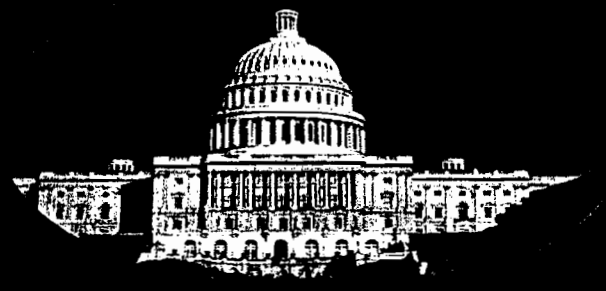

City of Mesa
Federal Legislative Agenda
Fiscal Year 2011

Intergovernmental Affairs Committee
February 17, 2010

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Mesa Delegation

Senate:

- Senator John Kyl (R): Senate Minority Whip
- Senator John McCain (R)

House:

- Congressman Jeff Flake (R)
- Congressman Harry Mitchell (D):
  Transportation & Infrastructure Committee

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Federal Leadership

National League of Cities

- Dennis Kavanaugh – Executive Cmte (Finance)
- Kyle Jones – Vice Chair, PSCP
- Dina Higgins – Steering Cmte, EENR
- Scott Somers – Steering Cmte, FAIR
- Dave Richins – Steering Cmte, CED
- Scott Smith – Policy Cmte, TIS

United States Conference of Mayors

- Scott Smith – Advisory Board

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Stimulus Legislation

- **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009**
  - One Year Anniversary
  - Mesa has received $71 million
  - Formula Grants ($47m): park-and-ride lots; arterial street projects; Consolidated Canal pathway; Police grants; EECBG grants
  - Competitive Grants ($24m): 25 police officers; Build America Bonds; fire station construction; water/wastewater infrastructure

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Appropriations Process Summary

Appropriation Bills:

- Transportation – Housing and Urban Development (THUD)
- Energy and Water
- Interior and Environment
- Commerce, Justice and Science
- Labor – Health and Human Services

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FY10 Discretionary Appropriations Recap

- Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport
  - Terminal Expansion – Military Airports Program
- Va Shly'ah Akimel River Restoration

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FY11 Discretionary Appropriations Summary

- Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport
  - Taxiway P Expansion
  - Relocation of Airport Surveillance Radar
- Public Safety Technology – Mobile Fingerprint ID
- Small Business Accelerator
- Early Childhood Educational Readiness Program
- Mesa Grande Cultural Park
- Gateway Area Highway Development Plan

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Transportation

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA):

- Surface Transportation Reauthorization (SAFETEA-LU)
  - Current bill expires on September 30, 2009
  - Redefine federal highway financing, including more regional funding opportunities
- SR 802 (Gateway Freeway)

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Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

- FAA Reauthorization
  - Act expired in September 2007; reauthorization not completed
  - Fully fund Airport Improvement Projects (AIP) and increase Passenger Facility Charge (PFC)
  - Guard against unfunded mandates on general aviation airports like Falcon Field
- Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport
  - Military Airports Program
  - Taxiway and Apron Improvements

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Transportation

Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

- Light Rail
  - *Ensure continued support for Full Funding Grant Agreement; $90 million anticipated in FY10*
  - Project Development (Engineering) on Mesa extension; $8.5 million
  - *Encourage cost-benefit assessments to take economic development into consideration*

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Public Safety

Department of Homeland Security

- Public Safety Communications Interoperability
- Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grants
- Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) Grants

Police Grants

- Fusion Center Technology Grants
- Additional Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funding

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Environment

Army Corps of Engineers

- Va Shly'ah Akimel Project
  - Negotiating Project Agreement for Construction Phase
  - Salt-River Pima Maricopa Indian Community voted last week to delay appropriations request.

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Community Development

- **Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)**
- **Housing**
  - Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
    Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP)
  - Federal Housing Administration (FHA)
    Mortgage Reform
- **Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)**

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Arts & Cultural

- **Historic Preservation Funds (Dept. of Interior)**
  - Mesa Grande Cultural Park
- **Education**
  - Education funds for Arizona Museum for Youth
  - Cultural programming at Mesa Arts Center

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Military Affairs

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- Demonstrate community support for continued military funding of the Apache program; encourage expansion
- Continue to work closely with Boeing in promoting Mesa site to Arizona delegation

Comments & Questions