

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: 2020 San Joaquin One Voice®
Call for Projects

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Information

DISCUSSION:

SUMMARY:

SJCOG is soliciting project requests for the 2020 San Joaquin One Voice® program. Interested parties must submit all requests in writing to SJCOG by February 28, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. Attachment A describes the process and schedule. Forms are available for download from <https://www.sjcog.org/onevoice>.

RECOMMENDATION:

Information only.

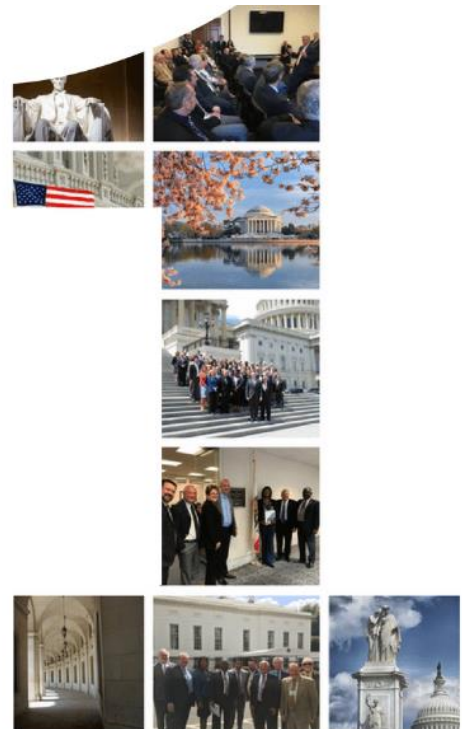
FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding for San Joaquin One Voice® is included in the adopted FY 2019-20 Overall Work Plan. Direct costs pertaining to the trip are offset by sponsor donations.

BACKGROUND:

One Voice® is a legislative advocacy program for San Joaquin County that promotes issues of regional significance to federal legislators and agencies through an annual advocacy trip to Washington, D.C. The purpose of the program is to advocate for increased funding and/or new or amended legislation for issues and projects of regional significance to the San Joaquin region.

The 2020 trip is scheduled for May 10-14, 2020 and a block of rooms have been secured at the Washington Court Hotel.



Last Year's Regional Priorities/Policy Issues

The One Voice® platform provides an opportunity to highlight specific projects and programs crucial to improving infrastructure and transportation choices in San Joaquin County. Twenty-two project requests were submitted for the 2019 One Voice® program.

From this pool of projects, the SJCOG Board approved the following as regional priorities:

Aviation: Stockton Metro Airport Terminal Modernization/Expansion (County)

Bus/Rail: Stockton Diamond Grade Separation (SJRRRC)
Valley Link Commuter Rail Project (Tracy)
Shared Autonomous Vehicle (SAV) Demonstration Project (RTD)

Roadway: Central Valley Gateway Project (Tracy)
SR 99/120 Interchange Improvements (Manteca)
Grant Line Road Improvements (County)

2020 Call for Projects

For the 2020 program, SJCOG seeks projects that are regionally significant and that provide a community-wide benefit. Over the years our discussions in DC have changed from not just funding requests for projects but also policy change requests and support for continued funding of programs, as earmarks are no longer available.

If you plan to resubmit the same project request that was submitted last year, please provide an updated version for review and consideration. Furthermore, if your agency is submitting more than one project request for consideration, please identify which is the number one priority followed by the 2nd, 3rd, etc.

The deadline for submittal is ***February 28, 2020***. Projects submitted will be reviewed by staff and the Executive Committee and will be subject to approval by the full SJCOG Board.

For the selection of regional priorities, staff anticipates following the multi-modal approach set forth by the Board which includes rail, port, and roadway projects that are regional significant. Details on the submission process, forms, and more information are available on our website at <https://www.sjcog.org/onevoice>.



Attachment A: 2020 One Voice Process & Schedule

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2020 San Joaquin One Voice® Process & Schedule

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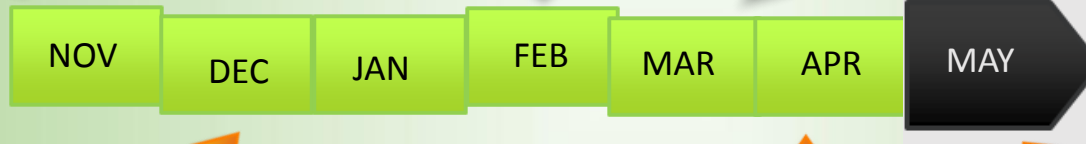
SJCOG sends out email to agencies and special districts soliciting proposals for the 2020 program.

February 28

Deadline for interested parties to submit project proposals to SJCOG. Submission emails must include: completed project request form, project talking points, project photo or graphic, and minutes or resolution reflecting approval by the submitting agencies governing board or council.

March 26

Project requests are presented to the SJCOG Board for approval and regional priorities are selected.



Local jurisdictions, transit agencies, partners, and outside organizations develop project requests and obtain approvals by their local boards and councils

April 2

Registration: Cost is \$175 per participant and includes all breakfasts and the Wednesday evening reception.

Accommodations: A block of rooms have been reserved at the Washington Court Hotel for May 10-14. The room block expires Thursday, April 2. Reservations can be made by calling 800-321-3010.

Travel to Washington

Meetings and activities scheduled for Sunday, May 10 (late afternoon) – Thursday, May 14 (morning). Participants are responsible for booking their own airfare and ground transportation to and from Washington, D.C.

