

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

**Meeting Summary
June 11, 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 / Schmelzer and Lange, Inc.
Sandy Wong, Matt Fabry, Kim Springer, Sean Charpentier - C/CAG Staff

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

None.

2. Roll call for attendance.

Staff announced roll-call for Committee attendance.

3. Approval of Minutes from April 9, 2020.

Staff was informed of an error in the attendance for the April 9, 2020 meeting during the June 11, 2020 meeting. Staff will bring back the approval of the minutes from April 9, 2020 meeting in July.

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

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

Updates from Sacramento:

Robinson provided an update on the Legislature's 2020 calendar and relevant session deadlines. Policy Committee hearings for bills in the house of origin has passed, and the Assembly Appropriations Committee hearings wrapped up last week. Many Assembly bills were held in suspense. The Senate Appropriations Committee meetings are scheduled for next week. The overall legislative session has been on a truncated timeline and as a result the Assembly is planning its summer recess June 19 to July 13, while the Senate is planning a shorter recess from July 2 to July 13. The current legislative session ends on August 31. Both houses are working on versions of the state budget for consideration by the Governor by July 15. Some budget issues that need further consensus include trigger cuts, such as state employee pay and raises and salary

cuts if requested federal funds are not received. It is unknown whether the Governor is likely to veto the entire plan or individual line items. Statewide, projected sales tax revenue reductions of 27% will likely have trickle-down effects on local community transportation and sales tax measures. Counties have reported, anecdotally, however, the expected impacts on transportation related funds may not be as dire as expected because of the slow reopening. Robinson briefed the Committee on the status of state Cap and Trade funds from the auction on May 20, emphasizing the slow down in the market for allowances as a result of the COVID situation. The state had \$600 million in allowances for sale with only \$25 million in revenues this auction, and no allowances were sold for the current year (allowances sold as future vintages). The next auction is in August. Altogether, these impacts will not impact currently funded projects, but it is likely there will be impacts on the next programming cycle for C/CAG-relevant fund sources, including the STIP, SHOPP and other competitive grant programs.

Committee members were interested in hearing more about the Education Revenue Augmentation Funds (ERAF), and plans from the state on the use of these funds. Robinson plans to provide further information after following up with staff.

Policy Updates:

The Committee discussed several bills included in the agenda packet. Robinson provided an update on SB 288 (Weiner), which would provide CEQA relief for some transportation projects, including those that have greenhouse gas reduction benefits (e.g., HOV lanes, designated bus lanes on highways, public transit projects, transit maintenance facilities and bike/ped projects). Staff plan to bring back this item for consideration of a “support” or “support in concept” of the bill, and C/CAG’s consultant will work with the bill authors to provide additional input from staff and the Committee to incorporate any changes if desired (e.g., eligibility for stormwater components on bike/ped projects). It was specified that only public right-of-way projects would be applicable projects, and regional transportation projects would need to be included in an existing regional transportation plan.

SB 899 (Weiner), a bill regarding housing on faith institutions and non-profit hospitals, was raised as a topic of interest; however, as it was not included in the agenda, the Committee did not have in-depth discussion. The Committee did discuss briefly some aspects of the proposed bill, including the issue that faith-based and other non-profit organizations are having difficulty getting approval to develop their land for multi-family housing. Members are interested as to whether these types of projects could be counted toward RHNA numbers. C/CAG’s consultant will follow-up with the Committee on this as well as whether cities could implement impact fees under this type of project.

Other bills have been marked as “not moving” but may be proposed in 2021, including SEAMLESS and AB 3145 (Grayson) on mitigation fee caps. Several other bills are moving along, and those that are held in the Senate finance committees will have updates in July. The possibility of a climate resilience related bond is still pending, though the Governor continues to show lack of interest in supporting any bond measures this year.

No actions were taken by the Committee.

5. Discussion of “Lobby Day 2020 or 2021.”

Reid Bogert provided a brief update on plans to host virtual meetings with the San Mateo County delegation in 2020, based on staff considerations and recommendations to the committee. Due to the limited number of bills that are advancing this session as well as the status of existing bills of interest to C/CAG, staff and C/CAG’s consultant are not recommending scheduling virtual meetings at this time. If there are bills of interest to C/CAG that come back in July after summer recess, opportunities for new grants or project update discussions can still be scheduled after the recess.

Several Committee Members expressed an interest in addressing pressing issues, such as housing, transportation and climate resiliency, which C/CAG may like to take a position on. The members suggested this could be more important for discussions with other authors of bills that are outside of the San Mateo County delegation. Other considerations include the need for C/CAG to lobby with consensus on positions that the collective supports as a governing body, as well as whether drafting letters to representatives prior to engaging in meetings would make sense, given the current economic and social conditions surrounding COVID recovery. Staff will work with the Chair/Vice Chair to develop a list of topics that the Legislative Committee can consider for scheduling meetings with state representatives to consider at the July Committee meeting.

7. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30 P.M.