



Advocacy Update

Information

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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:

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 state lobbyists, Chris Lee and Kiana Valentine, from Politico Group, as the 2023 legislative year kicks off.

4. Discussion/Analysis:

Devon and Jason continue to seek possible funding opportunities for Green Means Go. As part of this, they and SACOG staff have met with the Department of Transportation (DOT), Department of Energy (DOE), the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Attachment A is a summary of this activity, and other federal updates.

In Sacramento, the focus remains SACOG's sponsored bill, AB 350 (Aguiar-Curry). The bill was referred to the Assembly Transportation Committee and the Assembly Natural Resources Committee. Attachment B includes additional information, as well as other state updates. Politico Group will provide a verbal update on AB 350 at the board meeting.

5. Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:

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