



Mayor Mark Mallory

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Mayor Mallory and City Manager Dohoney Travel to DC to Lobby Congress

Promoting city projects and expressing concerns with the budget

Washington DC – Mayor Mark Mallory and City Manager Milton Dohoney, Jr. spent the day in on Capital Hill meeting with US. Senators and Representatives to request support for city and regional projects. They are also discussing concerns with how the Bush Administration's proposed Budget may impact Cincinnati. The Mayor and the City Manager met with Senators and Representatives of both Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky to present them with the city's priorities.

"We are all in this together," Mayor Mallory said. "Our Members of Congress wants to do what they can to help our region grow, so it is up to us as city leaders to present them with very clear priorities that they can promote. We had some great meetings, and I am looking forward to continuing to work together to advance these priorities."

In the meetings, Mayor Mallory and City Manager Dohoney presented a list of 9 projects that are priorities for the 2008 Federal Budget. Some of the projects include:

- Central Riverfront Project
- Cincinnati Streetcar Environmental Assessment
- Brent Spence Bridge Study

The Mayor and the City Manager also requested assistance with some of the city's concerns with the Bush Administration's proposed 2008 federal budget, including:

- A \$732 million cut to Community Development Block Grants and changes to the funding formula that would reduce Cincinnati's eligibility by 23%
- A 50% cut to local law enforcement partnership programs.

"We flew to Washington so our federal representatives can hear directly from us how they can support our efforts to make our streets safer and our neighborhoods stronger," said Dohoney. "It takes all of us going in the same direction to make the changes that will help the Cincinnati region grow."

"Across our country, cities are getting the short end of the stick in the federal budget," Mayor Mallory said. "The President's budget cuts the programs that are keeping our cities healthy, vibrant, and safe. The federal budget must meet the need of our nation's urban centers."

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