

AGENDA

Legislative Committee

The next meeting of the Legislative Committee will be as follows.

Date: Thursday, July 13, 2017 - 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
 Place: San Mateo County Transit District Office¹
 1250 San Carlos Avenue
2nd Floor Auditorium
 San Carlos, California

PLEASE CALL Jean Higaki (599-1462) IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND.

1	Public comment on related items not on the agenda.	Presentations are limited to 3 Minutes	
2	Approval of Minutes from June 8, 2017.	Action (Gordon)	Pages 1-3
3	Update from Shaw/Yoder/Antwih	Information (Shaw/Yoder/Antwih)	
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). Letters to discuss: AB 1613 (Mullin)	Action (Gordon)	Page 4- 8
5	Adjournment	Action (Gordon)	

NOTE: All items appearing on the agenda are subject to action by the Committee. Actions recommended by staff are subject to change by the Committee.

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

**MEETING MINUTES
June 8, 2017**

At 5:35 P.M. Vice Chair O’Connell 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. (Call in)
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 May 11, 2017.

Member Aguirre moved and Member Moise Derwin seconded approval of the May 11, 2017 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Matt Robinson, from Shaw/ Yoder/ Antwih provided an update from Sacramento. The Budget is due to the Governor by June 15th. Legislature will have their pay docked if submitted late.

There is not much happening as far as new transportation or stormwater funding in the budget. There are a couple of SB 1 budget trailer bills regarding setting up some policies regarding the freight program, advanced mitigation program, and technical clean up language that clarifies the timeline for the controller to release funding.

There is an initiative filed with the attorney general’s office to repeal SB 1. This proposal needs 350,000 signatures to place on the November 2018 ballot. There is an appeal, from the Governor’s office, that local governments get the word out to constituents about the positive effects SB 1 is having or will have in neighborhoods across the state. Because the money is not out yet it might be mentioned during the local budgeting process. It is anticipated that there will be direction given soon from the League of California Cities and California State Association of Counties (CSAC).

Member O’Connell asked if the numbers Matt presented earlier were still valid for the Local Streets and Roads program. Matt said that he would send an update to the latest numbers (e-mailed link to Legislative Committee and Board on 6/12/17).

Program guidelines for state discretionary programs are being developed to be implemented towards the end of this year. Some of the programs that are being watched closely are the Transit Intercity Rail Capital program, which could benefit Caltrain as well as potential Dumbarton improvements, and the Congested Corridors Program in which the San Mateo Managed Lane project was called out.

RM 3 is being discussed in Sacramento. The Bay Area Caucus would like to see polls on the potential receptiveness for this post SB 1. There is still discussion surrounding how the revenues would be distributed (specific projects, specific areas, or regional discretion).

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).

SB 595 (Beall) – Regional Measure 3

This bill is the Senate placeholder for Regional Measure 3 and would authorize the Bay Area to vote on an increase in tolls on the Bay Area’s state owned bridges to be used for transportation projects throughout the region. This is currently a spot bill.

Copies of letters of support in concept from SamTrans and Caltrain were distributed to Legislative Committee members for information.

Member Moise Derwin moved and Member Vaterlaus seconded recommending that the C/CAG Board send a letter of support in concept for SB 595. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Receive follow up information regarding communications with Caltrans.

Contact information was sent to all Board members in the event that they would like to set up direct meetings with the Caltrans District 4 Director.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:55 P.M.

Legislative Committee 2017 Attendance Record

Agency	Name	Jan 12	Feb 9	March 9	April 13	May 11	June 8	July 13	August	Sept 14	Oct	Nov	Dec 8
Menlo Park	Catherine Carlton	x	x	x	x	x							
Millbrae	Gina Papan	x	x	x	x	x							
Portola Valley	Maryann Moise Derwin (C/CAG Vice Chair)	x	x	x	x		x						
Redwood City	Alicia Aguirre (C/CAG Chair)		x	x	x	x	x						
San Bruno	Irene O'Connell (Leg Vice Chair)	x	x	x	x	x	x						
Sounth San Francisco	Richard Garbarino		x		x	x							
Woodside	Deborah Gordon (Leg Chair)	x	x	x									
Foster City	Catherine Mahanpour	N/A	N/A	x	x	x							
Redwood City	Shelly Masur	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A							
Pacifica	Sue Vaterlaus	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	x						

 no meeting

C/CAG AGENDA REPORT

Date: July 13, 2017

To: C/CAG Legislative Committee

From: Sandy Wong, Executive Director

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

(For further information or response to questions, contact Jean Higaki at 650-599-1462)

RECOMMENDATION

That the C/CAG Legislative Committee recommend the C/CAG Board to take a position on any legislation or direct staff to monitor any legislation for future positions to be taken.

FISCAL IMPACT

Unknown.

SOURCE OF FUNDS

N/A

BACKGROUND

The C/CAG Legislative Committee receives monthly written reports and oral briefings from the C/CAG's State legislative advocates. Important or interesting issues that arise out of that meeting are reported to the Board.

There is the following bill to discuss.

AB 1613 (Mullin) – SamTrans Sales Tax Authority – Existing law authorizes the San Mateo County Transit District to adopt a sales tax ordinance in accordance with specified provisions of law, including a requirement that the combined rate of all such taxes imposed in the county may not exceed 2%. This bill would authorize the board to exceed that 2% limit to impose a sales tax of no more than 0.5% for transportation purposes, if approved by the board before January 1, 2021.

ATTACHMENTS

1. July 2017 Legislative update from Shaw/ Yoder/ Antwih, Inc.
2. Letter of support for AB 1613 (Mullin)
3. Full Legislative information is available for specific bills at <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/>



SHAW/YODER/ANTWIH, inc.
LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY • ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT

DATE: June 27, 2017
TO: Board Members, City/County Association of Governments, San Mateo County
FROM: Andrew Antwih and Matt Robinson, Shaw / Yoder / Antwih, Inc.
RE: STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – July 2017

Legislative Update

The Legislature passed the 2017-18 Budget Bill on June 15 and it now awaits Governor Brown’s signature. As of this writing, some budget trailer bills related to the implementation of SB 1 (trade corridors and advanced mitigation) remain in the Legislature. We anticipate these bills will be sent to the Governor shortly. The Legislature will break for Summer Recess on July 21 and reconvene on August 21. We highlight bills of note affecting C/CAG under ***Bills of Interest***, below.

SB 1 Workshops Underway

On June 8 and 9, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) kicked off a series of workshops on the implementation of SB 1 (Beall and Frazier), highlighting the timeframe for a number of programs the CTC oversees, including the Solutions for Congested Corridors Program. The CTC will be hosting several additional workshops for each specific program, with the hope of adopting guidelines in late-2017/early-2018. Additionally, the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) will begin to host workshops on the transit and rail programs in late June. C/CAG staff has been and will continue to participate in the SB 1 workshops.

Transportation Funding Repeal

As we reported last month, on May 5, Assembly Member Travis Allen (R-Huntington Beach) filed an initiative to repeal SB 1. Before the initiative, entitled “Repeal the Gas Tax,” can be circulated for signature it must first be given a Title and Summary by the Attorney General. Once it has been issued a Title and Summary the initiative must receive approximately 360,000 valid signatures to qualify for the next General Election ballot, slated for November, 2018. We will update the Board as this initiative progresses.

RM3 Update

For the last several months, members of the Bay Area Caucus have been meeting to discuss the potential for legislation authorizing a toll increase on the Bay Area’s bridges. Commonly referred to as Regional Measure 3, the increased toll(s) could fund a number of Bay Area transportation improvements across all nine counties. Senator Beall has legislation moving through the process, but it lacks details. Currently, SB 595 does not specify the amount of the toll increase, nor does it speak to the distribution of funds. The members of the Bay Area Caucus continue to meet regularly to hone in on a path forward for RM3 and have held several briefings with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, local agencies, and other stakeholder groups. We have been involved in the effort to craft an RM3 path forward. C/CAG, along with other local agencies, recently participated on a call with Assembly Member

Kevin Mullin to discuss San Mateo County's priorities. We will continue to engage as the RM3 legislation takes shape. **The bill will be heard in the Assembly Transportation Committee on July 10.**

Bills of Interest

SB 1 (Beall) – Transportation Funding Package (Signed by Governor on April 28)

This bill would increase several taxes and fees to address issues of deferred maintenance on state highways and local streets and roads, as well as provide new funding for public transit. Specifically, this bill would increase both the gasoline (over three years) and diesel excise taxes by 12 and 20 cents, respectively; increase the vehicle registration fee by \$38; create a new \$100 vehicle registration fee applicable to zero-emission motor vehicles; increase Cap and Trade funding for transit; increase the rate of sales tax on diesel by another 4% for the State Transit Assistance Program and intercity rail, limit the borrowing of weight-fee revenues, and repay outstanding transportation loans. As a result, transportation funding would increase by approximately \$6 billion per year. ***The C/CAG Board SUPPORTS this bill.***

SB 231 (Hertzberg) – Stormwater

The California Constitution (Proposition 218) generally requires that assessments, fees, and charges be submitted to property owners for approval or rejection after the provision of written notice and the holding of a public hearing. The Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act prescribes specific procedures and parameters for local jurisdictions to comply with the California Constitution and defines terms. This bill would define the term "sewer" for these purposes to include outlets for surface or storm waters, and any and all other works, property, or structures necessary or convenient for the collection or disposal of sewage, industrial waste, or surface or storm waters. ***The C/CAG Board SUPPORTS this bill.***

SB 595 (Beall) – Regional Measure 3

This bill is the Senate placeholder for Regional Measure 3 and would authorize the nine counties in the Bay Area to vote on an unspecified increase in tolls on the Bay Area's bridges to be used for transportation projects throughout the region. Bay Area leaders in both houses are working on the legislation, which could take shape in the coming weeks. ***The C/CAG Board SUPPORTS this measure IN CONCEPT.***

SB 797 (Hill) – Caltrain Funding

This bill would authorize the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (Caltrain), by a resolution approved by two-thirds of the board and with the approval of other local agencies, to levy a tax at a rate not to exceed 0.125% in the Counties of San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara if a ballot measure is passed by two-thirds of the voters regionally. The tax revenues would be used by the board for operating and capital purposes of the Caltrain rail service.

SCA 6 (Wiener) – Lower Vote Threshold for Local Transportation Taxes

The California Constitution subjects the imposition of a special tax by a city, county, or special district upon the approval of two-thirds of the voters. This measure would lower that threshold to 55 percent of voters for taxes for transportation purposes. ***The C/CAG Board SUPPORTS this bill.***

AB 28 (Frazier) – Caltrans NEPA Delegation (Signed by Governor on March 29)

This bill would grant Caltrans the authority to continue performing federal environmental responsibilities for highway projects under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other federal laws until January 1, 2020. ***The C/CAG Board SUPPORTS this bill.***

AB 733 (Berman) – Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts

Existing law authorizes a city or a county to establish an enhanced infrastructure financing district (EIFD) to finance capital projects with property tax increment under certain conditions. This bill would

allow the financing of projects that adapt to the impacts of climate change, including sea level rise. ***The C/CAG Board SUPPORTS this bill.***

AB 1613 (Mullin) – SamTrans Sales Tax Authority

Existing law authorizes the San Mateo County Transit District to adopt a sales tax ordinance in accordance with specified provisions of law, including a requirement that the combined rate of all such taxes imposed in the county may not exceed 2%. This bill would authorize the board to exceed that 2% limit to impose a sales tax of no more than 0.5%, if approved by the board before January 1, 2021. ***We recommend the C/CAG Board SUPPORT this bill.***

ACA 5 (Frazier and Newman) – Protection of Transportation Revenues

This measure would prohibit the state from borrowing revenues from fees and taxes imposed on vehicles or their use, and from using those revenues other than as specifically permitted by Article XIX. This measure would prohibit vehicle revenues and fuel tax revenues from being pledged or used for the payment of principal and interest on general obligation bonds issued by the state, except for vehicle weight fee revenues used to pay bond approved prior to January 1, 2017. ***The C/CAG Board SUPPORTS this bill.***

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July XX, 2017

The new procedures, to be modified
and sent to appropriate committees
when needed
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SUPPORT for AB 1613 (Mullin)

Dear Chair McGuire:

The City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG) is pleased to **SUPPORT** AB 1613 (Mullin). This bill would authorize the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) to place a sales tax measure for transportation purposes before the voters at an upcoming election. The sales tax may not exceed one-half of a percent, may exceed the two-percent threshold for local sales taxes, and is subject to the approval of two-thirds of the voters in San Mateo County.

In 2015, SB 705 (Hill) authorized San Mateo County to put a new sales tax before the voters not to exceed one-half of a percent for transportation purposes above the existing two percent cap for local sales tax measures. AB 1613 builds on that authority by allowing the San Mateo County Transit District to do the same thing. However, only one agency may put the tax on the ballot. In San Mateo County, SamTrans, as a special district, has taxing authority and administers a number of transportation programs in San Mateo County. SamTrans staff provides support to SamTrans, the San Mateo County Transportation Authority, and Caltrain.

C/CAG **SUPPORTS** AB 1613 and appreciates your favorable consideration of this legislation as our member agencies work to address our local transportation funding needs. Please feel free to contact Sandy Wong, C/CAG's Executive Director, at 650-599-1409 or slwong@smcgov.org with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Alicia C. Aguirre, Chair
City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County

Cc: Assembly Member Kevin Mullin
Assembly Member Marc Berman
Assembly Member Phil Ting
Senator Jerry Hill
Senator Scott Wiener