

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

**Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2021 Meeting**

At 5:30 P.M. the Legislative Committee meeting was called to order via Zoom remote conferencing by Vice Chair Rak.

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, Susy Kalkin, Kaki Cheung, Jeff Lacap
- C/CAG Staff

1. Call to Order.

Vice Chair Rak called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Note Member Lewis joined the meeting at 5:36 p.m. and Chair Papan joined at 5:51 p.m.

2. Brief overview of teleconference meeting procedures.

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

3. Public Comment.

None.

4. Approval of Minutes from February 11, 2021.

Committee approved the meeting minutes from the February 11, 2021 C/CAG Legislative Committee Special Meeting. Member Chuang MOTIONED approval, SECONDED by Member Gauthier. Roll-call vote was taken.

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from the February 11, 2021 meeting. MOTION: Member Chuang; SECOND: Member Gauthier. Motion passed (8:0:0) (Member Lewis and Chair Papan absent).

5. Received information on C/CAG legislative policies, priorities, and legislative update.

C/CAG legislative consultant, Matt Robinson, provided updates from the state capitol. Updates included reference to the large number of bills introduced by the deadline on February 19, as well also notice of the President's signature on the American Rescue Plan Act, with significant funds allocated to California and local agencies. The California Cities are estimated to receive \$7

billion. San Mateo County anticipates receiving \$148 million in funds. Governor Newsom issued a notice that transit workers are allowed as frontline workers to be eligible for vaccines. The Caltrans designated funding from the Coronavirus Relief and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act and allocation plans for the local share of the approximately \$911 million to go towards roads and highways are undergoing review during a series of public workshops, which C/CAG staff and consultant are tracking.

Regarding bill updates and recommended actions, Robinson presented three bills for consideration of positions. Robinson presented SB 339 (Weiner) – Road User Charge Pilot Program first, recommending a SUPPORT position. The bill proposes extending the current pilot program for a “gas tax alternative,” allowing the California Transportation Commission to proceed with the pilot program through 2027 and to conduct a volunteer-based, mileage payment and gas tax rebate pilot. The Committee discussed issues of equity and privacy in terms of implementing the pilot payment system. Robinson mentioned there is a technical advisory committee monitoring the pilot program, including representatives from a wider variety of stakeholders. There was an additional question of whether the method for the user charge would be applied to all-lane tolling. Robinson stated this payment system is not linked to the toll lane projects. Vice Chair Rak suggested in a letter of SUPPORT that staff include a request to Senator Weiner that issues of equity and privacy be further evaluated. Member Hurt MOTIONED approval of a SUPPORT on SB 339 with additional language to address equity and privacy issues. Member Lewis SECONDED. Roll-call vote was taken.

Motion to recommend a SUPPORT position for SB 339 (Weiner) with additional language addressing equity and privacy issues. MOTION: Member Hurt; SECOND: Member Lewis. Motion passed unanimously (10:0:0).

Robinson presented AB 1499 (Daly) Design Build Procurement with a SUPPORT recommendation. This bill would eliminate the 2024 repeal date for enabling design build procurement for state highway projects as applicable to Regional Transportation Agencies (including C/CAG) and Caltrans. Member Chuang MOTIONED approval of a SUPPORT on AB 1499. Member Gauthier SECOND. Roll-call vote was taken.

Motion to recommend a SUPPORT position for AB 1499 (Daly). MOTION: Member Chuang; SECOND: Member Gauthier. Motion carried (7:3:0). Yes votes were provided by Members Hurt, Gauthier, Chuang, Papan, Fung, Salazar, Rak. No votes were provided by Members Lewis, Cunningham, Vaterlaus.

Lastly, Robinson introduced AB 377 (Rivas) Water Quality: Impaired Waters with an OPPOSE recommendation, which C/CAG staff, Matt Fabry, provided background. The bill proposes significant changes to the regulatory process for water quality in the state, with a focus on legislating for water quality outcomes and side-stepping state regulatory processes imposed through National Pollutant Discharge Elimination permits (the bill also addresses other water quality permits). The bill is sponsored by the Coast Keeper Alliance, which is focused on concerns regarding stormwater and agricultural permitting processes, especially some of the alternative compliance pathways written into existing water quality permits. There is a coalition of water, stormwater, utilities, special districts and California cities that have taken strong

opposition to the bill. Member Cunningham MOTIONED to approve an OPPOSE position on AB 377. Member Hurt SECONDED.

Motion to approve an OPPOSE position on AB 377 (Rivas). MOTION: Member Cunningham; SECOND: Member Hurt. Motion carried unanimously (10:0:0).

Robinson also flagged AB 455 (Bonta) Bay Bridge Fast Forward, which is on the C/CAG bill list, noting that the bill addresses throughput goals for very high occupancy vehicles on the Bay Bridge, with a focus on transit agencies. Robinson suggested pulling it from the bill list but maintaining it on the longer matrix of bills for C/CAG to monitor. Chair Papan requested maintaining the bill on the shorter reports for information, given the bill could potentially address similar issues on the San Mateo Bridge.

Members also discussed the status of RM3, and concern about decreased revenues, as well as eliminating all-cash tolls, as well as equity issues regarding transponders and supporting lower income commuters. Lastly, members raised questions about the excess ERAF districts and the status of the ongoing process of the State evaluating allocations of excess ERAF funds. C/CAG staff and consultant will reach out to the County's legal and legislative staff to get additional updates. Chair Papan also raised a question about a potential loophole in SB 330 with regards to development fees established after January 2020 when SB 330 was enacted.

6. Discussed scheduling virtual meetings with the San Mateo County Delegation.

C/CAG staff, Reid Bogert, addressed ongoing plans to meet with San Mateo delegates and other State representatives, noting Senator Becker will be attending the Board meeting after the Legislative Committee meeting. Bogert also noted that staff are reviewing AB 1500 (Garcia/Mullin) Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation, and Workforce Development Bond Act of 2022, and that staff plan to engage Assembly Member Mullin's office on details in the bill regarding climate resiliency and stormwater projects. Chair Papan requested including a list of representatives that Members have met with in past years during "Lobby Day" to help the Committee consider for future meetings. Chair Papan also asked that Committee Members send C/CAG staff notices of any position letters that their local jurisdictions are taking.

7. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:27 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 C/CAG Chair starting April 2020)		X	X										
Millbrae	Gina Papan (Chair from December 2020)		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