

**CITY/COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES
December 8, 2016**

At 5:35 P.M. Chair Gordon called the Legislative Committee meeting to order in the 2nd Floor auditorium at the San Mateo Transit District Office.

Attendance sheet is attached.

Guests or Staff Attending:

Matt Robinson - Shaw/ Yoder/ Antwih Inc.
Sandy Wong, Jean Higaki, Matt Fabry - C/CAG Staff

1. Public comment on related items not on the agenda.

None

2. Approval of Minutes from September 8, 2016.

Member O'Connell moved and Member Nihart seconded approval of the September 8, 2016 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Update from Shaw/ Yoder/ Antwih (SYA).

Matt Robinson, from Shaw/ Yoder/ Antwih provided an update from Sacramento.

Elections concluded in November. Senator de Leon and Assembly member Rendon retain their positions of Pro Tempore and Speaker of the House respectively. Assembly member Marc Berman replaced Rich Gordon.

The new Federal administration has expressed an interest in investing in the nation's infrastructure but there are few details at this point. Elaine Chao has been nominated for Secretary of Transportation. The State is anticipating struggles with the new administration.

Chair Gordon recommended that members watch "Meet the Press" on December 11, 2016. Chair Gordon asked if there were potential consequences to California given its potential opposition to changes in Federal positions. The most severe anticipated consequence would be the withholding of Federal dollars to the State.

It was clear that the state transportation funding bill proposed during special session would not garner enough votes to obtain a super majority so the special session was adjourned early. It was anticipated that the effort will start again in the beginning of the new session. It is estimated that

more time and effort will be needed to obtain the votes to pass anything substantial. Efforts such as lowering the voter threshold for passing taxes at the local level may be achieved more easily with the changing demographics in the legislature.

The chairs re-introduced their transportation funding packages on December 5, 2016. The packages remain largely the same as earlier proposals but are not as large (6 billion vs. 7 billion proposals) in an effort to gain votes.

4. Review and recommend approval of the C/CAG legislative policies, priorities, positions, and legislative update (A position may be taken on any legislation, including legislation not previously identified).

The authority for Caltrans to assume (National Environmental Policy Act) NEPA assignment currently exists, but is set to expire on December 31, 2016, at which time Caltrans would stop issuing NEPA approvals for projects on or adjacent to the federal highway system, or funded with federal dollars. In San Mateo County, a number of federally funded bicycle and pedestrian projects could be affected in the cities of South San Francisco, San Mateo, Redwood City, and East Palo Alto.

AB 28 (Frazier) introduced on December 5, 2016 would grant Caltrans the authority to permanently continue performing federal environmental responsibilities for highway projects under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other federal laws. It is recommended that the C/CAG Board send a letter of support for AB 28.

Member Papan moved and Member O'Connell seconded recommending the C/CAG Board to send a letter of support for AB 28. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Review and recommend approval of the Annual C/CAG Legislative Policies for 2017

Jean Higaki, introduced staffs revisions of the Legislative Policies for 2017 and requested that the Legislative Committee provide any further revisions. The following amendments were recommended by the Legislative Committee:

- Insert a new policy heading after Policy #3 in support of the general integration of funding for infrastructure projects to support the leveraging of funds.
- Add a language to monitor the implementation of High Speed Rail.
- Clarify what the disadvantage community screening tool is on item 7.6.
- Add an affordable housing language to item 9.2.
- Add language in support of public private partnerships (this comment was from the C/CAG Board).

A discussion regarding general water policy was held but it was agreed to defer adding language until input is provided by the C/CAG Water Committee.

No recommending action was taken. The Legislative committee directed staff to revise the policies based on comments above and bring it back to the committee for review and recommendation at the January 12, 2017 meeting.

6. Review and recommend approval to the C/CAG Board to exercise the option to extend the contract with Shaw/Yoder/Antwih, Inc. to provide state legislative advocacy service for the same annual fee of \$72,000 in an amount not to exceed \$144,000 for the 2017 and 2018 legislative session.

Member O'Connell moved and Member Aguirre seconded recommending the C/CAG Board to extend the contract with Shaw/Yoder/Antwih, Inc. to provide state legislative advocacy service for the same annual fee of \$72,000 in an amount not to exceed \$144,000 for the 2017 and 2018 legislative session. Motion passed unanimously

7. Review and approval of the 2017 C/CAG Legislative Committee calendar

Matt Robinson raised subject of the annual Lobby Day. Staff will send out a Doodle poll for availability and bring results to the January meeting for discussion.

Member O'Connell moved and Member Aguirre approval of the 2017 C/CAG Legislative Committee calendar. Motion passed 6-1. Member Carlton voted against the motion.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:25 P.M.

Legislative Committee 2016 Attendance Record

Agency	Name	Jan 14	Feb 11	March 10	April 14	May 12	June 9	July	August 11	Sept 8	Oct	Nov	Dec 8		
Menlo Park	Catherine Carlton		x	x		x			x				x		
Millbrae	Gina Papan		N/A			x				x			x		
Pacifica	Mary Ann Nihart	Canceled	x	x	Canceled	x	Canceled		x	x			x		
Pacifica	Karen Ervin			x		x									
Portola Valley	Maryann Moise Derwin (C/CAG Vice Chair)		N/A	N/A		x				x	x				x
Redwood City	Alicia Aguirre (C/CAG Chair)		x	x		x				x	x				x
San Bruno	Irene O'Connell		x	x		x			x	x			x		
Sounth San Francisco	Richard Garbarino			x		x									
Woodside	Deborah Gordon (Leg Chair)		x	x		x			x				x		

 no meeting