

ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 11/10/2021

Staff Report No. 21-541

TO: AC Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Michael A. Hursh, General Manager
SUBJECT: 2022 Federal and State Legislative Programs.

ACTION ITEM

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Consider adopting the District's 2022 Federal and State Legislative Programs.

STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE:

Goal - Strong Public and Policymaker Support
Initiative - Financial Efficiency and Revenue Maximization

The annual federal and state advocacy programs help the District track state, regional and federal legislation to ensure alignment with the District's Strategic Plan and the specific goal of having strong public and policymaker support. Policy decisions at all levels of government can positively or negatively affect District operations and, as such, are important to track and influence as needed.

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 draft programs for 2022 address on-going efforts as well as developing issues for the coming year.

Staff solicited input to develop the attached federal and state advocacy programs from staff and executives. The draft programs were presented to the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) on September 14, 2021. Draft programs were also distributed to advocacy groups and the District's planning and funding partners to solicit feedback.

This year's advocacy programs have been streamlined and reformatted to better reflect the District's strategic priorities. For example, redundant entries have been consolidated and examples of specific programs and/or codes have been eliminated in favor of language that captures broad concepts. Additionally, key dates on the federal and state legislative calendars have been incorporated into each program.

The Board was presented with the draft 2022 Federal and State Advocacy Programs on October 27th. The attached draft programs reflect all feedback received to date, include minor updates to the legislative calendars as indicated by red-colored text, and are proposed as final drafts for Board approval.

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 21-387 Draft 2022 Federal and State Legislative Advocacy Programs
Staff Report 20-412a 2021 Federal and State Legislative Advocacy Programs

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 2022 Draft Federal Legislative Advocacy Program
2. 2022 Draft State Legislative Advocacy Program

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