

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

**MEETING MINUTES  
April 2, 2015**

At 6:47 P.M. Vice Chair Kiesel called the Legislative Committee meeting to order in the 4th Floor “Dining Room” at the San Mateo Transit District Office.

**Committee Members Attending:**

Art Kiesel (City of Foster City)  
Mary Ann Nihart (City of Pacifica)  
Karen Ervin (City of Pacifica)  
Richard Garbarino (City of South San Francisco)

**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 March 12, 2015.**

Member Garbarino moved and Member Ervin seconded approval of the March 12, 2015 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

**3. Update from Advocation & Shaw/ Yoder/ Antwih (SYA).**

C/CAG staff Jean Higaki distributed a draft of the “Lobby Day” packet and talking points for discussion. Deborah Gordon, Art Kiesel, Mary Ann Nihart, and Irene O’Connell will attend “Lobby Day.”

There are currently 3 topics up for discussion. The first topic deals with shortfalls in the local streets and roads and highways, the impact of excise tax reductions, and advocating of return to source revenues, and revisions to Cap and Trade.

MaryAnn requested to introduce C/CAG as an agency who pulls resources together and leverages it to get the most out of the funding that it receives, to serve the citizens of San Mateo County.

The second point introduces projects of Countywide Significance. Sandy Wong suggested that

the GBI, Smart Corridors, and Ramp Metering project could all be rolled up in the introduction, as examples of the work that C/CAG has been doing. This would save time as there is not much to expand on with these projects. The illustrations will stay in the packet.

Matt Robinson said that the itinerary would be revised with a couple more meetings that were tentative at this point. It was suggested to encourage delegate support of the two Cap and Trade projects from South San Francisco. Sandy Wong said that staff will be taking support letters to the C/CAG board next week.

For the second topic, Jean Higaki described the three potential asks for the HOT/HOV project on US 101 regarding toll authority, aux lane conversion flexibility, and funding. It was suggested that we set the tone by saying that we are a self-help county and that US 101 is a major economic engine.

For the third topic, Matt Fabry described the need to support AB 1362 (Gordon) and the associated constitutional amendment to reform Prop 218. Other points he would like to make is a request to integrate transportation and stormwater funding to enable green infrastructure installations, and a unified statewide holistic approach to stormwater management.

It was suggested to email the talking points the absent Lobby Day participants to see who might be interested in talking on specific topics. A carpool gathering place was also discussed and Colma BART station was considered. (Alternate carpool arrangements were made later).

#### **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 support bill for AB 227 (Alejo) was sent. There is no other action recommended at this point. In May, the committee may consider support letters for AB 378 and bills that increase the sales tax cap (AB 464). The Prop 218 reform constitutional amendment is still not out yet. Brian Annis will come to the C/CAG retreat to talk about transportation funding proposals at the state level.

Member Nihart asked about the chance of bills passing that lower the voter threshold. Lowering voter approval requirements for transportation alone might have the same chance of passing as a more general lowering of the voter threshold. If a transportation specific threshold bill passes about 11 additional counties would pursue a measure.

The Caltrain Commuter Coalition will visit Sacramento on April 14 for a Lobby Day to talk about the importance of Caltrain and funding.

#### **5. Adjournment**

Member Nihart moved and Ervin seconded adjournment. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 P.M.