



## Advocacy Update

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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 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. Additionally, SACOG continues to work on identification of potential opportunities to support Green Means Go at the state and federal level.

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

In Sacramento, the legislature adjourned for summer recess in mid-July and will reconvene on August 14. Prior to adjournment, AB 350 was referred to both the Senate Committee on Transportation and to the Senate Committee on Environmental Quality, it passed both committees on consent and was re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations. The end of session deadline for this and other bills to be voted on by the legislature is September 14. Attachment A is a state advocacy update from Politico Group, which includes information on AB 350, other bills of interest to SACOG, and an update on the Governor's budget. SACOG staff is monitoring all next steps related to the creation and implementation of two new regional programs from the State's Fiscal Year 23-24 Budget: a formula Transit and Intercity Capital Rail Program (TIRCP) and a new Zero Emission Transit Capital Program (ZETCP). Together, the two capital programs will provide \$5.1 billion statewide over four years.

SACOG's federal advocacy continues to focus on Green Means Go support. Green Means Go received recognition at the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) conference in June with an Achievement Award; Attachment B is a two-page overview of program needs and outreach communication piece shared with other MPOs and Regional Councils. Information on this and other federal advocacy efforts can be found in Attachment C, Federal Policy Monthly Report, provided by Capitol Transportation Consulting and Pavluchuk & Associates.

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

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