

ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS

Representing City and County Governments of the San Francisco Bay Area



Date: January 10, 2019
To: ABAG Legislation Committee
From: Executive Director
Subject: **Adoption of 2019 Advocacy Program**

Executive Summary

The proposed Final Advocacy Program for 2019 is attached for your review. The proposed modifications to the draft shared last month are based on feedback received by MTC Commissioners and ABAG Executive Board Members, the MTC Policy Advisory Council and Bay Area transportation agencies and other transportation agency partners from outside the region.

Changes from the draft we presented in November are shown in track changes. The following new advocacy proposals have been added:

- Additional housing related legislation outside of CASA process (1B)
- Funding focused on seniors and disabled (2E)
- Disadvantaged communities definition (2F)
- Expedite project delivery (3)
- SB 375 Update (4C)
- Climate changes and resiliency (4, federal)

This attached version of the advocacy platform (with the references to ABAG) was adopted by MTC at its December 19th meeting. If ABAG adopts this version, staff will revise the final document to incorporate both agencies' logos and title it the "2019 Joint Advocacy Platform."

In response to MTC direction to expand local government outreach with regards to the CASA Compact, staff has scheduled a number of different presentations to local government associations (e.g. conference of mayors) over the next two months, as detailed in the Attachment B. Additional meetings are being planned to reach out to city managers as well.

Recommended Action

The Executive Board is requested to approve the 2019 Advocacy Program.


Steve Heminger

Attachments

Attachment A: 2019 Final Advocacy Program

Attachment B: Local Government Outreach Meeting Tentative Schedule

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