

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO  
GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT  
MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Intergovernmental Relations Committee

**FROM:** Jeff Coyle, Assistant City Manager

**SUBJECT:** October Washington D.C. Visit & RAISE Advocacy

**DATE:** November 5, 2021

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The City's Government & Public Affairs (GPA) Department will provide an update on the October 18-19 advocacy visit to Washington, D.C. to support the City/County RAISE grant application and subsequent advocacy conducted by GPA and consultants.

Mayor Nirenberg and Councilmember Pelaez met with White House and U.S. Department of Transportation officials during the October visit. The meetings included discussion of the City of San Antonio's infrastructure priorities and the Zarzamora Creek Greenway Trail project grant application under the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program.

As shared during the August IGR Committee meeting, the City, in collaboration with Bexar County, submitted a \$25 million RAISE application to the U.S. Department of Transportation in July 2021. The application package included various support letters from community partners, stakeholders, and our Congressional delegation. GPA, the City's federal consultants and the Transportation Department led strong advocacy efforts in support of the application. Those efforts included creation of an infographic, a video highlighting the Zarzamora Trails, and an op-ed from the Mayor sponsored on the National League of Cities' website as an infrastructure spotlight project.

GPA will provide a briefing on the October Washington meetings and additional advocacy efforts undertaken for the RAISE grant application.