



## Advocacy Update

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**Attachments:** Yes

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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, the focus is on the June 15, 2022, deadline to pass the state budget. On May 14, 2022, Governor Newsom released his updated budget proposal, the May Revise, which outlines updates from his January budget proposal. On June 1, Legislative leaders in the Senate and Assembly announced that they had reached a joint budget agreement between the two houses. With this agreement, the legislature can move forward to pass a state budget by the June 15 constitutional deadline. However, they must still continue to negotiate with the governor and so this is unlikely to be the final budget.

In Washington, D.C., the Department of Transportation is continuing to develop and release Notices of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs) for discretionary grant programs that were part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). Staff is working with SACOG's federal lobbyists to track these opportunities closely and continuing to work with members and partners on grant coordination and technical assistance.

### **4. Discussion/Analysis:**

The governor's May revise budget proposal estimates a \$97 billion surplus, an increase from the \$76 billion the administration predicted in January. Of this amount, nearly \$49 billion from the surplus is available for discretionary spending, after taking into account the required education and reserve allocations, and other constitutionally required spending. SACOG's budget advocacy efforts have continued to focus around securing funding for infrastructure to help accelerate infill development in Green Zones. Attachment A is the most recent budget request letter that includes all our coalition partners that are advocating for these changes.

State legislators are also continuing to advance their policy bills. They just passed a significant deadline to move bills out of their original house, or house of origin, by May 27. Any bills that made that deadline will have until July 1, to pass out of policy committees in the other house. Attachment B shows the status of bills on which SACOG has a position.

**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**