

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

**MEETING MINUTES
May 14, 2015**

At 6:35 P.M. Chair Gordon called the Legislative Committee meeting to order in the 2nd Floor Auditorium at the San Mateo Transit District Office.

Committee Members Attending:

Art Kiesel (City of Foster City)
Deborah Gordon (Town of Woodside)
Mary Ann Nihart (City of Pacifica)
Karen Ervin (City of Pacifica)
Richard Garbarino (City of South San Francisco)
Catherine Carlton (City of Menlo Park)
Alicia Aguirre (City of Redwood City)

Guests or Staff Attending:

Matt Robinson - Shaw/ Yoder/ Antwih Inc. (called in)
Sandy Wong, Jean Higaki, Matt Fabry - C/CAG Staff
Jim Bigelow – Redwood City/ San Mateo County Chamber of Commerce

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

None

2. Approval of Minutes from April 2, 2015.

Member Garbarino moved and Member Ervin seconded approval of the April 2, 2015 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

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

C/CAG staff Jean Higaki distributed a draft of the state budget “May Revision Overview”. Sacramento is looking at non-traditional funding sources for transportation. There is an increase Cap and Trade proceeds which doubles many of the cap and trade programs. It is estimated that Cap and Trade revenues could eventually be higher.

Committee member Ervin asked if Cap and Trade really incentivizes companies to adopt cleaner practices or do they just tend to pay fees. At this point there is not a clear answer to that.

On the transportation funding side, there are five letters of support drafted for the legislative committee to make a recommendation on. Senator Beall's SB 16 bill is anticipated to raise about \$3.5 billion a year in transportation revenues over 5 years to be split 47.5% for state highway preservation, 47.5% for local streets and roads, and 5% to incentivize more self-help counties. SB 16 needs 2/3 of the votes to approve the package and that might be difficult without help from the Governor's office. Two elected officials from his party did not support the bill. The assembly is also working on a similar proposal to SB 16 but timing may not make it a viable alternative.

There has not been much movement on the storm water side. The effort to change the Prop 218 requirements for storm water hasn't move much yet but it is not subject to the normal bill deadlines and can move on its own timeline.

Member Carlton asked about AB 1098 and how it works. C/CAG staff has been following this bill closely. Assembly member Bloom's office has been working with the state Office of Planning and Research (OPR) to reflect the new CEQA focus on vehicle miles traveled (VMT) instead of level of service (LOS). Assembly member Bloom's office wants to meet with the CMAs over the fall to discuss what this bill should be. The bill is not viable it has missed deadlines to move forward this year.

Chair Gordon asked about how express lanes work and how it is enforced. It may be mostly an honor system enforced by the highway patrol.

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).

Discussion regarding the letters of support for AB 194 (Frazier), AB 464 (Mullin), ACA 4 (Frazier), SB 16 (Beall), and SB 321 (Beall) is under Item 5.

It was noted that Matt Robinson followed up with the Sacramento elected officials and/ or staff to thank them for meeting with C/CAG officials for "Lobby Day" in April.

5. Review and recommend that the C/CAG Board send support letters for AB 194 (Frazier), AB 464 (Mullin), ACA 4 (Frazier), SB 16 (Beall), and SB 321 (Beall).

Draft letters of support were included in the packet for AB 194 (Frazier), AB 464 (Mullin), ACA 4 (Frazier), SB 16 (Beall), and SB 321 (Beall).

Chair Gordon asked if the language in the Bills could still change. Because the bills were still open to change, Chair Gordon requested that there be specific language added to the letters to specify that C/CAG support is for a bill, as written on May 14, 2015. Matt Robinson stated that C/CAG staff would be notified of any substantial changes to bill language, should it arise.

Member Aguirre moved and Garbarino seconded a recommendation that the C/CAG Board send letters of support for AB 194 (Frazier), AB 464 (Mullin), SB 16 (Beall), and SB 321 (Beall) with a correction to change Hillsdale to Town of Hillsborough in the AB 464 letter, and adding a

statement to all the letters, specifying that support is for the bill as written on May 14, 2015. Motion passed unanimously.

Note: The reference to Hillsdale and Hillsborough was deleted altogether from the letter as Hillsborough is not near the sales tax cap. Although Hillsdale Mall is near the sales tax cap, it is not a local jurisdiction and not a C/CAG member.

Member Aguirre moved and member Garbarino seconded a recommendation that the C/CAG Board send a letter of support for ACA 4 (Frazier), with the specification that support is for the bill as written on May 14, 2015. Motion passed 6-1. Committee member Carlton opposed.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:20 P.M.