Metropolitan Transportation Commission and Association of Bay Area Governments

Joint MTC ABAG Legislation Committee

December 13, 2024 **Agenda Item 3b**

Sacramento and Washington, D.C. Visits

Subject:

Update on preparations for MTC/ABAG's 2025 Sacramento and Washington, D.C., legislative advocacy trips.

Overview:

Preparations began this month for MTC/ABAG's annual advocacy visits to Sacramento and Washington, D.C. This year, staff recommends that MTC/ABAG visit Sacramento in early- to mid-March, with a final date to be determined based on the availability of Commission and ABAG leadership. This time window is ideal for a visit focused on funding and policy priorities – it is far enough past the bill introduction deadline (mid-February) that we will have a sense of the legislative landscape but early enough in the legislative cycle to inform the first set of policy committee decisions.

Regarding MTC/ABAG's Washington, D.C. advocacy, we recommend a May visit again this year. This timing avoids conflict with the proposed Sacramento visit in March while remaining an opportune time to advocate for our federal transportation reauthorization priorities.

As with previous trips to Washington, D.C., we expect the trip would last four days (including travel days). We would include meetings with the Bay Area Congressional delegation, transportation committee staff responsible for crafting the next federal transportation law, partner organizations, and officials within the U.S. DOT and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. We propose that MTC continue to co-host the annual California Transportation Reception, typically held in the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee Room. We look forward to hearing the Committee's feedback.

Recommendation:

Information

Attachments:

None

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