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# C/CAG LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA

Date: September 10, 2020

Time: 5:30 p.m.

On March 17, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order N-29-20 suspending certain provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act in order to allow for local legislative bodies to conduct their meetings telephonically or by other electronic means. Pursuant to the Shelter-in-Place Orders issued by the San Mateo County Health Officer and the Governor, and the CDC's social distancing guidelines, which discourage large public gatherings, C/CAG meetings will be conducted via remote conferencing. Members of the public may observe or participate in the meeting remotely via one of the options below.

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1	Committee roll-call	Bogert	
2	Public comment on related items not on the	Presentations are limited to	
	agenda.	two (2) Minutes	
3	Approval of Minutes from July 9, 2020.	Action	Pages 1-5
		(Mahanpour)	
4	Review and recommend approval of the	Action	Pages 6-15
	C/CAG legislative policies, priorities,	(Update from	
	positions, and legislative update (A	Shaw/Yoder/Antwih/Schmel	
	position may be taken on any legislation,	zer/Lange)	
	including legislation not previously		
	identified).		
5	Recommend approval of C/CAG	Action	Pages 16-17
	proclamations for terms of service and	(Mahanpour)	
	contributions to C/CAG for Senator Gerald		
	Hill and Senator James Beall.		
6	Discuss scheduling a virtual meeting with	Action	Page 18
	the San Mateo County Delegation at the	(Mahanpour)	
	outset of the 2021-22 Legislative Session.		
7	Adjournment.	Action	
		(Mahanpour)	

Next Meeting: December 10, 2020

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- 2. Your email should include the specific agenda item on which you are commenting or note that your comment concerns an item that is not on the agenda.

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- 4. The length of the emailed comment should be commensurate with the two minutes customarily allowed for verbal comments, which is approximately 250-300 words.
- 5. If your emailed comment is received at least 2 hours prior to the meeting, it will be provided to the C/CAG Committee members and made publicly available on the C/CAG website along with the agenda. We cannot guarantee that emails received less than 2 hours before the meeting will be able to be posted or provided to Committee members prior to the meeting, but such emails will be included in the administrative record of the meeting.

Oral comments will be accepted during the meeting through Zoom. Please read the following instructions carefully:

- 1. The Legislative Committee meeting may be accessed through Zoom at the online location indicated at the top of this agenda.
- 2. You may download the Zoom client or connect to the meeting using an internet browser. If using your browser, make sure you are using a current, up-to-date browser: Chrome 30+, Firefox 27+, Microsoft Edge 12+, Safari 7+. Certain functionality may be disabled in older browsers including Internet Explorer.
- 3. You will be asked to enter an email address and name. We request that you identify yourself by your name as this will be visible online and will be used to notify you that it is your turn to speak.
- 4. When C/CAG Staff or the Committee Chair/Vice-Chair call for the item on which you wish to speak, click on "raise hand." C/CAG staff will activate and unmute speakers in turn. Speakers will be notified shortly before they are called on to speak.
- 5. When called, please limit your remarks to the time allotted.

If you have any questions about this agenda, please contact C/CAG staff:

C/CAG Legislative Committee staff: Reid Bogert (650) 599-1433 Administrative Assistant: Mima Guilles (650) 599-1406

# C/CAG AGENDA REPORT

Date: September 10, 2020

To: City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County Board of Directors

From: Sandy Wong, Executive Director

Subject: Review and approve the Legislative Committee meeting summary from its July 9,

2020 meeting.

(For further information, contact Reid Bogert at <a href="mailto:rbogert@smcgov.org">rbogert@smcgov.org</a>)

### RECOMMENDATION

That the Legislative Committee review and approve the meeting summary from its July 9, 2020 meeting, as drafted.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Draft C/CAG Legislative Committee Meeting Summary, July 9, 2020

# CITY/COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

# Draft Meeting Summary July 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 / Schmelzer and Lange, Inc. Sandy Wong, Matt Fabry, Kim Springer, Sean Charpentier, Susy Kalkin - C/CAG Staff

#### 1. Committee Roll-call.

C/CAG staff called roll. See attached meeting attendance.

# 2. Public comment on related items not on the agenda.

None.

# 3. Approval of minutes from May 14 and June 11, 2020.

Committee approved the meeting minutes from the May 14 and June 11, 2020 C/CAG Legislative Committee meetings. Motion: Member Papan; second: Member Chuang. Motion passed unanimously (9:0:0).

# 4. Approval of Receive information regarding C/CAG's legislative consultant's process and procedure for handling potential conflicts of interest among clients.

C/CAG staff provided a summary of the June 30 meeting held with the Legislative Committee Vice Chair, C/CAG Chair/Vice Chair, C/CAG staff, C/CAG legal counsel and C/CAG's legislative consultant regarding a question raised at the June 12 Legislative Committee meeting about whether there might be a potential conflict of interest among clients of Shaw/Yoder/Antwih/Schemlzer and Lange, Inc. (SYA), and if a conflict of interest did arise how it might be handled. At the June 30 meeting, C/CAG's legal counsel and Matt Robinson (with SYA) clarified there was no existing conflict of interest among SYA clients from a legal standpoint or a business perspective for SYA in terms of providing services among various public agencies in the Bay Area and beyond. SYA has several policies in place to prevent conflicts of interest from arising, including staff redundancy among clientele, a retainer under the existing contract with C/CAG and SYA's other clients to hire a subcontracting firm if needed, and best practices among lobbying firms to inform clients of potential conflicts of interest as soon as a potential conflict is identified (as detailed in the principles of the Institute of

Governmental Advocates). SYA's contract for legal services with C/CAG also includes a Conflict of Interest clause, stating that should a conflict among clients arise, the client with the longest standing contract with the firm with have deference for continued representation by SYA. Members of the Committee provided further comments on the issue, recognizing the value of SYA to C/CAG and its member agencies, pointing to the importance to SYA staff in operating transparently and representing clients in a consistent way for optimal efficacy in advocating for legislation, and also addressing the importance of being aware of issues should they start to arise. The Committee also requested C/CAG staff provide the link to SYA's current clientele (which was also provided at the time of submitting to the Request for Qualifications for consultant services) and that C/CAG staff provide at least quarterly updates on this list to ensure Committee members are apprised of potentially conflicting legislative interests.

5. Review/ 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).

Matt Robinson 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 budget process along with several bill reports. The Governor signed the 2020 Budget Act on June 29, including several trailer bills. The Assembly was planning an earlier summer recess than the Senate. Both houses are on recess until July 27 due to several members of the Legislature and staff contracting COVID-19. Both houses will have a truncated timeline for hearings and floor sessions. Committees may have fewer hearings and more scrutiny on what bills will move forward. Members may also coordinate with other legislators to package related legislation. Much work in the second house for committee hearings remains to be done. The Legislature will likely hold just remote or outdoor hearings for public involvement. August 31 is the constitutional deadline for bills that are part of the work of the Legislature.

Measures for the 2020 ballot are set (some additions could be made but it is a complicated and resource intensive process to add special supplemental ballot measures after the deadline). Relevant to C/CAG, the concept of a resiliency proposition or ballot measure is unlikely for this year, but may return in 2022 with a more detailed expenditure plan.

The Committee discussed some bills that seem to be advancing (including SB 288 and SB 899). The Committee had previously inquired about the ability to establish impact fees on projects under SB 899 and whether affordable housing included in by right projects for applicable educational and religious institutions could be included in RHNA numbers. Robinson confirmed that jurisdictions could establish impact fees and count the units toward RHNA. The Committee also discussed the likelihood of these bills advancing through the Legislature. Robinson noted these bills and other housing bills, including SB 902 and the Pro Tem's bill housing bills among others, could be included in a single bill that makes passing legislation easier. The current CEQA related legislation (i.e., SB 288 and SB 995) may have broad support among legislators, though

Robinson mentioned he is not recommending a position for C/CAG at this time based on potential to request amendments and would defer to members on the Committee if there is a strong position forming.

Members briefly discussed the potential for aspects of the SEAMLESS campaign, which has been postponed due to the COVID situation, to be further advanced via the Blue Ribbon Task Force that has been charged with improving regional transportation integration and providing more accountability for transit agencies. Members also discussed the challenges of addressing housing legislation requirements and other potentially competing regional priorities, including High Speed Rail, and whether C/CAG should take a position on the legislation that has bearing on these interests and outcomes. One related question was raised regarding the local agencies granting density bonuses for additional units, but that the agencies are not achieving affordability with some density related projects and that there are consequences for meeting affordability targets.

The Committee discussed the conversations at MTC to put limits on funding from MTC (specifically OBAG funds) for existing legislation and whether these policies may be affected by new housing bills being proposed. At this time, MTC is only considering funding allocation policies linked to existing legislation.

No actions were taken by the Committee.

6. Meetings with members of the San Mateo County delegation and other State representatives on bills of interest and other legislative matters.

Reid Bogert provided a brief update on plans to host virtual meetings with the San Mateo County delegation or other State representatives/bill authors in 2020, based on feedback staff received from a survey distributed to the Committee Members in June. Staff distributed a three-question survey to Committee Members on June 29, inquiring about bills and other legislative topics of interest for potential virtual meetings with legislators and legislative staff. Four members responded to the survey and the majority of respondents were interested in having discussions about housing legislation, though no specific bill numbers were mentioned in the responses. The majority also agreed it would be worthwhile engaging with C/CAG's delegation and other bill authors as appropriate. C/CAG has not taken a position on any proposed legislation this year, but Committee Members expressed a strong interest in following the advancement of housing, transportation and resiliency related bills, in particular, and scheduling meetings with delegates and staff when it makes sense to deliver a unified message or to request specific bill amendments. Members of the Committee suggested that because of the current situation and uncertainty around how specific bills will proceed, that the Legislative Committee keep the option for meetings open and respond adaptively to the changing environment in the Legislature.

# 7. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:27 P.M.

# **Legislative Committee 2020 Attendance Record**

Agency	Name	Jan 9	Feb 13	Mar 12	Apr 9	May 14	Jun 11	Jul 9	Aug	Sep 10	Oct 8	Nov 12	Dec 10
Atherton	Elizabeth Lewis					X	X	X					
Belmont	Davina Hurt												
	(C/CAG Vice Chair					.,,	77						
	starting April					X	X						
	2020)							X					
	Catherine												
Foster City	Mahanpour		X		X	X	X	X					
	(Leg Chair)												
Hillsborough	Marie Chuang												
	(C/CAG Vice Chair												
	through April 2020		X	X	X	X	X						
	and Chair starting												
	April 2020)												
Menlo Park	Catherine Carlton				X	X	X	X					
Millbrae	Gina Papan		X		X	X	X	X					
Pacifica	Sue Vaterlaus		X		X	X	X	X					
	Marian Moise-												
Portola	Derwin (C/CAG		X		X								
Valley	Chair through		Λ		Λ								
	April 2020)												
Redwood	Shelly Masur (Leg		X		X	x	X	X					
City	Vice Chair)		Λ		Λ	Λ	Λ						
San Carlos	Adam Rak		X		X	X	X	X					
South San Francisco	Richard Garbarino		х		X	Х	Х						

no meeting

# C/CAG AGENDA REPORT

Date: September 10, 2020

To: C/CAG Legislative Committee

From: Sandy Wong, Executive Director

Subject: Review and recommend approval of C/CAG legislative policies, priorities, positions,

and legislative update (A position may be taken on any legislation, including

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#### RECOMMENDATION

That the C/CAG Legislative Committee review and recommend the C/CAG Board to take a position on any legislation or direct staff to monitor any legislation for future positions to be taken.

#### FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

#### SOURCE OF FUNDS

N/A

#### BACKGROUND

The C/CAG Legislative Committee receives monthly written reports and oral briefings from C/CAG's State legislative advocates. Important or interesting issues that arise out of the committee meeting are reported to the Board.

The attached report includes status updates on activities in Sacramento since July through the end of the legislative session (August 31, 2020), focusing on the state budget and the status of bills of interest advancing to the Governor for signature.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- 1. September 2020 Legislative report from Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer and Lange
- 2. C/CAG 2020 Legislative Policies
- 3. Full Legislative information is available for specific bills at <a href="http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/">http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/</a>
- 4. Current client roster for Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer and Lange https://syaslpartners.com/clients/



### September 1, 2020

TO: Board of Directors, City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County

FM: Matt Robinson & Andrew Antwih, Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange

RE: STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – September 2020

#### **Legislative Update**

The Legislature adjourned the 2019-20 Legislative Session around 1:30 a.m. on September 1. In the final weeks of the Legislative Session, approximately 400 bills were sent to Governor Newsom in the final two. The Governor has until September 30 to act on legislation sent to his desk in the final two weeks of the session. The Legislature will reconvene for the 2020-21 Legislative Session on December 7, with the work beginning in earnest in early January. Below we note the current status of legislation we closely tracked for C/CAG.

### Bills of Interest

# SB 45 (Allen) Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020 (Not Moving in 2020)

This bill would enact the Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds in the amount of \$5.5 billion pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for a wildfire prevention, safe drinking water, drought preparation, and flood protection program. Stormwater projects are eligible for over \$400 million in funding. If approved by the Legislature, the bond would be on the November 3, 2020 ballot.

#### SB 288 (Wiener) CEQA Exemptions for Transportation Projects (To Governor)

The California Environmental Quality Act requires a lead agency to prepare and certify the completion of an environmental impact report on a project that it proposes to carry out or approve that may have a significant effect on the environment or to adopt a negative declaration if it finds that the project will not have an effect. CEQA includes exemptions from its environmental review requirements for numerous categories of projects, including projects for the institution or increase of passenger or commuter services on rail or highway rights-of-way already in use and projects for the institution or increase of passenger or commuter service on high-occupancy vehicle lanes already in use. This bill would revise and recast the above-described exemptions and further exempt from the requirements of CEQA certain projects for the institution or increase of bus rapid transit and regional rail services on public rail or highway rights of way, as specified, whether or not it is presently used for public transit.

The bill would additionally exempt projects for rail, light rail, and bus maintenance, repair, storage, administrative, and operations facilities.

#### SB 757 (Allen) Transit Projects CEQA Judicial Review (To Governor, Cannot Be Enacted)

The Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act of 2011 authorizes the Governor, until January 1, 2020, to certify projects that meet certain requirements for CEQA streamlining. This bill would additionally include projects to construct an exclusive public mass transit guideway and related fixed facilities meeting certain conditions as projects that are eligible for certification by the Governor under the leadership act. The bill would provide that the certification by the Governor expires if the lead agency fails to approve the project by January 1, 2024.

#### SB 899 (Wiener) Housing Development on School and Church Properties (Not Moving in 2020)

This bill would provide that housing is a use by right on land owned ,on or before January 1, 2020, by a religious institution, defined as an institution owned, controlled, and operated and maintained by a bona fide church, religious denomination, or religious organization; or land owned by nonprofit colleges, specifically non-public, non-profit higher education institutions that are accredited by an agency recognized by the US Department of Education.

#### SB 902 (Wiener) Housing Production (Not Moving in 2020)

This bill would authorize local governments to rezone neighborhoods for increased housing density, up to ten homes per parcel and would require a legislative body pass a resolution to adopt the plan and exempts that zoning action from being considered a project under the California Environmental Quality Act. To be eligible, an area must be urban infill, or be near high quality public transportation or a job-rich area. The local government can determine whether the individual projects will be ministerial/by right or subject to discretionary approval.

# SB 995 (Atkins) Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act (Not Moving in 2020)

The Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act of 2011 authorizes the Governor, until January 1, 2020, to certify projects that meet certain requirements for CEQA streamlining. This bill would extend the authority of the Governor to certify a project to January 1, 2024 and would add housing projects meeting certain conditions to the list of projects eligible for certification.

#### SB 1044 (Allen) Firefighting Equipment and Foam (To Governor)

This bill prohibits the manufacture, sale, distribution, and use of firefighting foams containing per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS chemicals) by January 1, 2022, with some exceptions, and requires notification of the presence of PFAS in the protective equipment of firefighters. **We recommend the C/CAG Board request the Governor SIGN this bill.** 

# SB 1100 (Atkins) California Sea Level Rise State and Regional Support Collaborative (Not Moving in 2020)

This bill would create the California Sea Level Rise State and Regional Support Collaborative and require the collaborative to provide information to the public and support to local, regional, and other state agencies for the identification, assessment, and the mitigation of sea level rise. The bill would require,

upon appropriation, the Collaborative to expend no more than \$100,000,000 annually from appropriate bond funds in grants to local governments to update local and regional land use plans to take into account sea level rise and for directly related investments to implement those plans.

### SB 1120 (Atkins) Housing Density (Not Moving in 2020)

This bill would require a proposed housing development containing 2 residential units (duplexes) to be considered ministerially, without discretionary review or hearing, in areas zoned as single-family if the proposed housing development meets certain requirements. CEQA requires a lead agency to prepare, or cause to be prepared, and certify the completion of, an environmental impact report on a project that it proposes to carry out or approve that may have a significant effect on the environment. CEQA does not apply to the approval of ministerial projects. By establishing the ministerial review process described above, the bill would exempt these projects from CEQA.

### SB 1351 (Beall) Transportation Improvement Fee: Revenue Bonds (To Governor)

This bill would authorize the state to issue revenue bonds, backed by a portion of the Transportation Improvement Fee, to fund capital improvements needed to preserve and protect the state highway system.

# AB 725 (Wicks) Housing Element (To Governor)

This bill requires metropolitan and suburban jurisdictions, through their housing element process, to ensure that more land is zoned for medium-density housing typologies. It would do so by requiring at least 25% of the jurisdiction's share of the regional housing need for moderate- and above moderate-income housing must be allocated to sites with zoning that allows at least four units of housing, with moderate income sites being capped at a density of 100 units per acre. This bill would not apply to housing elements due before January 1, 2022.

# AB 841 (Ting) Energy Efficiency Upgrades (To Governor)

This bill would establish a new program at the California Energy Commission (CEC) to fund appliance, plumbing and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) upgrades to schools using electric ratepayer-funded energy efficiency incentives. The bill requires the CEC to develop and administer the School Reopening Ventilation and Energy Efficiency Verification and Repair Program to award grants to local educational agencies to outfit schools with functional ventilation systems. Local educational agencies may apply for a grant pursuant to the program. We recommend the C/CAG Board request the Governor SIGN this bill.

# AB 2057 (Chiu) Seamless Bay Area (Not Moving in 2020)

This bill initially represented the legislative vehicle for a potential Seamless Bay Area framework, with the stated intent of requiring future regional funds for public transportation in the nine-county San Francisco Bay area to be conditioned on advancing institutional reforms that improve accountability and establish a seamlessly integrated regional transit system, so that these funds are responsibly spent and advance state mobility and environmental goals. However, if the bill is to move forward, the author is proposing to only include the establishment of a regional transit task force to further study and make recommendations on the items above and to require MTC, along with transit systems, to develop a regional mapping and wayfinding system.

#### AB 2237 (Berman) Contracting Limits (Not Moving in 2020)

This bill would raise the limit for contracts no subject to competitive bidding from \$75,000 to \$150,000 for county transportation agencies in the Bay Area, including the San Mateo County Transportation Authority. SamTrans already has a \$150,000 threshold.

#### AB 3145 (Grayson) Mitigation Fee Cap (Not Moving in 2020)

This bill would prohibit a city or county from imposing a mitigation fee or exaction if the total dollar amount they would impose on a proposed housing development is greater than 12 percent of the city or county's median home price, unless approved by the Department of Housing and Community Development.

# AB 3256 (Garcia) Economic Recovery, Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020 (Not Moving in 2020)

This bill would enact the Economic Recovery, Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds in the amount of \$6.98 billion pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for a wildfire prevention, safe drinking water, drought preparation, and flood protection program. Stormwater projects are eligible for \$400 million in funding from various programs, including \$200 million for projects that provide multiple benefits, including rainwater capture, reduction of stormwater pollution, and increased use of natural spaces for urban vegetation and forestry. If approved by the Legislature, the bond would be on the November 3, 2020 ballot.

# ACA 1 (Aguiar-Curry) Local Government Financing: Affordable Housing and Public Infrastructure: Voter Approval (Not Moving in 2020)

This constitutional amendment would lower the necessary voter threshold from a two-thirds supermajority to 55 percent to approve local general obligation bonds and special taxes for affordable housing and public infrastructure projects.

#### C/CAG LEGISLATIVE POLICIES FOR 2020

# Policy #1 -

Protect against the diversion of local revenues, promote equitable distribution of state/regional resources and revenues, and protect against increased local cost resulting from State actions.

- 1.1 Support League, CSAC, and other initiatives to protect local revenues.
- 1.2 Provide incentives and tools to local government to promote economic vitality.
- 1.3 Support appropriate new funding or the reinstatement of state funding for economic development and affordable housing, including the use of tax-increment financing or "Redevelopment 2.0."
- 1.4 Pursue and support efforts that direct state and regional funds equitably to ensure a return to source.
- 1.5 Support State actions that ensure adequate funding is made available by the State, for delegated re-alignment responsibilities and ensure that all State mandates are 100% reimbursed.
- 1.6 Oppose State actions that delegate responsibilities to local jurisdictions without full reimbursement for resulting costs.

### Policy #2 -

Protect against loss of local land use authority from State action.

- 2.1 Support State actions that provide funding for local agencies to plan, incentivize, and mitigate for future housing development.
- 2.2 Support State actions that allow flexibility for local agencies to pool resources and share credit on their housing production reports.
- 2.3 Oppose State actions that would inhibit local agencies' ability to make decisions that address the specific needs of that community.
- 2.4 Oppose State actions that would withhold funding (including transportation) from jurisdictions based on housing production performance outcomes.

- 2.5 Alert the Legislative Committee and C/CAG Board on legislation that impacts local housing and land-use authority and oppose any legislation that would usurp a local government's authority regarding land-use decisions.
- 2.6 Support legislation that identifies revenue to fund airport/land use compatibility plans.

# Policy #3 -

Support actions that help to meet municipal stormwater permit requirements and secure stable funding to pay for current and future regulatory mandates.

- 3.1 Primary focus on securing additional revenue sources for both C/CAG and its member agencies for funding state- and federally mandated stormwater compliance efforts.
  - a. Advocate for funding for implementing the San Mateo County Stormwater Resource Plan, San Mateo County Sustainable Streets Master Plan, and local Green Infrastructure Plans, and advocate to support long-term reductions in harmful bacteria, trash, plastics, mercury, PCBs, and other pollutants discharging to the Bay and Ocean and to reduce flooding, recharge groundwater, adapt to a changing climate, and enhance communities.
  - b. Advocate for inclusion of water quality and stormwater management as a priority for funding in new sources of revenues (e.g. water bonds) and protect against a geographically unbalanced North-South allocation of resources.
  - c. Track and advocate for resources for stormwater management in State and Federal grant and loan programs.
  - d. Support efforts to identify regulatory requirements that are unfunded state mandates and ensure provision of state funding for such requirements.
  - e. Pursue and support efforts that address stormwater issues at statewide or regional levels and thereby reduce the cost share for C/CAG and its member agencies and limit the need to implement such efforts locally.
  - f. Advocate for better integration between parallel statewide efforts to manage stormwater for water quality improvement, long-term climate change adaptation, and groundwater recharge.
  - g. Support legislative efforts to provide additional funding for stormwater projects in San Mateo County, including funding for regional stormwater management efforts through the San Mateo County Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency District.
- 3.2 Support efforts to secure statewide legislation mandating abatement of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in building materials prior to demolition of relevant structures, in accordance with requirements in the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board's Municipal Regional Permit.

- 3.3 Pursue and support efforts that control pollutants at the source and extend producer responsibility, especially in regard to trash and litter control, including microplastics and tire wear byproducts.
- 3.4 Support efforts to place the burden/ accountability of reporting, managing, and meeting municipal stormwater requirements on the responsible source rather than the cities or county, such as properties that are known pollutant hot spots and third-party utility purveyors.
- 3.5 Advocate for integrated, prioritized, and achievable stormwater regulations that protect water quality and beneficial uses and account for limitations on municipal funding.
- 3.6 Pursue and support pesticide and rodenticide regulations that protect water quality and reduce pesticide toxicity.

# Policy #4 -

# Advocate and support an integrated approach to funding.

- 4.1 Advocate for appropriate and effective integrated approaches to both funding and project types for statewide and regional infrastructure efforts including stormwater management, transportation, and affordable housing.
- 4.2 Advocate for efforts that provide flexibility in funding sources to enable a holistic approach to fund programs and projects.

# Policy #5 -

# Support lowering the 2/3rd super majority vote for local special purpose taxes and fees.

- 5.1 Support constitutional amendments that reduce the vote requirements for special taxes and fees.
- 5.2 Oppose bills that impose restrictions on the expenditures, thereby reducing flexibility, for special tax category.

# Policy #6 -

# Protect and support transportation funding.

- 6.1 Support efforts that protect transportation revenues from being pledged, transferred, or used for non-transportation purposes.
- 6.2 Support the implementation of SB 1 (Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017) programs and monitor the implementation of Executive Order N-19-19, which calls for aligning transportation spending with the state's climate goals.
- 6.3 Monitor and engage in the implementation of the SB 1077 "Road User Charge."
- 6.4 Support revisions in the Peninsula Joint Powers Agreement that provide equitable funding among the Caltrain partners.

- 6.5 Support a dedicated funding source for the operation of Caltrain and monitor the implementation of High Speed Rail.
- 6.6 Support legislation that identifies funding for active transportation and bike/pedestrian infrastructure projects, including multi-benefit projects that integrate transportation improvements with green stormwater infrastructure.
- 6.7 Support efforts to secure the appropriation and allocation of "cap and trade" revenues to support San Mateo County needs.
- 6.8 Support or sponsor efforts that finance and/ or facilitate operational improvements on the US 101 corridor, including the 101 Express Lane project..
- 6.9 Support alternative contracting methods, such as Public Private Partnerships, that could result in project cost savings.
- 6.10 Monitor the development of the new bridge toll program (Regional Measure 3) and advocate for an appropriate share of new revenues for projects in San Mateo County.
- 6.11 Monitor and engage in the effort to seek voter approval for a regional funding measure for transportation.
- 6.12 Support efforts that incentivize ridership and improve integration & connectivity among Bay Area transit systems.

### Policy #7 -

Advocate for revenue solutions to address State budget issues that are also beneficial to Cities/Counties

- 7.1 Support measures to ensure that local governments receive appropriate revenues to service local communities.
- 7.2 Support measures and policies that encourage and facilitate public private partnerships.

#### Policy #8 -

Support reasonable climate protection action, Greenhouse Gas reduction, and energy conservation legislation

- 8.1 Support incentive approaches toward implementing AB 32 (California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006), SB 32 (extension of the target date and goals), and AB 398 (Cap and Trade), and legislation that supports electrification of infrastructure and the adoption of alternative fuel technologies.
- 8.2 Monitor climate legislation that would conflict with or override projects approved by the voters.
- 8.3 Support funding for both transportation and housing investments, which support the implementation of SB 375 (Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act of 2008), so that housing funds are not competing with transportation funds.

- 8.4 Monitor the regulatory process for implementing SB 743 (Evaluation of Transportation Impacts in CEQA) and impacts the new regulations may have on congestion management plans.
- 8.5 Support legislation that would require recording of vehicle miles of travel (VMT) as part of vehicle registration and initiatives to provide VMT and vehicle data from the DMV to evaluate trends in community greenhouse gas emissions and transit project outcomes.
- 8.6 Support efforts that ensure continued funding for local government partnerships to foster energy conservation, or expand funding for generation and use of renewable and/ or clean energy sources (wind, solar, etc.).
- 8.7 Work to initiate legislation that provides new funding for building energy electrification, transition to electric vehicles, or other greenhouse gas reducing initiatives, in support of local government climate action plans.
- 8.8 Support efforts to improve the disadvantage community screening tools used by the state on the allocation of "cap and trade" and other state funding programs to ensure that San Mateo County needs are addressed.
- 8.9 Support legislation that supports Peninsula Clean Energy (PCE) objectives and oppose proposed legislation that impairs that effort.
- 8.10 Support legislation that provides local government access to data necessary for completing greenhouse gas emission inventories, or legislation that requires the State to make use and emissions data and community-scale greenhouse gas emission inventories publicly available.
- 8.11 Support efforts that will engage the business community in making contributions to community improvements associated with stormwater, transportation congestion relief and mobility options, affordable housing, greenhouse gas emissions reductions, and energy savings.
- 8.12 Support legislative efforts to create a unified voice in San Mateo County and to manage integrated water issues including sea level rise, flooding, coastal erosion, and stormwater vulnerabilities.
- 8.13 Support legislation to provide funding and policy guidance on wildfire preparedness and emergency response to local jurisdictions.
- 8.14 Monitor efforts to address emergency preparedness and response activities by PG&E.

# **Policy #9 -**

# Protection of water user rights

9.1 Support the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Association (BAWSCA) efforts in the protection of water user rights for San Mateo County users.

# C/CAG AGENDA REPORT

Date: September 10, 2020

To: C/CAG Legislative Committee

From: Sandy Wong, Executive Director

Subject: Recommend approval of C/CAG proclamations for terms of service and contributions

to C/CAG for Senator Gerald Hill and Senator James Beall.

(For further information, contact Reid Bogert at <a href="mailto:rbogert@smcgov.org">rbogert@smcgov.org</a>)

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the C/CAG Legislative Committee approve drafting for recommendation for adoption by the C/CAG Board of Directors C/CAG proclamations for terms of service and contributions to C/CAG for Senator Gerald Hill and Senator James Beall.

#### FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

#### SOURCE OF FUNDS

N/A

#### BACKGROUND

The end of the 2019-20 Legislative Session concludes terms of service for two state Senators that have contributed in remarkable ways to C/CAG and its member agencies. Senator Gerald "Jerry" Hill (D-San Mateo) and Senator James "Jim" Beall (D-San Jose) are both at the end of their term limits in 2020. To honor the significant contributions made by both senators to local, countywide and regional legislative policy issues and in support of C/CAG's core programmatic areas, C/CAG staff recommend adopting proclamations of appreciation for both senators as they complete their tenures of service to San Mateo County (in the case of Senator Hill) and the State of California more broadly. Senators Hill and Beall can be commemorated for their hard efforts to improve local and regional transportation, create safer and more enjoyable communities and to protect precious environmental and water resources. Some of the major successes that touch on C/CAG's core legislative and policy priorities over the years include expanding regional transportation funding (notably via passage of Senator Hill's SB 797 – Caltrain Funding, SB 705 – San Mateo County Transportation Funding, and Senator Beall's SB 1 – Statewide Transportation Funding), statewide energy efficiency and safety advancements (including Senator Hill's SB 62 - California Public Utilities Commission Office of the Safety Advocate, SB 699 – Electric Grid Security, SB 900 – CPUC Safety in Rate Making, and AB 906 – Energy Efficiency Programs) and a keen focus on environmental and water quality protection, including Senator Hill's vocal support in establishing the new San Mateo County Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency District, which is charged in part with managing regional multi-benefit stormwater capture projects in San Mateo County.

C/CAG staff will draft proclamations honoring Senators Hill and Beall for circulation to the C/CAG Legislative Committee in the coming weeks and will plan to bring the final proclamations to the C/CAG Board of Directors for recommended adoption at the October 8, 2020 C/CAG Board meeting.

# **ATTACHMENTS**

None.

# C/CAG AGENDA REPORT

Date:	September 10, 2020
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To: C/CAG Legislative Committee

From: Sandy Wong, Executive Director

Subject: Discuss scheduling a virtual meeting with the San Mateo County Delegation at the

outset of the 2021-22 Legislative Session.

(For further information, contact Reid Bogert at rbogert@smcgov.org)

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the C/CAG Legislative Committee discuss scheduling a virtual meeting with the San Mateo County Delegation at the outset of the 2021-22 Legislative Session.

#### FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

#### SOURCE OF FUNDS

N/A

#### BACKGROUND

In the final months of the 2019-20 Legislative Session, C/CAG's Legislative Committee considered scheduling virtual meetings with the San Mateo County delegates to provide input on bills and/or to share countywide legislative priorities. Due to ongoing restrictions with respect to COVID-19, as well as the limited number of bills advanced through each house given reduced hearings and State budget cuts, no virtual meetings were scheduled during the tail-end of the session. Recognizing the unusual circumstances of the prior session, C/CAG staff and consultant recommend scheduling a virtual meeting with San Mateo County delegates early in the 2021-22 cycle to hear from C/CAG's delegation on priorities for 2021-22 and to provide Committee Members an opportunity to share C/CAG's legislative policy priorities for the year. Staff recommend scheduling a meeting in December or January after the November election. With further input from Committee Members, staff will plan to bring back potential dates for the Committee to select from at its December 10, 2020 meeting.

# **ATTACHMENTS**

None.