



Advocacy Update

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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 Sacramento, SACOG's advocacy continues to focus on advancing SACOG's sponsored bill AB 350 (Aguiar-Curry), which would extend the deadline for SACOG to adopt the Blueprint, in addition to continued work to identify potential opportunities to support Green Means Go. SACOG is also focused on Green Means Go opportunities at the federal level.

4. Discussion/Analysis:

SACOG's federal advocacy continues to focus on Green Means Go support. Attachment A provides an update on federal advocacy activities, as well as updates on freight rail safety efforts and potential grant opportunities. Attachment B provides information about the debt ceiling agreement and the impacts on transportation funding.

In Sacramento, AB 350 passed out of Assembly Appropriations Committee and off of the Assembly Floor on consent. The bill is now in the Senate and will be heard in Senate Transportation and Environmental Quality Committees. In addition to the June 2, deadline to pass bills out of their house of origin, June also brings the constitutional deadline for the Legislature to pass a state budget by June 15. The Governor released his May Revise to his January budget proposal, increasing the estimated budget shortfall by \$9.3 billion to a total projected shortfall of \$31.5 billion. Attachment C provides an overview of the Governor's May Revise proposal, in additional information on bills of interest to SACOG and the Governor's recently announced infrastructure streamlining proposal.

5. Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:

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