

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

**Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2021 Special Meeting**

At 5:32 P.M. the Legislative Committee meeting was called to order via Zoom remote conferencing by C/CAG staff, Reid Bogert.

Attendance sheet is attached.

Guests or Staff Attending:

Matt Robinson – Shaw / Yoder / Antwih / Schmelzer and Lange, Inc.
Sandy Wong, Matt Fabry, Sean Charpentier, Reid Bogert, Kaki Cheung - C/CAG Staff

1. Call to Order.

Chair Papan called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. and provided an introduction to the meeting and provided an overview of the agenda. Member Lewis made follow-up comments regarding the C/CAG Legislative Policies. Staff made a request to return to the top of the agenda beginning with the teleconference meeting procedures. Member Chuang was not present for roll-call attendance, but did enter the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

2. Brief overview of teleconference meeting procedures.

C/CAG staff, Reid Bogert, read the teleconference meeting procedures.

3. Public Comment.

Chair Papan commented on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's approval of the draft Plan Bay Area 2050 and provided a recap of the discussion around studying all roadways for tolling as a strategy in the plan, which commissioners from San Mateo County argued should be a strategy, but that per mile tolling should not be a universally implemented strategy for all lanes in the Bay Area as part of Plan Bay Area 2050.

4. Received overview of C/CAG Legislative Committee.

Chair Papan initiated discussion regarding the annually adopted C/CAG 2021 Legislative Policies, which were adopted at the December 10, 2020 C/CAG Board of Directors meeting. Member Cunningham responded that it would be helpful to have a more detailed overview of the policies, especially for new members. Member Lewis commented similarly, given the complexity of the policies and the evolution of C/CAG legislative priorities over time. Chair Papan provided a brief summary of each policy and relevant current legislative proposals of interest to C/CAG. Chair Papan highlighted the need to support and protect local transportation funding, advancing C/CAG's stormwater program goals, advancing CEQA and transportation project implementation,

maintaining flexibility for achieving state-mandated Regional Housing Needs Allocations and protecting local landuse authority, and improving accountability and integration of regional transit agencies. Member Hurt suggested on Policy #8 regarding supporting climate change protection action and related legislation, that C/CAG should consider supporting not just reasonable actions but bold action towards achieving greenhouse gas reductions and transitioning toward a clean transportation and clean energy economy.

C/CAG staff, Reid Bogert, supplemented Chair Papan's overview with additional details regarding the purpose, structure and process for the Legislative Committee, including the process for bill tracking and making recommendations on positions to the Board of Directors, engaging state legislators during "Lobby Day" (or virtual meetings during COVID restrictions) early enough in the legislative cycle to provide meaningful input bills or legislative matters that C/CAG has engaged on during the legislative year. Bogert also summarized the process and calendar of meetings for the Committee, the Committee structure, attendance policy and process of annually electing a new Chairperson and Vice Chairperson Chairs, as well as the typical standing agenda items for bill reports from the legislative advocate and opportunities for Committee members to provide input. Lastly, Bogert highlighted the "urgency process" for expediting support/opposition letters between meetings when meeting dates do not align with important committee hearing dates (which was approved by the Committee at its August 13, 2015 meeting), as well as the agreed upon approach to solicit input on agenda items from the Committee members via email by staff prior to packet distribution.

Chair Papan polled the Committee members to request that staff communicate with the Committee members via phone rather than email in emergency situations. Chair Papan also noted the Legislative Committee would benefit from earlier engagement on legislation, and requested a process for soliciting input. Staff confirmed there is a process in place by which staff solicit desired input on bill reports and other legislative matters in advance of Committee meetings.

5. Approval of Minutes from December 10, 2020.

Committee approved the meeting minutes from the December 10, 2020 C/CAG Legislative Committee meeting.

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from the December 10, 2020 meeting. Motion: Member Lewis; second: Member Chuang. Motion passed unanimously (8:0:1).

6. 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).

C/CAG legislative consultant, Matt Robinson, provided a summary of the January 27, 2021 bill report, including several bills from the prior Legislative Session that did not pass through the legislature, as well as new bills of interest to C/CAG. One bill of interest that is being recommended currently for a SUPPORT position is ACA-1 (Aguiar-Curry) on reducing voter threshold for affordable housing and infrastructure project bonds and special tax fees. Early actions in the state including budget actions such as the likely extension of the eviction

moratorium. Other early actions may be on the horizon for vaccines, school reopening, stimulus funding and Cap and Trade expenditures, though the timing and likelihood of these actions will be more certain in a few weeks.

Other updates from Robinson included a review of the bill monitoring and position process, as well as the use of the C/CAG Legislative Policies as guiding principles followed by a two-step process of Board action on any potential positions.

Chair Papan noted several housing bills, including SB 10 (Weiner) on housing density and other related legislation. Robinson reminded the Committee that this bill follows from Senator Weiner's bill from the prior session under SB 902. The bill proposes 10 units on urban infill areas, but does not propose by-right development approval in job rich or transit rich areas, as SB 50 had. Chair Papan advised that the proposal still may limit local control by restricting development types to housing only via rezoning. Chair Papan also referred to SB 9 (Atkins) regarding ministerial approval of development proposing duplexes in single-family residential areas. Lastly, Chair Papan raised concern regarding CEQA streamlining on transit projects (regarding SB 44 (Allen) with respect to projects like High Speed Rail, which may conflict with local housing development plans. Member Vaterlaus asked a question regarding an upcoming decision regarding the state back-paying rent to owners given the moratorium on eviction, followed by an interpretation from Member Cunningham, to clarify the proposal is to consider back-paying the landowners up to a eighty-percent of the back-pay if the landowner agreed to a specified reduction in rent moving forward.

No action was taken by the Committee.

7. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:41 P.M.

Legislative Committee 2021 Attendance Record

Agency	Name	Jan 14	Jan 27	Feb 11	Mar 11	Apr 8	May 13	Jun 10	Jul 8	Aug	Sep 9	Oct 14	Nov 11	Dec 9
Atherton	Elizabeth Lewis		X	X										
Belmont	Davina Hurt (C/CAG Vice Chair starting April 2020)		X	X										
Brisbane	Karen Cunningham		X	X										
East Palo Alto	Lisa Gauthier		X	X										
Hillsborough	Marie Chuang (C/CAG Vice Chair through April 2020 and Chair starting April 2020)		X	X										
Millbrae	Gina Papan (Interim Chair from December 2020; Chair from February 2021)		X	X										
Millbrae	Anders Fung		X	X										
Pacifica	Sue Vaterlaus		X	X										
San Bruno	Michael Salazar		X	X										
San Carlos	Adam Rak (Vice Chair from February 2021)			X										

 no meeting