



Advocacy Update

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**Attachments:** Yes

**Referring Committee:** Policy & Innovation

**Issue:**

Update on state and federal advocacy activities.

**Request:**

Review & Discuss at Meeting

**Recommendation for Board:**

None, this item is for information only.

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**Background:**

SACOG advocacy efforts are guided by Board approved Advocacy Procedures and Principles which can be found in Attachment A. These are procedural documents to guide when SACOG takes a position on a state or federal legislative or budget proposal. SACOG staff work closely with our federal and state lobbyists to monitor, relay, and represent our interest in both Washington D.C. and in Sacramento. Advocacy for transportation and land use policies and funding that support and advance programs like Green Means Go will continue over the next year.

The Policy and Innovation Committee receives regular updates from both staff and our lobbyists at the regularly scheduled meetings and a summary report of activities that occurred in the prior month. At the last meeting, in early December, SACOG's federal lobbyists, Capitol Transportation Consulting and Pavluchuk & Associates, provided an overview of the year ahead including a focus on Reauthorization of the Federal Transportation Bill, 2024 election recap, as well as a look ahead to the transition in the administration. Attachment B, Federal Report, provides an overview of federal activities for the month of January.

SACOG's state lobbyists, Politico Group, updated the committee in December on results of the November 2024 elections, including a rundown of bond measures, the make-up of the incoming Legislature, and newly elected SACOG delegates. In January, Politico Group will give a report on California's budget and other relevant topics to anticipate in the Legislature. Attachment C, State Report, provides an overview of state

activities.

**Discussion/Analysis:**

SACOG staff and SACOG's federal and state lobbyists provided a more detailed update at the February committee meeting with the latest information regarding state and federal advocacy efforts, with a particular focus on the year ahead. Staff also provided an overview of SACOG's advocacy procedures (Attachment A) that guide the SACOG Board of Directors and staff in considering state and federal legislative and regulatory proposals that are likely to have an impact on SACOG, and to allow for a timely response to important policy issues.

**Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:**

Included in the Overall Work Program/Budget

**List of Attachments:**

Attachment A - Advocacy Procedures and Principles

Attachment B - Federal Report

Attachment C- State Report