

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

**Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2022 Meeting**

Staff and Guests Attending:

C/CAG Staff:

Sean Charpentier, Kim Springer, Reid Bogert, Jeffrey Lacap, Kaki Cheung, Mima Crume, Susy Kalkin, Eva Gaye, Audrey Shiramizu

Legislative Consultant:

Andrew Antwih and Matt Robinson – Shaw / Yoder / Antwih / Schmelzer and Lange, Inc.

Others Attending:

Drew – Public

1. Call to Order.

Chair Papan called the meeting to order at approximately 5:18 p.m.

2. COVID-19 announcement and brief overview of Zoom teleconference meeting procedures.

C/CAG staff read the COVID-19 announcement and teleconference meeting procedures.

3. Roll call.

C/CAG staff conducted roll call, and a quorum of seven was present at roll call and two additional committee members arrived for a total of nine as shown below.

Agency	Name	Mar 10, 2022
Atherton	Elizabeth Lewis	X
Belmont	Davina Hurt	
Brisbane	Karen Cunningham	X
East Palo Alto	Lisa Gauthier	X
Hillsborough	Marie Chuang	X
Millbrae	Gina Papan (Chair)	X
Millbrae	Anders Fung	X
Pacifica	Sue Vaterlaus	X
San Bruno	Michael Salazar	X
San Carlos	Adam Rak (Vice Chair)	X

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

There were no written or public comments.

5. Review and approve the Legislative Committee meeting minutes from the meeting held on February 10, 2022.

The Committee approved the meeting minutes from the February 10, 2022 C/CAG Legislative Committee Meeting. Member Rak motioned approval, seconded by Member Fung. Roll call vote was taken. Motion passed with Members Cunningham, Papan, and Vaterlaus, abstaining (4:0:3).

6. Update on scheduling meetings and topics of discussion with the San Mateo County Delegation early in the 2022-23 Legislative Session.

The Committee took this Item last during the meeting.

Consultant Matt Robinson shared an update on completed meetings with legislators on the two: Hwy 101/92 Area Improvement and Stormwater budget requests. Robinson mentioned that staff intends to meet on the same two requests with Senator Berman sometime in the near future.

Next meetings with legislature would be more focused on legislation, as was the case with Senator Becker at the Legislative Committee meeting on this date.

7. Review legislative update and, if appropriate, recommend approval of C/CAG legislative policies, priorities, or positions. (A position may be taken on any legislation, including legislation not previously identified in the legislative update. Action is only necessary if recommending approval of a policy, priority, or position.)

Note: Item 7 was heard prior to Item 6 due to the attendance of Senator Josh Becker:

C/CAG state legislative consultant Matt Robinson described the Bay Area Seamless bill, SB 917 re-authored by Senator Josh Becker. Robinson explained that the Seamless bill is still early in its form in terms of expected comments from agencies and suggested the Committee hear from Senator Becker. Chair Papan reminded the Committee that the legislation coincides with the MTC Bay Area Transit Transformation Action Plan.

Senator Becker reminded the Committee of the years of work that has gone into the bill and that the bill provides improvements and required timelines. Senator Becker also shared that they bill is consistent with C/CAG's legislative priorities.

After discussion by the Committee about the need for the legislation and need for additional feedback from transit agencies prior to full support, and after feedback from the public requesting consideration of alternatives to zone pricing on Caltrain, the Committee voted on a Support in Concept for SB 917.

A motion to Support in Concept was made by Committee Chair Papan and seconded by member Salazar. Roll call vote was taken. Motion passed. (9,0,0)

The Committee next discussed SB 922 (Wiener), CEQA exemptions for transportation projects, aimed at extending the exemption indefinitely prior to its expiration on December 31, 2022. The legislation adds CMAs to the list of exempt agency projects. It also adds zero-emission charging infrastructure to the exemption.

The Committee discussed concerns that the exemption might allow transit agencies, such as

BART or Caltrain to add infrastructure in a way that is beyond local control, and the exemption being indefinite. Robinson stated that the exemption would only apply to existing agencies in existing transportation corridors.

After further discussion, the Committee motioned to Monitor the SB 922. The motion was made by member Rak and seconded by member Lewis. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed. (9,0,0)

The Committee reviewed SB 852 (Dodd) on Infrastructure Districts. Robinson explained that staff and his office are suggesting Support with Amendments and that staff will develop language to both include JPAs (such as C/CAG) and language related to Stormwater infrastructure. The meeting packet included major points to be covered in eventual language. The Committee moved to a roll call vote with a motion to Support with Amendments coming from member Gauthier and a second from member Chuang. (9,0,0)

The Committee briefly discussed several other bills: AB 1690 (Rivas), the single-use tobacco bill, which the Committee agreed to Watch, pending policy committee hearings, AB 1817 (Ting) on PFAS for which staff recommended Support and the Committee had concerns about enforcement. The Committee requested these bills be brought back in April.

The Committee also briefly discussed AB 2097 (Friedman) on Parking Minimums, which staff recommended the Committee oppose. After discussion, the Committee motioned to Oppose and took a roll call vote. The motion was made by member Salazar and seconded by member Vaterlaus. (9,0,0)

The Committee then discussed AB 1944 (Lee) on the Brown Act, to allow elected officials to attend meetings remotely without locally posting and agenda and inviting the public. Staff will likely recommend a support position at the April meeting once other agencies chime in on the bill. The Committee agreed to monitor AB 1944.

8. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:28 P.M.