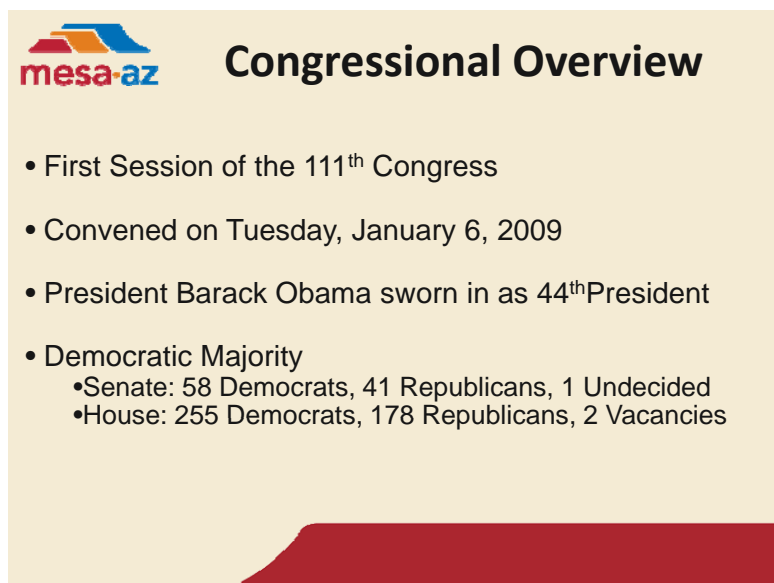





**City of Mesa  
Federal Legislative Agenda  
Fiscal Year 2010**

Council Study Session  
February 12, 2009

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 **Congressional Overview**

- First Session of the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress
- Convened on Tuesday, January 6, 2009
- President Barack Obama sworn in as 44<sup>th</sup> President
- Democratic Majority
  - Senate: 58 Democrats, 41 Republicans, 1 Undecided
  - House: 255 Democrats, 178 Republicans, 2 Vacancies

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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



## Stimulus Legislation

### • **HR1: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009**

- House version: \$819 billion
  - Senate version: \$838 billion
  - Provides funding to a variety of areas:  
infrastructure projects, public safety, aid-to-states, education, and tax cuts
- **Mesa is closely monitoring to ensure local projects will be considered**



## Federal Budget Status

- **FY09 Budget**

- Yet to be finalized; operating under a “continuing resolution” that is set to expire on March 6
- Should move forward following completion of Recovery Act

- **FY 10 Budget**

- Appropriations process will begin in the coming months



## 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)



## Transportation

### 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



## Transportation

### Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

- Light Rail
  - Ensure continued support for Full Funding Grant Agreement; \$90 million anticipated in FY10
  - Preliminary Engineering on Mesa extension; \$8.5 million
  - Encourage cost-benefit assessments to take economic development into consideration
- Buses
  - Enhance Main Street Bus Rapid Transit (LINK) and Baseline Road regional bus routes



## Public Safety

### Department of Homeland Security

- 287(g) Training Opportunities/Funding
- 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



## Environment

### Army Corps of Engineers

- Va Shly'ah Akimel Project
  - Final design funding; next phase will be construction
- Salt River Multi-use Pathway
  - Joint effort between Mesa, Tempe and Maricopa County Flood Control District
  - Path would extend along southern bank of Salt River between approximately McClintock Road in Tempe to Alma School Road in Mesa



## Environment

### Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

- Air/Water Quality Rulemaking
- Energy Efficiency Standards (including impact on City of Mesa Utilities)

### Bureau of Reclamation

- East Valley Water Forum
- Collaborative effort between Mesa and multiple agencies to provide water resource management in the East Salt River Valley



## 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)



## Arts & Cultural

- **Historic Preservation Funds (Dept. of Interior)**
  - Mesa Grande Cultural Park
- **Education and Public Safety**
  - Education funds for interactive exhibits at Arizona Museum for Youth
  - Cultural programming at Mesa Arts Center for at-risk youth; in conjunction with Mesa PD



## Military Affairs



- 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