

ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 1/9/2019

Staff Report No. 19-001

TO: AC Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Michael A. Hursh, General Manager
SUBJECT: Draft 2019 Federal and State Legislative Advocacy Programs

BRIEFING ITEM

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Consider receiving a report on the Draft 2019 Federal and State Advocacy Programs.

BUDGETARY/FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no budgetary or fiscal impact associated with this report.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

Each year the AC Transit Board of Directors adopts advocacy programs to provide guidance for the District's activities in Washington, D.C. and Sacramento to influence transit legislation, appropriations, and administrative matters at the State and Federal levels. The attached programs for 2019 address on-going efforts as well as developing issues for the coming year, including on-demand and automated vehicles. Additionally, there is new language that supports apprenticeship and workforce training programs.

Staff solicited input to develop the attached Federal and State advocacy programs from staff, executives, and members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC). Draft programs were also distributed to advocacy groups and the District's planning and funding partners to solicit feedback. Responses received were considered in developing the attached draft advocacy programs. Approval of the 2019 Federal and State advocacy programs is scheduled for the January 23 Board meeting.

ADVANTAGES/DISADVANTAGES:

This report is being provided to recommend areas of emphasis to guide Federal and State advocacy efforts.

ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS:

This report is being provided based on the District's current priorities.

PRIOR RELEVANT BOARD ACTION/POLICIES:

Staff Report 18-003: 2018 Federal and State Legislative Advocacy Programs

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 2019 Draft Federal Advocacy Program
2. 2019 Draft State Advocacy Program

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