



Advocacy Update

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Attachments: Yes

Referring Committee: Policy & Innovation

Issue:

Update on state and federal advocacy activities.

Request:

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Recommendation for Board:

None, this item is for information only.

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Background:

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 committee meeting, in April, SACOG's federal lobbyists, Capitol Transportation Consulting and Pavluchuk & Associates, provided an overview of a freeze on discretionary federal funds and discussed next steps on the Reauthorization of the Federal Transportation Bill. Attachment A, Federal Report, provides an overview of federal activities for the month of April. At the state level, April was busy as the Legislature heard bills in policy and fiscal committees in time to meet legislative deadlines. Attachment B, State Report, developed by SACOG's state lobbyist, Politico Group, provides an overview of state activities.

Discussion/Analysis:

SACOG staff provided a more detailed update at the committee meeting with the latest information regarding state and federal advocacy efforts. In April, staff in conjunction with our lobbyists, held a webinar for public agency staff and Sacramento Metro Chamber Transportation Team Capitol-to Capitol (Cap to Cap) members focused on, 'Federal Funding and Policies in a New Administration.' The timing of the webinar was to align both with the wrap up of the first 100 days of this Administration and serve as a federal government primer in advance of the Sacramento Metro Chamber Cap to Cap trip that took place May 3-7. The content provided a high-level overview of budget activities, Executive Orders, and a discussion on federal discretionary grants. Materials for this webinar are included on Attachment C. Additional discussion at the Policy & Innovation

Committee meeting focused on takeaways from the Sacramento Metro Chamber Capitol to Capitol trip.

On the state side, policy committees were busy hearing bills in their house of origin before May 2, the deadline for fiscal bills to be heard in policy committees. The Legislature continues to have hearings to discuss the State Budget in anticipation of the Governor's May Revise. At the end of April, the Legislature had its first official hearing on Cap and Trade reauthorization. SACOG continues to monitor bills related to housing and transportation as they move through the legislative process.

Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:

Included in the Overall Work Program/Budget

List of Attachments:

Attachment A - Federal Report

Attachment B - State Report

Attachment C – Federal Webinar Materials

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