



Advocacy Update

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Issue:

Update on state and federal advocacy activities.

Recommendation:

None, this item is for information only.

Background/Analysis:

In Washington D.C., SACOG's federal lobbyists, Capitol Transportation Consulting and Pavluchuk & Associates, continue to advocate for funding and programs that advance SACOG's priorities. In March, work efforts focused on funding for Green Means Go through 2025 appropriations requests and regional support for the federal competitive Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Program.

In Sacramento, staff have been working closely with SACOG's state lobbyists, Politico Group, monitoring activities within the 2024 legislative year. Recent work has focused on advocacy to protect funding for the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP 2.0) that funds Green Means Go, identifying legislation of interest to SACOG, monitoring changes in the state legislative delegation, and tracking state budget discussions.

Discussion/Analysis:

Advocacy for Green Means Go funding at both the state and federal levels continues. On the federal funding side, staff continue to work on a regional application for the CPRG competitive grant, which is being led by Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District. If successful SACOG will be a subrecipient of CPRG funding to go towards identified Green Means Go infrastructure projects. Attachment A is a summary of this activity, and other federal updates, prepared by SACOG's federal lobbyists. On the state side, SACOG has been participating in meetings with legislators and staff to ask for help in protecting REAP 2.0 funding. Jurisdictions have been submitting letters of support for REAP 2.0. The Senate Budget Subcommittee #4 on housing met in March to hear this issue, and the Assembly will hear the topic in April. Attachment B is a summary of this activity prepared by Politico Group.

SACOG's federal and state lobbyists provided a more detailed update at the meeting with the latest information regarding state and federal advocacy efforts.

Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:

SACOG's advocacy activities and lobbying contracts are paid for through member dues.