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C/CAG LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

MEETING AGENDA

Date: May 13, 2021

Time: 5:30 p.m.

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Program Specialist: Reid Bogert at rbogert@smcgov.org or 650-599-1433)

Administrative Assistant: Mima Guilles (650) 599-1406

1	Call to Order	Papan	
2	Brief overview of teleconference meeting procedures	Bogert	
3	Public comment on related items not on the agenda	Papan	
4	Approval of Minutes from April 8, 2021	Action Papan	Pages 1-5
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Next Meeting: June 10, 2021

C/CAG AGENDA REPORT

Date: May 13, 2021
To: City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County Legislative Committee
From: Sandy Wong, Executive Director
Subject: Review and approve the Legislative Committee meeting minutes from the meeting held on April 8, 2021.

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Legislative Committee review and approve the Legislative Committee meeting minutes from the meeting held on April 8, 2021.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft C/CAG Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes, April 8, 2021

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

**Draft Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2021 Meeting**

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

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, Kim Springer - C/CAG Staff

1. Call to Order.

Chair Papan called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Note Vice Chair Rak and Members Hurt and Gauthier joined the meeting at 5:32 p.m.; Member Lewis joined the meeting at 5:33 p.m. The three above noted Members were not present for roll call for attendance, but were added to the attendance record.

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 March 11, 2021.

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

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from the March 11, 2021 meeting. MOTION: Member Vaterlaus; SECOND: Member Chuang. Motion passed unanimously. (10:0:0)

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

C/CAG legislative consultants, Matt Robinson and Andrew Antwih, provided updates from the state capitol. Robinson noted Antwih will be attending C/CAG Legislative meetings in future. Updates focused on the policy committee hearings well underway since the return of the

Legislature from the Spring Recess. C/CAG's consultants will be attending policy committees on hearings of interest to provide testimony and track bill progress. Robinson noted, he will be working with staff to submit SUPPORT/OPPOSE letters approved at prior meetings.

Robinson introduced two bills for recommended SUPPORT on behalf of C/CAG. AB 117 (Boerner Horvath) proposes an electric bike incentive program to support Greenhouse Gas emissions, first-and-last mile commute alternatives, and accessibility to electric bikes for lower income families. The bill would provide small dollar rebates to incentivize electric bicycle purchases, especially for families who might otherwise not be able to afford them. The bill's author is also proposing a \$10 million Appropriations request to supplement the proposed funding from the Air Quality Improvement Program, under which this incentive program would be administered. Members discussed the target recipients of the incentive program and whether there may be unintended consequences of micromobility business subsidies. C/CAG's consultants confirmed the program is for individuals, not businesses, and the program is expressly intended to address issues of equity with respect to supporting lower income families. Member Cunningham MOTIONED to approve a SUPPORT position on AB 117. Member Salazar SECONDED.

Motion to approve a SUPPORT position on AB 117 (Boerner Horvath). MOTION: Member Cunningham; SECOND: Member Salazar. Motion carried unanimously (10:0:0).

Robinson next introduced AB 1200 (Ting), which proposes to ban the manufacture, sale, and distribution of food packaging containing certain toxic chemicals, including polyfluorinated alkyl substances (PFAS), a widely used class of compounds now considered a contaminant of emerging concern, starting in January 1, 2023. The bill would take a proactive approach to preventing human health and water quality impacts, especially as more municipalities adopt ordinances banning single-use plastic foodware and identifying replacement plant-based products that may contain PFAS. Members raised the issue of the proposed timeline for implementation of the ban on food packaging containing PFAS, referring to the existing ban on cosmetics containing PFAS starting in January 2025. Robinson stated this is likely the outcome of engagement from industry stakeholders on the prior legislation, which could happen in this bill as it proceeds through committees. Members also discussed the issue of outreach to local businesses if the bill is passed, and the potential cost implications of switching to plant-based packaging. Member Rak Motioned to approve a SUPPORT position on AB 1200. Member Salazar seconded.

Motion to approve a SUPPORT position on AB 1200 (Ting). MOTION: Member Rak; SECOND: Member Salazar. Motion carried unanimously (10:0:0).

Member Hurt requested further information at a future meeting on the CalSTA Draft Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure. The plan focuses on evaluating transportation infrastructure investments across overlapping housing/growth, mobility, transit, and climate resiliency goals. The California Transportation Committee (CTC), State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), and California Air Resources Board held a joint meeting on the draft plan on April 8, and the CTC will be holding engagement workshops on April 20 and April 23. Staff will plan to include time on the next agenda for an additional update.

Chair Papan mentioned two attachments to the legislative update for information only, including SB 82 (Skinner) regarding petty theft and crimes not involving firearms being considered misdemeanors, as well as the City of Millbrae’s OPPOSE letter regarding SB 9 (Atkins) – Ministerial approval of duplexes.

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

C/CAG staff, Reid Bogert, presented this standing item for scheduling meetings with San Mateo delegates or other state representatives and staff. Chair Papan restated the intent and benefit of holding meetings with state representatives. Chair Papan mentioned the newly appointed CalSTA Transportation Secretary and new leadership of Caltrans District 4, as potential state staff with which to meet. Vice Chair Rak inquired about scheduling, and staff will work with Matt Robinson to propose dates for the Committee to consider.

Chair Papan also addressed the issue of governance and transparency in regional transportation planning efforts. Papan suggested Committee Members continue to stay engaged and informed and that C/CAG’s consultant track relevant legislation, including Assemblymember Chiu’s reintroduced SEAMLESS bill AB (629).

7. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:28 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	X	X								
Belmont	Davina Hurt (C/CAG Vice Chair starting April 2020)		X	X	X	X								
Brisbane	Karen Cunningham		X	X	X	X								
East Palo Alto	Lisa Gauthier		X	X	X	X								
Hillsborough	Marie Chuang (C/CAG Vice Chair through April 2020 and Chair starting April 2020)		X	X	X	X								
Millbrae	Gina Papan (Chair from December 2020)		X	X	X	X								
Millbrae	Anders Fung		X	X	X	X								
Pacifica	Sue Vaterlaus		X	X	X	X								
San Bruno	Michael Salazar		X	X	X	X								
San Carlos	Adam Rak (Vice Chair from February 2021)			X	X	X								

 no meeting

C/CAG AGENDA REPORT

ITEM 5

Date: May 13, 2021

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 legislation not previously identified).

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the C/CAG Legislative Committee review and recommend approval of C/CAG legislative policies, priorities, positions, and legislative update (A position may be taken on any legislation, including legislation not previously identified).

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 updates from Sacramento with respect to recent committee hearings and bill progress of interest to C/CAG during the month of April, as well as an update on the California State Transportation Authority (CalSTA) Draft Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI) and C/CAG's approach to providing public comment on the plan. Though the CAPTI is not legislation, staff have included this item in the legislative update, given the high priority issue and implications for future transportation investments related to the state budget.

Following the Board's approval of a SUPPORT position on AB 117 (Boerner Horvath) – electric bike incentive program, staff worked with C/CAG's consultant to draft a letter to Governor Newsom, Pro Tem Atkins and Speaker Rendon, and the Chairs of the Budget Committees, regarding support for a \$10 million state Appropriations budget request to be added into the Governor's budget trailer bill. The additional funds are being requested to support implementation of the electric bike incentive program to make more rebates available and to expand the benefits of mode-shifting to support alternative transportation. Staff's recommendation is to approve a recommendation to the Board to

approve the draft letter (Attachment 2) for submission via email to the Governor and state representatives.

At the March 11 Committee meeting, Member Hurt requested information on the status of the state guidance on local controller calculations for “excess” Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund counties in the Bay Area, which include Santa Clara, San Francisco, San Mateo, Napa, and Marin Counties. Staff will provide a brief verbal update.

For additional information with respect to what the Metropolitan Transportation Commission/Association of Bay Area Governments Joint Legislative Committee is tracking, staff has included a link to the MTC/ABAG 2021 bill matrix from April 9, 2021 as Attachment 3.

ATTACHMENTS

1. C/CAG Legislative Update, May 4, 2021 from Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange
2. Draft SUPPORT Letter - Budget request for a \$10 million electric bike incentive program
3. [Joint MTC/ABAG Legislative Committee bill matrix, April 9, 2021](#)
4. Full Legislative information is available for specific bills at <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/>
5. Current client roster for Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange - <https://syaslparkers.com/clients/>

May 4, 2021

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 – May 2021**

Legislative Update

The Legislature returned from the one-week spring recess on April 5. Policy committees with bills having a fiscal impact on the state had to finish their business by April 30. For non-fiscal bills - bills that do not need to be heard in the Appropriations Committee because they do not incur costs to the state – the Legislature has until May 7 to hear them in policy committee before sending the bills to the floor for consideration. The Senate and Assembly have until June 4 to move bills to the other house.

Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI)

On March 10, 2021, the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) released its draft [Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure](#) document. The plan outlines potential recommendations California can implement to invest transportation funds to better mitigate climate change, as well as support public health, safety and equity. CAPTI builds on Executive Orders [N-19-19](#) and [N-79-20](#), which were signed by Governor Gavin Newsom in 2019 and 2020 and aimed at reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in transportation, which account for more than 40 percent of all emissions in California. CalSTA developed the draft CAPTI document after input from various state agencies and stakeholder groups. The draft document is available for public comment until May 19, 2021 and CalSTA expects to adopt a final version in mid-July. Since the release, the state has hosted a series of workshops on the document. More information can be found [here](#). C/CAG staff is working to develop comments on the plan.

Bills of Interest

SB 7 (Atkins) Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act

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. The existing authority expired at the end of 2020 and [this bill](#) would reestablish the authority of the Governor to certify a project to January 1, 2024 and would more specifically include housing development projects meeting certain conditions to the list of projects eligible for certification. MTC took a SUPPORT position on this bill. ***We are WATCHING this bill for C/CAG.***

SB 9 (Atkins) Ministerial Approval of Housing Developments

[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. The League of Cities took an OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED position on this bill (letter [here](#)). ***We are WATCHING this bill for C/CAG.***

SB 10 (Wiener) Housing Production

[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. MTC took a SUPPORT position on this bill. ***We are WATCHING this bill for C/CAG.***

SB 339 (Wiener) Road User Charge

Existing law requires the CTC to create a Road Usage Charge (RUC) Technical Advisory Committee to guide the development and evaluation of a pilot program to assess the potential for mileage-based revenue collection as an alternative to the gas tax system and report its work to the Legislature. The existing authorization sunsets on January 1, 2023. [This bill](#) would extend the sunset date to January 1, 2027 because the CTC requested an extension to run another pilot with actual fee collection. ***The C/CAG Board SUPPORTS this bill.***

AB 115 (Bloom) Commercial Property for Housing

[This bill](#), notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of a city's or county's general plan, specific plan, zoning ordinance, or regulation, would require that a housing development be authorized on a commercially zoned site if certain conditions are met, including that the housing development be subject to a recorded deed restriction requiring that at least 20% of the units have an affordable housing cost or affordable rent for lower income households and that it is not adjacent to an industrial use, defined as utilities, manufacturing, wholesale trade, transportation, and warehousing. The bill would also require the city or county to apply certain height, density, and floor area ratio standards to a housing development that meets these criteria. The League of Cities has no position on this bill. ***We are WATCHING this bill for C/CAG.***

AB 117 (Boerner-Horvath) Electric Bike Purchase Incentives

Existing law establishes the Air Quality Improvement Program (AQIP), administered by CARB to fund projects that reduce criteria air pollutants and improve of air quality. The Clean Vehicle Rebate Project is part of AQIP and provides rebates for the purchase of new zero-emission vehicles. [This bill](#) would make incentives for purchasing electric bicycles eligible for funding under the program until January 1, 2028.

the Electric Bicycle Incentive Pilot Project to provide rebates incentive for purchases of electric bicycles. ***The C/CAG Board SUPPORTS this bill.***

AB 377 (Rivas) Water Quality

[This bill](#) would require all California surface waters to be fishable, swimmable, and drinkable by January 1, 2050 and prohibit the State Water Resources Control Board and Regional Water Quality Control Boards from authorizing any discharges (including stormwater) that causes or contributes to an exceedance of a water quality standard in receiving waters. The bill would prohibit a regional water quality control plan from including a schedule for achieving a water quality standard adopted as of January 1, 2021. The bill would require the state board and regional boards to develop by 2030 an Impaired Waterways Enforcement Program to enforce all remaining water quality standard violations and a Waterway Attainment Penalty Subaccount, composed of penalties obtained pursuant to the Impaired Waterways Enforcement Program, and would make moneys in the subaccount available for the state board to expend, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for purposes of the program. ***The C/CAG Board OPPOSES this bill.***

AB 629 (Chiu) Seamless Bay Area

As currently drafted, this bill would require MTC to consult with transit agencies, local jurisdictions, county transportation agencies, and the public to establish and maintain a transit priority network for the San Francisco Bay area that designates corridors that can best support transit service. This bill would require MTC to submit a copy of *the Fare Coordination and Integration Study and Business Case* to the Legislature by February 1, 2022, as well as a follow up report on the progress of implementing the recommendations in the study by January 1, 2023. The bill would require MTC to create a pilot program for an “accumulator pass” among operators providing service in at least three adjacent counties by July 1, 2023. This bill would require MTC in consultation with transit agencies to develop a standardized regional transit mapping and wayfinding system and to develop an implementation and maintenance strategy and funding plan for deployment of the system by July 1, 2024 and for each transit agency to use the system by July 1, 2025. The bill would require a transit operator in the Bay area to use open data standards to make available all routes, schedules, and fares in a specified data format and to track actual transmission of real-time information by transit vehicles and report that information to the commission to ensure that schedule predictions are available. The bill would require the commission to coordinate these activities and to develop an implementation and funding plan for deployment of real-time information. Finally, this bill would require MTC, Caltrans, and the operators of managed lanes in the Bay Area to take specified steps to ensure the regional managed lanes network supports seamless operation of high-capacity transit. ***We recommend the C/CAG Board take no position at this time as this bill may be amended in the coming months to address the recommendations of the MTC Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force.***

AB 1200 (Ting) Hazardous Food Packaging

Existing law prohibits the manufacture, sale, or distribution of any toy or childcare product that contains phthalates exceeding a specified percentage. Existing law prohibits the manufacture, sale, or distribution of any bottle or cup that contains BPA intended to be filled with any liquid, food, or beverage intended primarily for consumption from that bottle or cup by children 3 years of age or younger. Existing law, beginning January 1, 2025, prohibits the manufacture, sale, or distribution offer of any cosmetic product that contains specified ingredients, including perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl

substances (PFAS). This bill would prohibit the manufacture, sale, or distribution any food packaging that contains intentionally added PFAS beginning January 1, 2023 and require a manufacturer to use the least toxic alternative when replacing PFAS chemicals. ***The C/CAG Board SUPPORTS this bill.***

AB 1401 (Friedman) Parking Standards

This bill would prohibit local governments from imposing or enforcing a minimum automobile parking requirement for residential, commercial and other developments if the parcel is located within one-half mile walking distance of either a high-quality transit corridor or a major transit stop. This bill would provide that the prohibition on local governments enforcing minimum parking standards does not reduce, eliminate, or preclude the enforcement of any requirements to provide electric vehicle parking spaces or parking spaces that are accessible to persons with disabilities and that if a development includes parking voluntarily, nothing in the bill prevents the local government from requiring the development to include spaces for car share vehicles as a part of the parking. The League of Cities opposes this bill.

AB 1499 (Daly) Design-Build

Existing law authorizes Caltrans to utilize design-build procurement for up to 10 projects on the state highway system, based on either best value or lowest responsible bid. Existing law authorizes regional transportation agencies, as defined, to utilize design-build procurement for projects on or adjacent to the state highway system. Existing law also authorizes those regional transportation agencies to utilize design-build procurement for projects on expressways that are not on the state highway system. Existing law repeals these provisions on January 1, 2024. [This bill](#) would delete the January 1, 2024, repeal date, thus extending the design-build authority indefinitely. ***The C/CAG Board SUPPORTS this bill.***

ACA 1 (Aguiar-Curry) Local Government Financing: Affordable Housing and Public Infrastructure: Voter Approval.

[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, including public transit. The C/CAG Board supported a nearly identical measure, also ACA 1 (Aguiar-Curry), in 2019. ***The C/CAG Board SUPPORTS this bill.***

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May 14, 2021

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor

The Honorable Toni Atkins
Senate President *Pro Tempore*

The Honorable Anthony Rendon
Speaker of the Assembly

The Honorable Nancy Skinner
Senate Budget Committee Chair

The Honorable Phil Ting
Assembly Budget Committee Chair

Submitted via Email

Re: Budget Request for a \$10 million Electric Bicycle Incentive Program - SUPPORT

Dear Governor Newsom, *Pro Tempore* Atkins, Speaker Rendon, Chair Skinner and Chair Ting:

C/CAG supports the Electric Bike Incentive Program request for a \$10 million allocation to a proposed Electric Bicycle Incentive Program in the 2021-22 state budget. Expanding the use of electric bicycles is a very cost-effective way to reduce motor vehicle use and increase the frequency of bicycling, which will reduce traffic congestion in our community, reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, improve air quality and health, and support equity as the State moves away from a fossil fuel-based economy.

Most car trips in our community are short, less than five miles, and can be accomplished easily with an electric bike. E-bike users can take children to school, haul hundreds of pounds of equipment or groceries, and travel distances, including over steep hills. For many, an electric bike is the only feasible alternative to participate in the transition to electric transportation.

However, electric bikes are not nearly as widespread as they should be, because they are expensive, with costs ranging from \$2,000 to \$5,000, depending on your need. Although people who struggle to manage the costs of their automobiles would save important sums of money by owning an electric bike, they won't switch because the upfront cost of the e-bike is hard to justify. An incentive program will enable the switch, simultaneously serving California's gas vehicle VMT- and GHG-reduction goals and improving the economic security of the recipient. Additionally, C/CAG requests that the state consider separate funding for local bike infrastructure, which is vital to E-bike program success.

Thank you for considering this request to support the proposed Electric Bicycle Incentive Program with a \$10 million budget allocation.

Sincerely,

Marie Chuang, Chair
City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County

Cc: Assemblymember Tasha Boerner Horvath

C/CAG AGENDA REPORT

Date: May 13, 2021

To: City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County Legislative Committee

From: Sandy Wong, Executive Director

Subject: Discuss scheduling virtual meetings with the San Mateo County Delegation.

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the C/CAG Legislative Committee discuss scheduling virtual meetings with the San Mateo County Delegation.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

SOURCE OF FUNDS

N/A

BACKGROUND

This is a standing item for the Committee to consider scheduling virtual meetings with San Mateo delegates on bills or other legislative matters of interest, in place of scheduling a single “Lobby Day” as the Committee has done in past years to engage San Mateo delegates and other state representatives on C/CAG’s legislative priorities. C/CAG staff has worked with the consultant to identify the weeks of May 24 and June 7 as potential dates to schedule virtual meetings. Staff’s recommendation is to schedule meetings with the San Mateo County Delegation based on Member availability and to plan meeting agendas to focus on bills that C/CAG has taken a position on, funding needs and opportunities and an update on the 101 Managed Lanes Project.

ATTACHMENTS

1. None.