



Advocacy Update

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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:

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. Federal funding is set to expire at the end of September. Congress is currently working on a continuing resolution to fund the government until December 2022. Meanwhile, the US Department of Transportation continues to announce grant awards and release Notices of Funding Opportunities for new grant programs. Attachments A is a summary of this activity prepared by SACOG's federal lobbyists.

In Sacramento, the Legislature has been on recess since September 1. The governor had until September 30, to sign or veto legislation. Attachment B summarizes the status of bills on which SACOG has a position.

4. Discussion/Analysis:

SACOG staff provided an update at the committee meeting with the latest information regarding advocacy efforts and grant coordination, noting that the governor signed five of the seven bills on which SACOG took a support 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