

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

**MEETING MINUTES
July 13, 2017**

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. (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 June 8, 2017.

Member Aguirre moved and Member Vaterlaus seconded approval of the June 8, 2017 minutes. Motion passed 6-0. Member Carlton abstained.

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

Matt Robinson, from Shaw/ Yoder/ Antwih, called in and provided an update from Sacramento. C/CAG staff provided a copy of the July 13, 2017 draft SB 595 (Beall) RM 3 expenditure plan to the committee members. Sandy, Seamus Murphy (SMCTA), and our MTC commissioners (Warren Slocum and Alicia Aguirre) worked with San Mateo delegates to move the expenditure plan in the County's favor by about \$80 million.

It is expected that the RM 3 bill will be further modified until the last minute of this year's session. Member Aguirre stressed the importance of making known the needs for specific projects in the County and expressed appreciation to our delegates who worked very hard to address San Mateo County project needs in the RM 3 expenditure plan.

Member Gordon asked if there was a possibility of the expenditure plan being further modified against San Mateo County's favor. Matt said that this possibility was low given the strong delegation in Sacramento.

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 (Mullin) allows the San Mateo County Transit District to do the same thing. However, only one agency may put the tax on the ballot.

Member Moise Derwin asked if the “transportation purposes” in the bill included bicycle/ pedestrian facilities. Matt replied that the definition would include any transportation purpose developed and approved in an expenditure plan.

Member Aguirre brought up the importance of properly framing the need for all of the tax proposals. The message has to be clear that RM 3 is for project connected to the toll bridges, SB1 is to maintain existing facilities, and AB 1613 is for new projects.

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.

SB 797 is spearheaded by the Silicon Valley Leadership Group. There is no recommendation on this bill at this time as many details still need to be worked out by the three counties and Caltrain. Staff wanted the committee to be aware that this bill is active.

Member Gordon asked for a comparison of the proposed transportation funding bills to see where they might compete or overlap.

Remaining updates - Staff is working on trying to shape the SB 1 program guidelines to put San Mateo County in a better position for the SB1 competitive funds. The Cap and Trade 2030 extension bill is moving through committees but is a controversial bill. It is scheduled to go to the floor on Monday July 17. The SB 231 (Hertzberg) stormwater bill is being opposed by realtor groups.

Member Vaterlaus asked why the realtor groups are opposing SB 231. Matt said it was not clear but SB 231 makes it easier to put fees on properties which may negatively affect the ability to sell houses.

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).

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

Because this bill has already passed the committees, this support letter would be addressed to Jerry Brown in support of signing this bill.

Member Aguirre moved and Member Masur seconded recommending that the C/CAG Board send a letter of support in concept for AB 1613 (Mullin). Motion passed unanimously.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:05 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		x					
Millbrae	Gina Papan	x	x	x	x	x							
Portola Valley	Maryann Moise Derwin (C/CAG Vice Chair)	x	x	x	x		x	x					
Redwood City	Alicia Aguirre (C/CAG Chair)		x	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				x					
Foster City	Catherine Mahanpour	N/A	N/A	x	x	x		x					
Redwood City	Shelly Masur	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		x					
Pacifica	Sue Vaterlaus	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	x	x					

 no meeting