



Mayor Pro Tem Vanessa Fuentes

NLC Board Member and Chair of the Transportation & Infrastructure Services Committee



Vanessa Fuentes proudly serves as Mayor Pro Tem and represents District 2 on the Austin City Council, a dynamic and rapidly growing area that includes Austin-Bergstrom International Airport, Circuit of the Americas, and key residential areas like Dove Springs and Del Valle. Her district, home to historically underserved communities, faces unique transportation and infrastructure challenges that she has worked tirelessly to address.

As Chair of the National League of Cities (NLC) Transportation & Infrastructure Services Committee and a member of the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) Policy Board member, Vanessa leads strategic initiatives to build equitable, sustainable, and innovative transportation solutions. Her accomplishments include improving airport safety with a new ramp control system, advocating for light rail expansion to the airport to ensure seamless regional connectivity, and championing the integration of artificial intelligence into traffic management systems and smart infrastructure technologies. She has also led efforts to expand access to e-bikes and charging infrastructure in underserved areas and supported the creation of Austin's Infrastructure Academy, a workforce development program preparing residents for careers in transportation and infrastructure while optimizing federal funding opportunities.

Vanessa holds a Bachelor of Science in Public Relations and a Master in Public Leadership from the University of Texas at Austin's LBJ School of Public Affairs, grounding her leadership in effective communication and public service. She also serves as Chair of Austin's Public Health Committee and a member of the City of Austin Audit and Finance Committee.