

City County Association of Governments of San Mateo County Board Meeting

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Strategic Consulting



Overview of Firms

More than 25 years of experience working in Washington, DC.

Specialize in representing local governments.

Extensive experience and knowledge on federal sustainability programs.

Helped secure over \$1 billion in federal grants and appropriations for clients.

Our Government Affairs Approach

Develop full understanding of our clients and their priorities.

Work collaboratively each year to set an agenda of federal priorities.

Hold strategy meeting in fall prior to next year.

Match your priorities with federal funding and legislative opportunities.

Set up process to make you effective and successful -- You are your best advocates.

Organize regular meetings with your House and Senate offices and with key federal agencies.

Meet monthly to discuss progress, strategy, next steps.

Our 2022 Focus for C/CAG

- Congressional Appropriations
- Federal Grants
- Track legislation of interest.

Congressional Appropriations Requests



\$2.4 million for San Bruno Stormwater Capture Project.



\$760,000 for Buffered Bike Lane San Mateo to Millbrae.



\$480,000 for Laundry to Landscapes Pilot Project.



\$5 million for Hwy. 101 / SR 92 Interchange and Multi-modal improvements.

Status of FY 2023 Appropriations Requests

- Rep. Speier request for San Bruno Stormwater Project included in bill passed by House Appropriations Committee.
- Senator Padilla has requested funding for the Stormwater Project, the Buffered Bike Lane, and the 101/92 Improvements.
- Full House will approve bill next week.
- Senate Appropriations Committee will release bills in late July/early August.
- Legislation will hopefully be finalized by the end of the year.

Climate in DC

- Divided government.
- Everyone looking toward fall elections.
- Negotiations with Senator Manchin over Bill on Taxes, Climate, and Prescription Drugs Continue – Prospects remain uncertain.
- Good chance Republicans will take over House and could win Senate.
- Significant resources for local governments available through COVID legislation and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

Key Themes for Expanded Opportunities

- Provide substantial investment in underserved communities: Rural, lower income, communities of color, tribes.
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other pollutants.
- Create American jobs and American businesses.

DOT Opportunities

- RAISE Grants – \$7.5 B, includes \$75 M / year for planning.
- SMART Grants -- \$500 M for demonstrations that incorporate innovative technologies or data uses to improve transportation efficiency and safety.
- Reconnecting Communities -- \$1 B
- PROTECT Grants -- \$1.4 B for resiliency
- Safe Streets for All -- \$5 B for safety especially cyclists and pedestrians
- Healthy Streets Grants -- \$500 M for cool or porous pavements, tree cover
- Bridge Discretionary Grants -- \$12.5 B
- Airport Terminal Program -- \$5 B
- Carbon Reduction Program -- \$6.4 B
- Charging and fueling Infrastructure -- \$7.5 B (\$2.5 B competitive grants)

Transit and Para-Transit: \$39 Billion Increase

- Formula Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities - \$3.2 Billion.
- Competitive Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities - \$2 Billion.
- Low-No Emission Bus Competitive Grants - \$5.625 Billion.
- Transit Accessibility for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities (Formula Grants) - \$2.2 Billion goes through states for small and rural communities.

EPA Programs

- Clean Water and Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Funds -- \$23.4 billion
- Western Water -- \$7.1 billion
- EPA Stormwater and Sewer Overflow Grants -- \$1.4 B
- Clean School Bus Program -- \$7.5 billion
- Brownfields Revitalization -- \$1.5 billion
- Solid Waste Infrastructure and Recycling Grants -- \$275 million

Resilience

- Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Grants (\$8.7 billion)
- Wildfire Management (\$8.25 billion)
- Investments in Resilience through the Army Corps of Engineers (\$7 billion)
- Western Water (\$3.8 billion)
- Flood Mitigation Assistance Program (\$3.5 billion)
- Weatherization (\$3.5 billion)
- Cybersecurity (\$1.3 billion)