

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

**Meeting Summary
April 9, 2020**

At 5:31 P.M. the Legislative Committee meeting was called to order via Zoom remote conferencing by Chair Mahanpour.

Attendance sheet is attached.

Guests or Staff Attending:

Matt Robinson - Shaw/Yoder/Antwih Inc.
Sandy Wong, Matt Fabry, Susy Kalkin, Kim Springer, Van Ocampo - C/CAG Staff

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

None.

2. Roll call for attendance.

C/CAG Executive Director, Sandy Wong, requested to take roll call for attendance, which was not previously on the agenda.

3. Approval of Minutes from December 12, 2019.

Member Garbarino moved and member Vaterlaus seconded approval of the February 13, 2020 minutes. Motion passed, 9:0:0.

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

Matt Robinson and Andrew Antwih, from Shaw/ Yoder/ Antwih,Inc. provided a legislative update from Sacramento via phone.

Updates from Sacramento:

Update on Sacramento activities, included the break starting on March 16 and plans to reconvene on May 4 after the early spring recesses. Leadership have sent out a memo that there will be COVID-19 hearings in the near future, which will include oversight of the Legislature on allocation and tracking of the response funds.

Regarding legislative deadlines, passage of the budget requires a vote by the Legislature by June 15, 2020, and the Legislature will very likely try to reconvene for this deadline. Additional budget revenue categories for wildfire response, homelessness and housing will likely be addressed later in the calendar year. The state income tax filing date has been pushed back to

July 15. Given the truncated policy schedule, Assembly leadership have directed all bills that do not address the priority issues or are necessary in 2020 to be postponed until the 2021-21 session. Housing is a priority issue, and there are few bills that may move forward, including SB 902 (Weiner) and AB 3145 (Grayerson). FASTER Bay Area is being postponed due to the COVID-19 crisis. Senator Beall is likely going to let other legislators take on this effort in 2021. The SEAMLESS Bay Area campaign is likely not going to move forward in the current session because of committee direction and regional transit service issues during the COVID crisis. BART, for example is running at as low as five percent of its normal service level. The Bay Area is slated to receive up to \$2 billion in federal funds to support this financial impact for regional transit agencies.

Finally, with the Governor's proposed budget in January, it was noted there was a \$22 billion "rainy day fund." If revenue declines continue, however, the state may see a significant reduction in this amount.

The Committee briefly discussed SEAMLESS, and what the implications may be for fiscal impact and accountability of the transit agencies. Staff shared that the bill is still a spot-bill and it is unclear how the bill will be proceed. The bill was tied to FASTER for funding to some extent, which is no longer moving forward. There is also a lack of support in the capitol now because of the regional impacts on transportation revenues.

5. Discussion of "Lobby Day" 2020.

Matt Robinson discussed the original plan to host Lobby Day in May or June. The plan now is to wait until next month for further updates from the Legislature. If the Legislature does not hold its regular summer recess in July, then it may be possible to have Lobby Day in June or July. The Committee also noted whether it will be a worthwhile trip if the policy committees are not moving bills of interest forward this session.

The Committee will bring this topic back for discussion at its May meeting.

7. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:57 P.M.