

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

January 9, 2026

Agenda Item 5a

Sacramento and Washington, D.C. Visits

Subject:

Update on preparations for MTC-ABAG's 2026 legislative advocacy trips.

Overview:

Preparations began last month for MTC-ABAG's annual advocacy visits to Sacramento and Washington, D.C. As of the writing of this memo, staff recommends MTC-ABAG's visit to Sacramento occur in March, with a final date to be determined based on the availability of Commission and ABAG leadership. The month of March is ideal for a visit focused on MTC-ABAG's state budget requests and our Senate Bill 375 modernization bill as it is far enough past the bill introduction deadline (late February) that we will have a sense of the legislative landscape but early enough in the legislative cycle to inform budget and policy committee decisions.

Regarding Washington, D.C., we recommend a mid- to late-May 2026 advocacy visit. This timing avoids conflict with the proposed Sacramento visit while remaining an opportune time to advocate for our federal transportation reauthorization priorities. The trip will include meetings with the Bay Area Congressional delegation, transportation committee staff responsible for crafting the next federal transportation law, partner organizations, and key administration officials. We propose that MTC continue to co-host the annual California Transportation Reception. We look forward to hearing the Committee's feedback.

Recommendation:

Information

Attachments:

None



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