

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

**MEETING MINUTES
February 9, 2017**

At 5:30 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 January 12, 2017.

Member Papan moved and Member O'Connell seconded approval of the January 12, 2017 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

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

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

February 17, 2017 is the last day for bill introduction. C/CAG isn't sponsoring any bills at this point but C/CAG is watching a few bills.

AB 28 involving the environmental NEPA delegation is supported by C/CAG. That bill is moving quickly and has bi-partisan support. The bill needs to take effect by the end of March or the federal delegation process has to start all over again and could take a year or more to get re-established.

Caltrain is waiting for approval on a \$650 mil grant agreement with the federal government. Some southern California republican representatives sent a letter to the Secretary of Transportation, Elaine Chao to not approve the full funding agreement due to its high speed rail connection. Caltrain is advocating with Elaine Chao's office, Kevin McCarthy, Nancy Pelosi, and the tech industry to support the project.

Member Carlton asked about any insight into what the new federal administration has planned. Nothing is clear at this point but staff has been responding to requests for key infrastructure

projects to send to the National Governors Association (NGA) in response to a request made by the Trump administration. Chair Gordon has been following a carbon tax proposition at the federal level and recommended that others take a look at that proposal.

The transportation funding discussion is moving forward. Senator Scott Weiner sent a letter to see more public transit funding included, which caused a setback with SB 1. It is not expected to become a big enough issue enough to halt the bill. The Legislative leadership and the Governor's office have set a target date of April 6, 2017 to pass a transportation package, before spring break.

Member Papan asked about how quickly money would be available if a package passes. Matt gave an estimate of second quarter of 2018.

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 Fix Our Roads Coalition requested that C/CAG reaffirm its membership and agree to add its signature to a coalition letter in support of SB1. Two years ago C/CAG joined the coalition and the Fix Our Roads Coalition priorities are still consistent with C/CAG adopted legislative policies. The membership was reaffirmed and consent to sign the letter was completed under urgency procedures. A copy of the letter was provided to the committee.

SB 1 and AB 1 letters of support were introduced. Member Papan asked for clarification regarding intercity rail definition in the SB 1 proposal. Commuter rail is written in the language of SB 1 but it may not be included in the formula distribution right now. Details are still being developed. It was requested that Matt work with Senator Beall's office on the technical details to make sure that the commuter rail is included the propositions formula distributions.

Member O'Connell moved and Member Papan seconded recommending that the C/CAG Board send letters of support for reintroduced transportation funding bills AB 1 (Frazier) and SB 1 (Beall). Motion passed unanimously.

5. Confirm May 3, 2017 for "Lobby Day 2017".

The May 3, 2017 is confirmed. No action was taken. Jean Higaki presented some of the potential topics to discuss at Lobby Day and information proposed in the packet. These items were listed in the staff report. An additional potential topic to bring up with delegates maybe project delivery utility relocation issues (funding estimates and delays) associated with PG&E, however more research and conversations with other local agencies may be needed before broaching the topic.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:10 P.M.