



Approve Federal Advocacy Contract Extensions

Consent

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Attachments: No

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Referring Committee: Policy & Innovation

1. Issue:

Extending the existing contracts for federal lobbying services to continue support for SACOG's efforts to fund Green Means Go and increase its presence with federal administrators and Congress.

2. Recommendation:

The Policy and Innovation Committee unanimously recommends that the board authorize the executive director to execute amendments to Capitol Transportation Consulting/Pavluchuk & Associates contracts up to \$108,000 per contract and to extend each contract through March 31, 2024.

3. Background/Analysis:

In April 2021, after a Request for Proposals process for federal advocacy services, SACOG entered into two separate lobbying contracts with Capitol Transportation Consulting and Pavluchuk & Associates at a cost of \$6,000 per month (\$3,000 per contract), not to exceed a total cost of \$72,000 per year.

4. Discussion/Analysis:

The contracts with Capitol Transportation Consulting and Pavluchuk & Associates will expire December 31, 2023. Staff recommends extending the contracts for 3 months, at the existing rate of \$6,000 cumulative per month, through March 31, 2024, for a total amount of \$216,000 or \$108,000 per individual contract (the total cost of the entire length of the contract from April 21, 2021 – March 31, 2024). Staff will revisit future extensions on an annual basis with consideration of needs and funding availability. SACOG will continue its advocacy for funding for the Green Means Go program and will likely be engaged on other legislative efforts in 2023-2024.

5. Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:

SACOG's advocacy activities are paid for through member dues. Funding is accounted for in the 2022-2023 Board & Advocacy Budget and draft 2023-2024 Board & Advocacy budget.