

SACOG

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Agenda Item No. 18

Advocacy Update

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Attachments: Yes 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:

SACOG staff and SACOG's state and federal lobbyists continue to identify potential opportunities to support Green Means Go. Additionally, in Sacramento, work continues to advance SACOG's sponsored bill AB 350 (Aguiar-Curry), which would extend the deadline for SACOG to adopt the Blueprint.

4. Discussion/Analysis:

The federal advocacy team continues to meet with key decision makers regarding Green Means Go, this month meeting with US Department of Transportation. Attachment A provides an update on federal advocacy activities, as well as updates on relevant federal policy proposals and grant opportunities. In Sacramento, policy committees ramped up their activity this month as the Legislature nears its deadline for policy committees to approve bills, April 28, for bills that have a fiscal impact and May 5, for all other bills. AB 350 was referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee, where it must be approved by May 19. Attachment B provides additional state advocacy updates, including information on the other bills on which SACOG has a position.

5. Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:

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