

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

**MEETING MINUTES
August 13, 2015**

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, - C/CAG Staff

Jim Bigelow –Congestion Management and Environmental Quality Committee (CMEQ)

Nancy Magee – San Mateo County Office of Education (SMCOE)

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

None

2. Approval of Minutes from May 14, 2015 and June 4, 2015.

Member Garbarino moved and Member Kiesel seconded approval of the May 14, 2015 and June 4, 2015 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

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

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

The legislature has been in recess since July 17. It reconvenes on August 17 and has a month left before the end of session.

Fiscal appropriations committees will hear bills over the next two weeks. The final two weeks of the session will be spent discussing bills on the floor. There two special sessions are being held by the Governor. One is focused on health care finance and the other is focused on transportation funding.

There were two information hearings for the transportation special session, one in the senate and one in the assembly. The hearings focused on the funding shortfall for preservation and maintenance of the existing system. There is a 60 million plus shortfall identified on the state highway system alone. The shortfall did not include capital expansion.

So far about 25 bills have been introduced at the special session some are place holders. On August 19, Senator Beall's SB X1-1 will be heard by the senate special session Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. This bill is a revised version of SB 16, which was supported

by C/CAG in May. Staff recommends support of SB X1-1. The assembly has not revealed any substantial proposal at this time; however the speaker is planning to make several presentations around the state, regarding an assembly proposal next week.

Senator Hill has introduced SB X1-8 which would direct Cap and Trade funds towards transit. AB X1-7 from Nezarian is the same bill from the Assembly. Staff recommends support of both bills which would potentially help Caltrain with some modernization shortfalls.

A Fix Our Roads Coalition, made up of labor groups, business groups, the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, the Bay Area Council, building trades, road contractors, and some local transportation agencies are seeking support. The coalition supports seven principles that could potentially help raise 6 billion in funding towards the rehabilitation of local streets and state highway repair. The Coalition also proposes accountability measures to protect tax payer investments.

Chair Gordon asked which of the bills above fit the seven principles supported by the Fix Our Roads Coalition. SB X1-1 is the bill that most closely aligns with the principles but SB X1-1 does not propose to raise as much revenue nor does it have the accountability proposed by the coalition. Member Nihart voiced frustration that current bills appear to just maintain the existing system without necessarily proposing to improve the system. Knowing that there is not enough funding in general, she would like to see the state prioritize projects and programs. This is supposedly being done for goods movements. Chair Gordon expressed that there appears to be many individual bills but a lack of a comprehensive strategy for improving the transportation system.

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).

Several motions were made in support of legislative efforts discussed under Item 3:

Member O'Connell moved and Member Nihart seconded a recommendation to send a letter in support of the Fix Our Road Coalition's seven principles and signing to support the Coalition's efforts.

Member O'Connell moved and Member Garbarino seconded sending support letters for SB X1-1, AB X1-7, and SB X1-8. Motion passed unanimously.

In May, support letters were approved by the C/CAG Board and sent for AB 194 and AB 516. Committees in Sacramento are looking for a reconfirmation of support due to subsequent amendments to both bills.

Matt Robinson explained the revisions to AB 194 and why a new letter of support is requested for the Senate Appropriations Committee. Two processes were proposed to request managed lanes from the California Transportation Commission (CTC), one was applicable to the state and the other applicable for regional agencies. The revisions merged the state and regional agency

application process. It also merged language from a similar trailer bill issued from the Governor's office. The revised bill is still consistent with C/CAG policy.

Member O'Connell moved and Member May seconded a recommendation to resend a support letter for AB 194. Motion passed unanimously.

Matt Robinson explained revisions to AB 516. The revision added language, at the request of the Department of Motor Vehicles, to install a computerized system as a requirement of implementing the temporary license plate program. Other amendments allow dealers to recoup their cost for implementing the program. The revised bill is still consistent with C/CAG policy.

Member O'Connell moved and Member Garbarino seconded a recommendation to resend a support letter for AB 516. Motion passed unanimously.

The Legislative Committee was asked to outline a decision making policy for addressing continued support or opposition for amended bills as it is often requested to re-confirm support as bills move through committee.

For bills with minor technical amendments, positions can be re-confirmed, via letter, without Board or Legislative Committee consultation.

For amendments that are more than technical in nature, SYA will:

- 1) Provide an analysis of the amendments via email and
- 2) Include outlines about how it is still consistent with C/CAG policy, and
- 3) Provide a red-line of the modifications to Legislative Committee staff.

If re-confirmation is not urgent a letter will be brought back to the Legislative Committee and Board for approval. If the re-confirmation is urgent Jean and Sandy (Legislative Committee staff) will email both the Legislative Committee Chair and the C/CAG Chair with a position recommendation. Chairs will send approvals via email.

Member O'Connell moved and Member Garbarino seconded the formal decision making policy regarding continued positions for amended bills. Motion passed unanimously

Matt Fabry asked if there was any news regarding Prop 218 reform. Matt Robinson reported that not much is happening as transportation and managed health care is getting most of the attention in Sacramento at this time. Matt Fabry has heard that polling for Prop 218 storm water reform is not looking good. It may fare worse on a crowded 2016 ballot. There might be opportunities next year to work on this.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:25 P.M.

Legislative Committee 2015 Attendance Record

Agency	Name	Jan 8	Feb 12	March 12	April 2	May 14	June 4	July	Aug 13	Sept 10	Oct	Nov	Dec 10
San Bruno	Irene O'Connell								x				
Foster City	Art Kiesel (Leg Vice Chair)	x	x	x	x	x	x		x				
Woodside	Deborah Gordon (Leg Chair)	x	x	x		x			x				
Pacifica	Mary Ann Nihart (C/CAG Chair)		x	x	x	x			x				
Hillsborough	Laurence May	x							x				
Pacifica	Karen Ervin	x	x	x	x	x			x				
South San Francisco	Richard Garbarino	x		x	x	x	x		x				
Menlo Park	Catherine Carlton	x				x	x						
Menlo Park	Kirsten Keith	x	x		N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A				
Redwood City	Alicia Aguirre (C/CAG Vice Chair)		N/A	N/A		x							

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