



Advocacy Update

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**Attachments:** No

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**Referring Committee:** Policy & Innovation

**1. Issue:**

An update on federal and state legislative activities.

**2. Recommendation:**

None; this item is for information only.

**3. Background/Analysis:**

In Sacramento, policy committees continue to meet to hear legislation in advance of the April 29, and May 6, deadlines for bills to pass out of policy committees. Simultaneously, budget subcommittees are working their way through the governor's budget proposals. In Washington, D.C., President Biden has signed an omnibus spending package for the current fiscal year. This funds the government through September 2022, and unlocks the remaining funding provided in the infrastructure bill.

**4. Discussion/Analysis:**

SACOG staff continues to prioritize our advocacy efforts around securing funding for infrastructure to help accelerate infill development in Green Zones. Staff is working with SACOG's lobbyists, KP Public Affairs, to develop a proposal to increase funding for the Infill Infrastructure Grant program, while creating regional allocations to ensure equitable access to funds for the SACOG region, and creating a strong link to infill areas such as Green Zones. At the committee meeting, SACOG staff provided an update on these efforts and on some of the bills of relevance to SACOG and its work.

**5. Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:**

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

**6. This staff report aligns with the following SACOG Work Plan Objectives:**

**Goal 1 : Advance Economic Prosperity**

**Goal 2 : Connected Communities**

**Goal 3 : Vibrant Places**