

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

**MEETING MINUTES
May 12, 2016**

At 5:32 P.M. Chair Gordon called the Legislative Committee meeting to order in the 2nd Floor auditorium at the San Mateo Transit District Office.

Guests or Staff Attending:

Matt Robinson - Shaw/ Yoder/ Antwih Inc.
Sandy Wong, Jean Higaki, Matt Fabry - C/CAG Staff
Kim Springer – San Mateo County Office of Sustainability
Bill Chang – PG&E

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

None

2. Approval of Minutes from March 10, 2016.

Member O'Connell moved and Member Garbarino seconded approval of the March 10, 2016 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

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

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

The State Budget May revise is scheduled to be released on Friday May 13, 2016. June 15 is the deadline for passing the Budget bill. The Governor is looking to propose a more aggressive funding proposal for transportation. Senator Beall has revised his transportation funding proposal to raise estimated revenues by a billion dollars. It doesn't appear that any of the proposals will be passed this year since it is an election year. The only real new revenue appears to be Cap and Trade and everyone is fighting to use this to fund their individual transportation desires.

Member Gordon asked if there was anything that C/CAG could do relative to this issue. Matt R. responded that this is part of the strategy of Lobby Day. Matt is trying to set up meetings with republican delegates so this group can try to gain support for the transportation proposals.

There is a scramble in Sacramento to get things done before the legislature breaks for summer recess from July 1 to August 1.

Member Carlton asked about the trailer bill approval process and why it gets to bypass the

regular bill approval process. Trailer bills are hidden in the budget approval process and therefore are not subjected to the regular bill hearing requirements. They have the ability to bypass normal processes and get enacted very quickly.

A question was raised about AB 779 and whether or not C/CAG supports that bill. This bill deletes level of service as a measurement in the Congestion Management Program. This is a bill that all Bay Area Congestion Management Agencies, including C/CAG staff, are watching closely at this time. The status should be modified to watch.

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).

There were two letters of opposition recommended for action.

SB 885 (Wolk) - This bill would require local governments to front attorney's fees for consultant design professionals on public works contracts if an action arises on a project for which the engineering firm is found partially at fault. The League of California Cities and California State Association of Counties (CSAC) are opposed to this bill as it would result public dollars being used to defend private entities.

Member Nihart moved and Member Papan seconded a recommendation to send a letter of opposition unless the Bill is modified to safeguard local agency interest. Motion passed unanimously.

SB 1170 (Wieckowski) - This bill would prohibit public agencies from delegating storm water pollution prevention plans (SWPPPs) to a contractor on public works contracts. It would also prohibit public agencies from requiring contractors to assume responsibility for the completeness and accuracy of a plan developed by that entity.

Member Papan moved and Member O'Connell seconded a recommendation to send a letter of opposition. Motion passed unanimously.

Two items were discussed for recommendations to be made by the Legislative Committee

SBX1 1(Beall) – This is a transportation funding proposal that the C/CAG Board already supports. Because the bill has been modified there was question if the C/CAG Board can continue to support the funding proposal. The changes consolidate some ideas from other funding proposals that C/CAG already supported in the past.

Member Nihart moved and Member Carlton seconded a recommendation to continue to support SBX1 1. Motion passed unanimously.

The County of San Mateo Office of Sustainability is requesting a letter of support from C/CAG for a trailer bill (RN 16 12792) / AB 2293 (Garcia) to fund the California Green Business Network Program from the Cap and Trade, Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) or

Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program (AHSC).

Discussions arose regarding support for the concept but not at the expense of the AHSC program. Member Carlton and member Nihart expressed concern about funding coming from the AHSC program. Member Gordon and member O'Connell requested to revise the language of the support letter to express support but to state that it is preferred that funding not come from the AHSC program.

Member O'Connell moved and Member Garbarino seconded a recommendation to send a letter a letter of support for (RN 16 12792) / AB 2293 (Garcia) with modifications to the letter adding that C/CAG would prefer that funding not come from the AHSC program.

5. Discussion of "Lobby Day" Logistics

Lobby Day has been set for June 8, 2016 which was the backup day as many lawmakers are arriving to Sacramento from their districts on June 6th which made scheduling meetings more difficult.

Per an earlier suggestion from the committee, Matt R. is trying to set up lobby day meetings with republican delegates so the group can try to gain support for the transportation proposals. He is also trying to set up meetings with staff from the Governor's office.

In reviewing the talking points, member Papan requested to add a talking point requiring that transit agencies to work more cooperatively together under state supervision. Member Nihart warned about the unintended consequences of more state oversight. Chair Gordon modified the talking point to advocate for a concept of collaboration among transit agencies.

Member Carlton asked if there are long range or short range legislative goals for Lobby Day. The goal is to look at both short term legislation and setting up issues for next year.

Logistic information will be emailed to attendees after the meeting.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30 P.M.

Legislative Committee 2015 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							
Millbrae	Gina Papan		N/A			x							
Pacifica	Mary Ann Nihart	Canceled	x	x	Canceled	x							
Pacifica	Karen Ervin			x		x							
Portola Valley	Maryann Moise Derwin (C/CAG Vice Chair)		N/A	N/A		x							
Redwood City	Alicia Aguirre (C/CAG Chair)		x	x		x							
San Bruno	Irene O'Connell		x	x		x							
Sounth San Francisco	Richard Garbarino			x		x							
Woodside	Deborah Gordon (Leg Chair)		x	x		x							

 no meeting