



Advocacy Update

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**Attachments:** Yes

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**Referring Committee:** Policy & Innovation

**1. Issue:**

Update on state and federal advocacy activities.

**2. Recommendation:**

None; this item is for information only.

**3. Background/Analysis:**

This continues to be a very active time for advocacy in Washington D.C. SACOG's federal lobbyists, Devon Barnhart, Capitol Transportation Consulting, and Jason Pavluchuk, Pavluchuk & Associates, continue to advocate for funding and programs that advance SACOG's priorities. Congress has been exceptionally busy passing and advancing key legislative initiatives, including a new climate funding law, Senate appropriations proposal, and a domestic manufacturing and science law. Attachments A is a summary of this activity prepared by SACOG's federal lobbyists.

In Sacramento, the Legislature reconvened on August 1, and had until August 31, to pass bills through the second house. Attachment B summarizes the status of bills on which SACOG has a position.

**4. Discussion/Analysis:**

SACOG staff and federal lobbyists, Devon Barnhart, Capitol Transportation Consulting, and Jason Pavluchuk, Pavluchuk & Associates, provided an update at the committee meeting with the latest information. Attachment C contains the slides that were presented at the committee meeting.

**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**