

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission and Association of Bay Area Governments
Joint MTC Legislation Committee and ABAG Legislation Committee**

December 11, 2020

Agenda Item 4c

2021 State and Federal Legislative Advocacy Activities

Subject: Information about legislative advocacy activities being planned for Sacramento & Washington D.C. in 2021.

Overview: This memo provides an overview of our plans for meetings and outreach to the Bay Area's state and federal legislative delegations in 2021 to advocate for our legislative priorities and brief members on key MTC and ABAG initiatives. Given the state of the COVID-19 pandemic, staff is operating under the assumption that meetings will be held remotely at least until a vaccine is widely distributed.

Sacramento Advocacy

We plan to schedule meetings with the Bay Area delegation and key committee staff in early January to provide updates on numerous key items and outline our advocacy priorities. The new Legislature gets sworn in on December 7th and reconvenes on January 4th. The bill introduction deadline is February 19th and policy committees must report out bills with a fiscal impact by April 30th. Subsequent meetings will be scheduled in the March/April timeframe to share our perspective after bills have been introduced and MTC/ABAG have adopted bill positions.

Washington, D.C., Advocacy

Staff is also operating under the assumption that there will be no statewide transportation reception on Capitol Hill in 2021 and that meetings with our members of Congress will also be held virtually. Nonetheless, we believe it is critical for us to make our voices heard in meetings with our Bay Area delegation, key committee staff and officials within the new Biden Administration. Our new lobbying team has recommended the timeline below. Note that due to the time difference, meetings will likely be held over multiple days and generally limited to 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. PCT unless held during district work periods when members will be on the west coast.

- **January** – Staff meetings with Bay Area delegation staff and committee staff to outline our 2021 federal agenda.
- **February/March** – MTC Commissioners and ABAG Leadership meet with Bay Area Congressional Delegation members and committee staff, as well as relevant policy experts on the Hill and at US DOT.

We look forward to hearing any feedback you may have on this approach.

Attachments: None



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