



## Update on State and Federal Advocacy Activities

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### **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. In Sacramento, staff have been working closely with SACOG's new state lobbyists, Chris Lee and Kiana Valentine, from Politico Group, to prepare for the 2023 legislative year.

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

In January, James Corless attended the annual National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) conference in Washington, DC and attended several meetings with federal agency staff and congressional members. Attachment A is a summary of this activity, and other federal updates, prepared by SACOG's federal lobbyists.

In Sacramento, recent work has focused on advancing legislation to extend the timeline for the adoption of the Blueprint (SACOG's Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy), identifying legislation of interest to SACOG, monitoring changes in the state legislative delegation, and tracking the Governor's budget proposal. Attachment B is a summary of this activity prepared by Politico Group. Since this summary was drafted, Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry has introduced SACOG's sponsored bill to extend the adoption date of the Blueprint, AB 350.

Attachment C is provided as a reminder of SACOG's advocacy procedures, which guide the SACOG Board of Directors and staff in considering state and federal legislative and regulatory proposals that are likely to have an impact on SACOG, and to allow for a timely response to important policy issues.

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

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

