



City of Monroe 2023 Legislative Priorities

Capital Budget Request

- **Therapeutic Court– \$1,200,000** for construction. Need separate municipal and therapeutic (community) court facility to serve clients. Meeting space for public defender/probations counselor; security improvements, and internal layout reorganization to meet the needs of clients and court personnel. **City is funding 60% of total project cost.**

Transportation Budget

- **State Route 522 Widening.** Fund completion of the SR522 Widening project in the transportation package. \$90 million + 20% construction inflation.
- **State Route 522 Interchange.** Fund completion of the SR522 Paradise Lake Interchange. \$90 million + 20% construction inflation.
- **US 2 Capacity Improvements.** Update the US 2 Route Development Plan to evaluate capacity improvements to alleviate congestion and improve safety on US 2.

Legislative Priorities

- **Mental/Behavioral Health Continuum of Care & Chemical Dependency Treatment**
 - **Mobile Crisis Response (Alternative Response) Teams** – Provide seed money for pilot project to embed social workers with police or community response paramedics. Dispatch through 911/988. Improve response time for crisis care calls.
 - **Provide funding to implement state reform requirements:** Investment in alternative response teams; treatment facilities for adults and juveniles; treatment in jails; and social workers, treatment providers, and system navigators to help direct people to treatment.
 - **Medicaid reimbursement rate increase** – Increase the Medicaid reimbursement rate for mental and behavioral health services
- **Law Enforcement**
 - Respond to the Blake decision. Support clarification around the possession of a controlled substance so that individuals, law enforcement, and treatment providers can respond appropriately.
- **Zoning Regulations.** Provide regulatory flexibility to respond to local housing needs.

Other Priorities

- **Improve Rail Crossings.** Pursue federal funding to evaluate traffic safety and congestion improvements at five railroad crossings on US 2 between Fryelands Blvd. and Main Street.