

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

March 8, 2024

Agenda Item 3d

MTC/ABAG Sacramento Advocacy Trip

Subject:

Update on preparations for MTC and ABAG's annual Sacramento advocacy trip, planned for March 10 – 12, 2024.

Overview:

This year's Sacramento advocacy trip will be March 10-12, with legislative meetings scheduled for Monday, March 11, and Tuesday, March 12, 2024. MTC and ABAG leadership and committee chairs have been invited to participate.

We have requested meetings with all 27 members of the Bay Area caucus. Key discussion topics will be our sponsored bill, Senate Bill 925 (Wiener), authorizing MTC to place a regional transportation measure on a future ballot; MTC and ABAG budget priorities, including maintaining transit funds secured in last year's budget, reversing the Governor's proposed 50 percent cut to the Regional Early Action Program (REAP) 2.0; and opposing proposed cuts to core housing funding programs that Bay Area cities and counties rely on to help meet their residents' housing needs. We will also share updates on the Bay Area Housing Finance Authority's preparations for a regional housing bond measure, including progress in implementing regional pilot programs.

New this year is a Bay Area Transportation Reception we are co-hosting with Bay Area transportation agencies and business community partners. All Bay Area caucus legislators are invited, along with key legislative staff and administration officials. Modeled after our annual California Transportation Reception in Washington, D.C., one of the primary goals is demonstrating unity among the agencies and external partners supporting our regional transportation revenue measure.

Recommendation:

Information

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Bay Area Transportation Reception Invitation



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