



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: Intergovernmental Relations Committee Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Government Affairs

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Sally Basurto

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

State Interim Committee Hearing Update

SUMMARY:

Briefing on the State's 87th Legislature Interim Committee Hearings.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

During the period between legislative sessions, referred to as 'the interim,' Senate and House committees are assigned topics to study by the Lt. Governor and Speaker of the House.

House Speaker Dade Phelan released the House interim charges on March 10, and Lt. Governor Dan Patrick released the Senate's charges on April 4. These interim charges are the policy issues leadership has identified for analysis and evaluation in preparation for the 88th Legislative Session in 2023.

At the April 22, 2022, Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting, Government Affairs (GA) provided an update on interim activities, including a discussion about specific interim charges most relevant to the City of San Antonio. The briefing also included an update on previous and upcoming committee hearings.

Government Affairs staff will provide an update on committee hearings that are of interest to the City at the May 11 Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting.

ISSUE:

Interim session committee hearings are currently underway and will continue throughout 2022. The City tracks interim committee hearings and participates when appropriate to provide input on legislative priorities to be considered in committee recommendations. Hearings and charges to be briefed on are:

House State Affairs – April 26th

- o Monitoring the implementation of HB 5, relating to the expansion of broadband services.

House Transportation – April 26th

- o Study current and future transportation needs and consider improvements to ensure that Texas is adequately planning for the state's population growth forecasts. Evaluate the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on transportation projects and investment decisions.

Senate Transportation – May 3rd

- o Study the contributing factors leading to fatal crashes and make recommendations to prevent and reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries.

Senate Finance – May 4th

- o Review and report on the impact of inflation on units of local governments' revenue collections and property taxpayers' tax bills, including the homestead exemption.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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ALTERNATIVES:

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RECOMMENDATION:

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