



**STAFF REPORT**  
Board Meeting of September 22, 2021

**AGENDA ITEM:** 5-A

**PREPARED BY:** Patricia Taylor, Executive Director

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**SUBJECT:**

September Valley Voice Trip, Washington D.C.

**Enclosure:** Yes

**Action:** Information and Discussion Only

**SUMMARY:**

The Valley Voice trip is schedule virtually on three separate days: Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, and Wednesday, September 22, 2021.

Included in your package is a letter that was presented to our congressional representatives thanking them for their hard work this year on legislation that will help our region to address critical infrastructure needs. The letter also indicates support of the ongoing bipartisan, bicameral efforts to pass a comprehensive surface transportation reauthorization and provide new, additional investments. Finally, the letter also welcomed the restoration of Congressionally directed spending measures that enabled Members of the House of Representatives to pursue funding for local projects. The Policy Council expressed appreciation of their advocacy of several Member Designated Projects that were included in the *INVEST in America Act* (H.R. 2) and asked for their continued support ensuring these investments are included in any emerging legislative agreement this September. One of the many projects included on that list, submitted by Congressman Costa, is the SR 99 Southbound (Avenue 12-Avenue 7) segment.

This time is reserved for a verbal report to the Commission on the success of the Valley Voice DC Trip.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

No fiscal impact to the approved 2021-22 Overall Work Program and Budget.