT TBD

COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AT 7 P.M.

II. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ADOPTION

Staff Contact: Will Atkinson

The Kyle Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a second Public Hearing for the Kyle 2030 Comprehensive Plan on Tuesday, January 9 at 6:30 p.m. The Kyle City Council will hold a Public Hearing and vote on the final adoption of Comprehensive Plan on Tuesday, January 16 at 7 p.m.

The meetings will be held in-person at Kyle City Hall, 100 W. Center St, but other options for participation include streaming online through Spectrum 10 or the City's YouTube channel.

Public Hearings are a part of the final adoption of the City of Kyle's Comprehensive Plan. Learn more about the Kyle 2030 Comprehensive Master Plan at Kyle2030.com.

III. TEAM KYLE UPDATE

Staff Contact: Sandra Duran

Congratulations to all the Team Kyle Members that have been promoted and welcome to our new Team Kyle members:

- Cristylee Nunez - Municipal Court Clerk (Internal Transfer)
- Maddison Droblyn - Quartermaster (Internal Promotion)
- Tony Spano - Fleet Coordinator
- Monica Parra - Animal Control Officer
- Michael Waters - Streets Maintenance Technician

IV. FM 110 OPENING AT YARRINGTON ROAD

Staff Contact: Rachel Sonnier

Hays County's newly constructed FM 110 North Section will open from State Highway 80 to Interstate 35 at Yarrington Road on Wednesday, Dec. 20. As part of the opening of this road, traffic traveling on Yarrington Road will now have a stop sign at the intersection of FM 110 and Yarrington Road. The FM 110 traffic will not be required to stop at this intersection. Drivers are asked to drive safely and observe the new traffic patterns in the area. More info:

hayscountytexas.com/residents/transportation-projects/road-projects

V. NOVEMBER WATER USAGE UPDATE

Staff Contact: Amber Schmeits

Water Department Staff recently found that one of the meters at the Yarrington production facility was not accurately reading the City's pumping into the system. Because of this, it under reported usage from that facility from Nov. 2 through Dec. 7.

The November numbers included in the Dec. 1, 2023 Weekly Report said that since Amended Stage 3 Drought Restrictions went into effect Sept. 1, 2023, there has been a 53.4% decrease in total monthly water production demand and a 50.19% decrease in average daily production demands resulting in a total monthly production decrease of 96,001,000 gallons in November 2023.

The corrected numbers show that since Amended Stage 3 Drought Restrictions went into effect Sept. 1, 2023, there has been a 44.93% decrease in total monthly water production demand and a 43.09% decrease in average daily production demands resulting in a total monthly production decrease of 80,768,00 gallons in November 2023.

Month	Total Monthly Production (Gallons)	Average Daily Production (Gallons)	Total Production Percentage Change	Average Daily Production Change	Total Monthly Production Difference (Gallons)
June	141,400,000	4,713,333	Red (+) = Increased Production Green (-) = Reduced Production		
July	173,089,000	5,583,516	22.41	18.46	31,689,000
August	179,773,000	5,799,129	3.86	3.86	6,684,000
September	134,138,000	4,471,267	-25.38	-22.90	-45,635,000
October	114,176,000	3,683,097	-36.49	-36.49	-65,597,000
November (Incorrect)	83,772,000	2,888,690	-53.40	-50.19	-96,001,000
November (Corrected)	99,005,000	3,300,167	-44.93	-43.09	-80,768,000

VI. CIP/ROAD PROJECT UPDATES

Staff Contact: Leon Barba

FM 110 Waterline:

- Contractor finishing project staking and potholing
- Excavation for pipeline to start this week



Indian Paintbrush Lift Station:

- Based on pay request, overall progress is 90%
- The new force main is connected to existing force main
- The force main connection backfilled

Schlemmer & Porter Phase II:

- Based on pay request, overall progress is 94%
- Contractor finished items identified on final walkthrough
- Final payment application to be submitted by Contractor



VII. CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS

Council requests from the dais will be documented in the Friday Report until completion.

Item No.	Date of Request	Request	Status
1	6/20/23	Google Fiber Right of Way Agreement	Tentatively scheduled for January/February 2024
2	6/23-25/23	Demolition of current Kyle Police Department on Front Street; Buildings at 300 W. Center; and VFW Building on Front Street	Company selected for demolition at 11/14/23 Meeting; Demolition expected to begin mid-December
3	6/23-25/23	Evaluate Downtown Area Utilities to determine what upgrades are required	Assigned to City Engineer; Presentation January 2024
4	6/23-25/23	Engage Architect/Design Consultant for Concept Plan for Downtown Area	Assigned to Victoria; Design Firm selected, presentation planned for February 2024
5	6/23-25/23	Pursue land acquisition for public parkland	Winter 2024
6	6/23-25/23	Combined facility Senior Center/Library/Rec Center feasibility	Discussion scheduled for Council Visioning Workshop February 9-10, 2024
7	6/23-25/23	Staff Update on JDs at Hwy 21 and FM 150	A traffic impact analysis is under review by TxDOT; Site plan submittal to City will occur following approval of traffic impact analysis; Follow up to TxDOT on 12/4/23
8	6/23-25/23	Consider potential expansion to Goforth to connect northern and southern portions of Goforth to accommodate a grocery store	Assigned to Leon Barba; Staff to develop a plan to consider by Winter 2024; Funding in the budget to design extension of Goforth, water and wastewater utilities
9	8/15/23	Water Conservation Programs	9/19/23 City Council Meeting for rebate program. – Completed; City Council asked P&Z to look at amendments to the landscaping requirements Spring 2024

CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS CONTINUED

Item No.	Date of Request	Request	Status
10	9/5/23	Direct Staff to bring back amendments to the nuisance ordinance.	Assigned to Chief Barnett
11	10/2/23	Direct the city manager and staff to provide an update to the sidewalk master plan.	Spring 2024
12	11/14/23	Direct staff to proceed with creation of TIRZ No. 6 for further Council consideration.	Assigned to Will Atkinson 12/19/23 City Council Meeting
13	11/14/23	Direct staff to bring back an interim financing strategy for the construction of the remaining Alliance Regional Water Authority (ARWA) Phase 1B projects and Phase 1C/1D expansions.	Assigned to Amber Schmeits & Perwez Moheet; discussion scheduled for 12/19/23 City Council Meeting; Spring 2024
14	11/20/23	Direct staff to bring back a Property Improvement Program and also to look for potential grants to fund some of the budget for this potential program.	Assigned to Kelly Stilwell Spring 2024
15	12/5/23	Request for Proposal (RFP) to provide additional mental health services through a cooperative agreement between the City, County, and any private partners that are identified.	Staff intends to bring the RFP back to Council in January 2024.
16	12/5/23	Select Stantec to prepare a design for the project.	Assigned to Jerry Hendrix. January/February 2024.

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HOLIDAY FUN CONTINUES...

Mary Kyle Hartson City Square Park Features Programming on the Weekends:

Friday, Dec. 15th - Fairytale games and activities; Letters to Santa- Featuring our Castle Display

Sunday, Dec. 17th - Sip and Stroll: Join us in the park and sip on hot cider, hot chocolate, or coffee and enjoy a social media scavenger hunt to holiday music.

Thursday, Dec. 21st - Throwback Thursday: Includes Dj with throwback jams

Friday, Dec. 22nd - Gingerbread games and activities; Letters to Santa

Shopping Saturdays: Vendors, lights and live music!

Social Sundays: Take pictures of you and your loved one and share it with the hashtag #KyleParksandRecreation.

Lake Kyle Park Features A Lighted Trail and an Ice Skating Rink:

The ice-skating rink will be open Sunday-Saturday 5pm-9pm.

Pre-registration will be required. To reserve an ice-skating time slot, register at

<https://teamsideline.com/kyle> beginning Monday, November 13th.

18 & up \$5/resident; \$7 non-resident. 6-17 \$3 resident; \$5 non-resident. 0-5 FREE

Entry to both parks is free.

Professional Photographs (photo package fees vary):

Fridays: Lake Kyle

Saturdays/Sunday: Mary Kyle Hartson City Square Park

SANTA RIDES IN KYLE

**THANK YOU TO ALL INVOLVED IN MAKING
THE SANTA RIDES THROUGH KYLE POSSIBLE!**

**Kyle Police Department, Fire Department, Citizens on Patrol,
Hays CISD & the Kyle Parks and Recreation Department**

RECREATION DIVISION:

- Hosted Movie In the Park at Lake Kyle Park
 - 4 Food Vendors
 - Over 250 participants
 - 30 Volunteers
- Polar Bear Splash registration is now open.
- Coed Softball and Men's Softball League are in season.
- Coed Kickball is in playoffs.
- Hosted Santa Visits Kyle Dec 12th, 13th & 14th.
- Planning for Polar Bear Splash, Spring Break Camp and Summer Camp.
- KUDOS to Shane for coordinating a successful first movie in the park.

**PARK MAINTENANCE DIVISION:**

- Completed Gregg-Clarke Park Field 5 maintenance
 - Removed the rusted and broken scoreboard and scorers table
 - Painted the dugouts and players benches
 - Painted the spectator bleacher
 - Installed new trash cans
 - Added new field dirt
- Removed graffiti at Ash Pavilion
- Removed 70 Pounds of trash from the parks
- Mowed 120 Acres



TRAILS DIVISION:

- Updated the bulletin boards at the trail head.

ADMIN DIVISION:

- Worked the ice-skating rink at Lake Kyle Park and 25 Days of Christmas activities at Mary Kyle Hartson City Square Park.
- Rentals:
Ash Pavilion- 1 Rental; 100 Guests
Waterleaf Park Soccer Field- 1 Rental; 30 Guests

SPECIAL DESTINATION EVENTS DIVISION:

- Assisted the Recreation Division with interview for the Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist.
- Decorated Mary Kyle Hartson City Square Park for 25 Days of Christmas.
- Led 25 Days of Christmas Activities.
- Worked on finalizing major details for the 2024 Kyle Fair.



BEAUTIFICATION DIVISION:

- Picked up 4 large trash bags and one mattress from Old Stagecoach Rd.
- Removed a tree on Roland Ln from a car accident.
- Sprayed sidewalks and around holiday displays at Lake Kyle with ant control treatment.
- Added the Grinch decorations to the Gateway signs.
- Cleared the line-of-sight concern in from of 7-11.



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KYLE PUBLIC LIBRARY CHECK IT OUT!



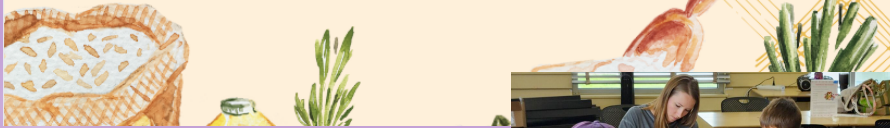
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for contributing to our Food for Fines Program!

640 POUNDS OF FOOD DONATED TO HAYS COUNTY FOOD BANK

\$1525.20 worth of fines forgiven.

Extra donations totaled to \$652.80 towards forgiving others' fines.



Kyle Public Library
in partnership with the League
of Women Voters



VOTER REGISTRATION HELP BECAUSE YOUR VOTE MATTERS



December 19- January 30

Tuesdays

2pm -4pm

Wednesdays

5:30pm -7:30pm

**KYLE PUBLIC LIBRARY
COMMUNITY ROOMS**

- Register to Vote
- Update Voter Record
- Check Voter Status
- Request a Vote-by-Mail
- Find Election information
- Get Your Questions Answered



Share your Holiday Traditions

Visit the library, and write down one of your family's winter holiday traditions. Then post it on our wall to share with the community.



teen NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS pajama party

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16
1:00 PM**

WEAR PAJAMAS, WATCH NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS, DO PERLER BEAD CRAFTS, AND HAVE SNACKS.
THERE MUST BE AT LEAST ONE PERSON AGED 12-17 IN YOUR PARTY TO ATTEND.

Kyle Public Library

Storytimes on break

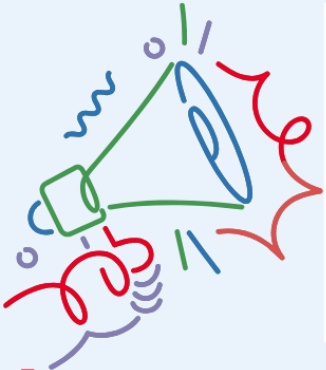
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**STORYTIMES WILL BE
BACK ON JANUARY 8TH**

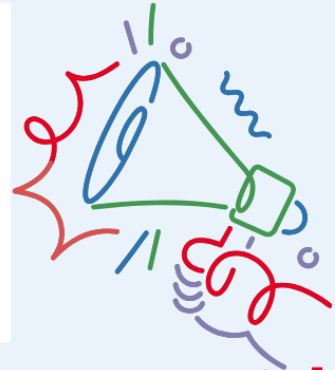
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Mental Health Resources

cityofkyle.com/library/mental-health-resources



CITY OF KYLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

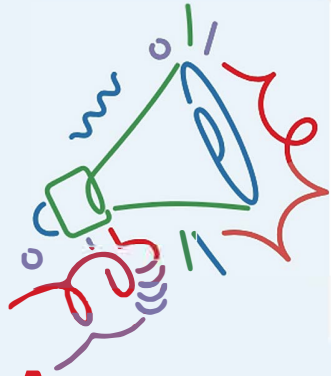


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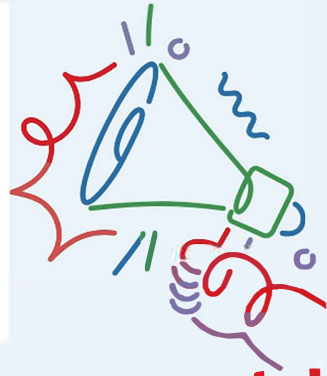
RESTAURANTS COMING SOON:



Abbott's Frozen Custard		https://www.abbottscustard.com/location/kyle-tx/	2242 Kohlers Crossing
Cava		https://cava.com/	5120 S. FM 1626, Ste. 120
Chick-Fil-A		https://www.chick-fil-a.com/	2211 Kohlers Crossing
HteaO		https://hteao.com/	2266 Kohlers Crossing
Mighty Fine Burgers, Fries, & Shakes		https://www.mightyfineburgers.com/kyle	19460 IH 35
Nothing Bundt Cakes		https://www.nothingbundtcakes.com/	Kyle Crossing Phase II
Pho with Us		https://phowithus.com/	135 Kyle Crossing
Rudy's Bar-B-Q		https://rudysbbq.com/	5767 Kyle Parkway
Snooze		https://www.snoozeeatery.com/restaurant/texas/kyle/	5140 S. FM 1626
Texas Roadhouse		https://www.texasroadhouse.com/	19073 I-35
Tony C's		https://www.tonycsbeergarden.com/	2344 Kohlers Crossing
Walk-On's		https://walk-ons.com/	FM 1626 & Kohlers Crossing
Wingzone		https://wingzone.com/	Kyle Crossing Phase II



CITY OF KYLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



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OTHER BUSINESSES COMING SOON:

Body 20		https://body20.com/kyle-crossing/	5401 FM 1626, Ste 105
Builders FirstSource		https://www.bldr.com/	23300 IH 35
Children's Lighthouse		https://childrenslighthouse.com/kyle	1190 Veterans Drive
Crunch Fitness		https://www.crunch.com/	19167 IH-35
Floyd's 99 Barbershop		https://www.floydsbarbershop.com/	Kyle Crossing Phase II
Poco Loco Super Mercado		https://www.pocolocosupermercado.com/	1206 North Burleson Rd
Sprouts		https://www.sprouts.com/	FM 1626 & Kohlers Crossing
The Lash Lounge		https://www.thelashlounge.com/	2255 Kohlers Crossing

Excitement everywhere we look!



City of Kyle, Texas
 City Sales and Use Tax Collection by Month
 Comparison for FY2023 and FY2024

Collection Month	Actual Receipts Current Year FY 2024	Comparison to Budget FY 2024				Comparison to Last Year FY 2023			
		Budget FY 2024	\$ Variance	% Variance	Sales Tax Rebates 380 Payments	Actual Receipts Last Year FY 2023	\$ Variance	% Variance	Sales Tax Rebates 380 Payments
October	\$ 1,425,969.13	\$ 1,438,523.00	\$ (12,553.87)	-0.87%	\$ 79,646.52	\$ 1,160,979.47	\$ 264,989.66	22.82%	\$ 78,383.57
November	1,599,526.69	1,595,103.00	4,423.69	0.28%	82,046.34	1,495,233.54	104,293.15	6.98%	87,108.76
December	1,385,158.70	1,394,256.00	(9,097.30)	-0.65%	77,297.11	1,306,962.31	78,196.39	5.98%	81,586.10
January									
February									
March									
April									
May									
June									
July									
August									
September									
Total	\$ 4,410,654.52	\$ 4,427,882.00	\$ (17,227.48)	-0.39%	\$ 238,989.97	\$ 3,963,175.32	\$ 447,479.20	11.29%	\$ 247,078.43



2022 Bond Program

Weekly Project Status Report Updated: 12/14/2023



Project ID	Council District	Project Name	Project Status	Contract (Task Order) Amount	\$ Paid to Date As of 11/30/23	% of Contract paid to Date	Project Descriptions
In Design							
1a	6	Kohlers to Seton (IH 35)	16% Complete schematic Phase. Conceptual Schematic due 3/5/2024 (delayed from 12/1/2024) . Kickoff meeting held on 10/24/2023. Project currently on hold, pending the DCC meeting with TxDOT to be scheduled.	\$ 2,158,287.27	\$193,800.42	9.0%	New location roadway, 0.13 miles of overpass or underpass from IH 35 SBFR to NBFR
1b	6	Kohlers to Seton (off-system)	90% Complete schematic Phase. 100% Geometric Schematic submitted on 11/30/2023, currently under review.	\$ 1,111,850.28	\$496,667.75	44.7%	New location roadway, 1.07 miles of 4-lane minor arterial and 3-lane collector from IH 35 NBFR to Seton Pkwy
2a	6	Beebe Road (West)	95% Complete schematic Phase. 100% Schematic submitted 12/14/2023.	\$ 436,194.96	\$282,040.72	64.7%	New location and reconstruction/widen roadway, 1 mile of 4-lane minor arterial from IH 35 NBFR to Dacy Lane
2b	6	Beebe Road (East)	95% Complete schematic Phase. 100% Schematic submitted 12/14/2023.	\$ 788,221.88	\$475,205.34	60.3%	New location and reconstruction/widen roadway, 1.8 miles of 4-lane minor arterial from Dacy Ln to E. of Green Pastures Rd
3	2, 4	Old Stagecoach Road/Center Street (Off-System)	35% Complete Schematic Phase. 50% Preliminary Schematic due 1/6/2024 (delayed from 10/9/2023).	\$ 1,067,346.60	\$168,174.94	15.8%	Reconstruction/widen existing roadway, 2.2 miles of 4-lane minor arterial from FM 2770 to Veterans Dr
4	2, 4	Center Street (FM 150) (On-System)	40% Complete Schematic Phase. 50% Schematic due 1/15/2024 (delayed from 11/8/23), submission pending coordination with TxDOT. Project currently on hold, pending the DCC meeting with TxDOT to be scheduled.	\$ 939,225.52	\$338,845.10	36.1%	Reconstruction/widen existing roadway, 0.4 miles of 2-3 lane minor collector from Veterans Dr to Main St
5	6	Kyle Parkway/Lehman Road Extension	40% Complete PS&E Phase. 60% PS&E due 8/15/2024 (delayed from 5/18/2024).	\$ 2,794,679.68	\$611,232.40	21.9%	New location roadway, 1.3 miles of 4-lane minor arterial from Dacy Ln to Bunton Creek Rd
6	6	Marketplace Avenue	50% Complete PS&E phase. 60% PS&E submittal due 12/15/2023.	\$ 781,960.00	\$246,230.61	31.5%	New location and reconstruction/widen roadway, 0.6 miles of 4-lane minor arterial from FM 1626 to Marketplace Ave (Existing)
7	2, 6	Bunton Creek Road	90% Complete schematic Phase. 100% Schematic due 12/20/2023.	\$ 947,810.00	\$472,049.41	49.8%	Reconstruction/widen existing roadway, 1.2 miles of 4 lane minor arterial from Lehman Rd to Porter Cove
8	6	Windy Hill Road	85% Complete schematic phase. 100% Schematic due 12/31/2024 (delayed from 12/7/2023).	\$ 654,882.90	\$340,931.37	52.1%	Reconstruction/widen existing roadway, 0.6 miles of 4 lane minor arterial Purple Martin Ave to IH 35 NBFR
				\$ 11,680,459.09	\$3,625,178.06	31.04%	

M E M O R A N D U M

December 11, 2023

To: City of Kyle
From: Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP
Re: Akin's Report of Activity for November 2023

Throughout November, Akin monitored the appropriations process and the most recently enacted continuing resolution. Furthermore, Akin continues to collaborate with the City of Kyle for the Mayor's upcoming visit to Washington, DC. Finally, this memorandum outlines federal funding opportunities that may be of interest to the City.

Congressional Updates

Appropriations

On November 16, President Biden signed into law a “laddered” continuing resolution (CR) that extends funding for four spending bills—Agriculture; Energy and Water; Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development—through January 19 and the remaining eight appropriations bills—Commerce, Justice, and Science; Defense; Financial Services and General Government; Homeland Security; Interior and Environment; Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education; Legislative Branch through February 2. The CR—led by House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA)—passed the House with more support from Democrats than Republicans. In the Senate, all but two Democrats voted for the CR. Congress now has additional time to attempt to pass individual appropriations bills, although it remains to be seen whether that is possible in a divided House and in an election year. In the meantime, the two chambers will focus in the remaining days before the holiday recess on passing the defense authorization bill, supplemental funding for Ukraine and Israel, as well as renewing the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) authority.

Looking toward the new year, Speaker Johnson has committed to not supporting another short-term spending bill beyond the January 19 deadline, ultimately boosting the odds of a government shutdown in 2024. Of note, the House's stalled Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development spending bill appropriates nearly \$23 billion less than the Senate's passed iteration. This discrepancy serves as one area for the appropriators to negotiate. Recognizing that there will be little time between the week of January 8, when the House and Senate will return from their recess the first CR expiration date. On the last week of November, House and Senate leaders met to discuss top-level funding for fiscal year 2024. However, it is unlikely they will be able to reach a quick agreement since Democrats believe Congress should abide by the fund levels established in the *Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023* (FRA; [P.L. 118-5](#)), whereas a number of Republicans want to see deeper funding cuts.

Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization

House Transportation and Infrastructure Ranking Member Rick Larsen (D-WA) acknowledged that there is not enough time for the House and Senate to complete FAA reauthorization discussions before Congress leaves DC. This comes despite Sens. Maria Cantwell (D-WA) and John Thune's (R-SD) reporting that a compromise was found on the pilot training issue that has slowed the upper chamber's progress on its FAA reauthorization bill. As FAA reauthorization talks are slated to bleed into 2024, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chair Sam Graves (R-MO) introduced a "clean" extension to ensure the Administration's authority through March 8. This move aims to allow the House and Senate to engage in a conference committee to reconcile differences between the two chamber's bills.

Agency Updates

U.S. Department of Energy

On November 15, the Department of Energy (DOE) [announced](#) the availability of \$3.5 million from the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act* (IIJA; [P.L. 117-58](#)) through the Battery Materials Processing and Manufacturing grant program. This second wave of funding aims to boost domestic battery manufacturing and strengthen supply chains. Further, the DOE is prioritizing next-generation technologies and battery chemistries, including lithium-based technologies. Concept papers are due on January 9, 2024, and full applications must be submitted by March 19, 2024.

On November 14, the DOE [rolled out](#) 19 state and local government awardees of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program. Funded through the IIJA, the program seeks to further clean energy and infrastructure upgrades by state and local governments. The state of Texas was awarded \$4.8 million, and the City of Austin received \$85,000. These federal funds are awarded on a rolling basis and the deadline for local governments to apply is April 30, 2024.

U.S. Department of Transportation

On November 30, the Department of Transportation (DOT) [published](#) a notice of funding opportunity for \$1.5 billion through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program. RAISE grants intend to support municipalities, tribes, and counties in completing crucial freight and passenger transportation infrastructure projects. The deadline for the application is February 28, 2024, and selections are slated to be announced before June 27, 2024.

On November 27, the DOT [announced](#) the launch of the Office of Multimodal Freight Infrastructure and Policy to track the maintenance and ensure the improvement of the U.S.

freight network. Specifically, the newly formed office will ensure the “development of the National Multimodal Freight Network, review state freight plans, and provide technical assistance to state and local governments.”

On November 22, the Federal Highway Administration [finalized](#) a rule that requires state departments of transportation and metropolitan planning organizations to measure their transportation-related emissions and set targets for emissions reductions. There is no penalty for failing to meet the targets.

On November 15, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) [announced](#) \$4.7 million in competitive grant funding for the Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility program. The funding aims to support projects that boost access to transportation for older adults, people with disabilities, and low-income individuals. Eligible applicants include state and local government authorities; private, non-profit organizations, and operators of public transportation. Applications are due on February 13, 2024.

Environmental Protection Agency

On November 21, 2023, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) [announced](#) the availability of nearly \$2 billion through the Community Change Grant program. Eligible applicants include either a partnership of two community-based organizations or a partnership of a community-based organization and a local government, institute of higher education, or tribe. Eligible activities the grant will fund include efforts to bolster climate resiliency and adaptation; mitigate climate and health risks from urban heat islands, extreme heat, wood heater emissions, and wildlife events; community-led air and water pollution monitoring; invest in low- and zero-emission and resilient technologies; invest in workforce development opportunities that assist the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, reduce indoor toxics and air pollution, and facilitate the engagement of disadvantaged communities in state and federal public processes. Grants can be submitted on a rolling basis through November 21, 2024.

Akin is available to address any questions or discuss relevant federal action at the City of Kyle’s request.

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