



STAFF REPORT
Board Meeting of March 18, 2026

AGENDA ITEM: 5-A

PREPARED BY: Patricia Taylor, Executive Director

SUBJECT:

State Legislative Outlook, Madera Sacramento Advocating Recap, and SJV Regional Policy Council Valley Voice Trip Recap

Enclosure: Yes

Action: Support staff recommendation on Bills of Interest – SUPPORT: AB 1421 (Wilson), AB 2295 (Johnson), AB 2341 (Fong); and OPPOSE: AB 1608 (Wilson), AB 1745 (Jeff Gonzalez), AB 1783 (DeMaio), AB 2184 (Wilson), AB 2560 (Schultz), SB 667 (Archuleta), SB 1035 (Strickland), SB 1136 (Blakespear), SB 1411 (Stern)

SUMMARY:

State Legislative Outlook

Khouri Consulting prepared the enclosed State Legislative Outlook for your information. The outlook includes the following:

- *General Update*
- *Bills of Interest* and recommended action are included in the package. Below are the current recommended positions (summary of each bill is included in your package):
 - AB 1608 (Wilson) – Oppose
 - AB 1745 (Jeff Gonzalez) – Oppose
 - AB 1783 (DeMaio) – Oppose
 - AB 1421 (Wilson) – Support
 - AB 2184 (Wilson) – Oppose
 - AB 2295 (Johnson) – Support
 - AB 2341 (Fong) – Support
 - AB 2560 (Schultz) – Oppose
 - SB 667 (Archuleta) – Oppose
 - SB 1035 (Strickland) – Oppose
 - SB 1136 (Blakespear) – Oppose
 - SB 1411 (Stern) – Oppose

- MCTC Bill Matrix: the matrix includes various bills that MCTC staff will continue to monitor and watch as they move forward.

MCTC Advocating Day in Sacramento

MCTC, accompanied by Khouri Consulting, held an advocacy day in Sacramento on February 24, 2026, meeting with state legislative representatives and state department executives. The purpose was to advocate for transportation projects and funding for the Madera County region. It was a successful day sharing the region's needs, challenges, and opportunities, and we were able to participate in meaningful discussions with our state leaders. The focus was the following:

1. Air Quality Challenges
2. High Speed Rail
3. Gas Tax Successor Source
4. MCTC's Priority Projects, including Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP) ask
5. Regional Partnerships

This portion of the agenda is reserved for attendees to provide feedback. Representing Madera at this year's Madera Advocacy trip to Sacramento was Madera County Supervisor and MCTC Chair Robert Poythress, City of Madera Councilmember Jose Rodriguez, and MCTC Executive Director Patricia Taylor.

San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council Advocating Day in Sacramento

The San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council, Sacramento Valley Voice Trip, was held on March 3-4, 2026. Attached is a copy of the agenda, project priorities/maps and talking points. The issues discussed were as follows:

1. Pragmatically address air quality, equity, and mobility goals through operational improvements and without compromising economic activity
2. Leverage state funding to address goods movement, and mobility safety
3. Access transit funding
4. Enhance passenger rail service

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact on the approved 2025-26 Overall Work Program and Budget.