

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

April 14, 2023

Agenda Item 4a

MTC/ABAG Washington, D.C. Advocacy Trip

Subject:

Summary of MTC and ABAG's joint advocacy visit to Washington, D.C.

Overview:

An MTC and ABAG delegation visited Washington D.C. last month to meet with the Bay Area Congressional Delegation, federal agency leaders from the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and other key federal agencies, and congressional committee staff with jurisdiction over transportation and housing policy and funding bills.

Among other topics, the delegation highlighted the importance of a strong federal partnership in supporting the Bay Area in meeting our Plan Bay Area 2050 mobility, climate, equity and economy goals, provided an overview of how MTC distributes our share of the Bay Area's federal transportation funds, shared an update on Bay Area Infrastructure Grants Strategy and highlighted the suite of Bay Area regional priority projects seeking federal funds in the upcoming 2023 grant cycles.

The delegation also provided an update on the MTC and ABAG's ongoing leadership at the intersection of transportation and housing, gave an update on the Bay Area Housing Finance Authority, and highlighted our top housing funding and policy requests, including that Congress update Low Income Housing Tax Credit policy to double California's access to bond-financed tax credits. Staff will provide a more detailed verbal update at the committee meeting.

A copy of MTC's March 2023 Report to Congress, shared at the Washington, D.C. advocacy meetings, will be provided at the committee meeting and posted on our website at this link: <https://mtc.ca.gov/advocacy/federal-advocacy>. A separate handout was provided related to the Bay Area Housing Finance Authority and MTC/ABAG's federal housing priorities and included as Attachment A. The meeting schedule is included as Attachment B.

Recommendation:

Information

Attachments:

- Attachment A: MTC/ABAG Housing Handout
- Attachment B: MTC/ABAG Washington, D.C. Meeting Schedule



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