

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

**Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2023 Meeting**

Staff and Guests Attending:

C/CAG Staff:

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

Legislative Consultant:

Matt Robinson, Andrew Antwih, Silvia Solis Shaw

Others Attending:

Marc Hershman – PCE

Drew – Public

1. Call to Order.

Chair Papan called the meeting to order at approximately 5:20 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 eight was present at roll call as shown below.

Agency	Name	Present
Atherton	Elizabeth Lewis	X
Belmont	Davina Hurt	X
Brisbane	Karen Cunningham	X
Burlingame	Ricardo Ortiz	X
East Palo Alto	Lisa Gauthier	
Millbrae	Gina Papan (Chair)	X
Millbrae	Anders Fung	X
Pacifica	Sue Vaterlaus	
San Bruno	Michael Salazar	X
San Carlos	Adam Rak (Vice Chair)	

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 January 12, 2022.

The Committee approved the meeting minutes from the January 12, 2023 C/CAG Legislative Committee Meeting. Member Hurt motioned approval, seconded by Member Salazar. Roll call vote was taken. Motion passed (6,1,0). Member Cunningham abstained. Members Lewis and Rak were not present at the time of the roll call vote.

6. 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.)

Matt Robinson, C/CAG's legislative consultant, gave a brief update on activities related to the new session in Sacramento. The session is about a week away from the end date for new bills to be introduced. Most bills introduced are spot bills and they are coming more slowly than normal. A flurry of bills is expected on the final days.

Robinson continued with details on Brown Act bills. A new bill has been introduced by Assemblymember Hart from southern California. That bill would take affect in 2026 and applies still to states of emergency. For 2024 through 2026, the AB 2449 rules would still apply. This is the only Brown Act bill in print. There are two other Brown act bills in the works that SYASL is aware of currently. Committee members commented on the overwhelming interest in sticking with remote meetings, especially for committees making non-binding decisions. The C/CAG letter to the delegation, which has been transmitted, will be shared with all C/CAG committees along with information on AB 2449.

Regional Measure 3 was funded, which includes funding for the Hwy 92/101 interchange project, Dumbarton Corridor improvements, express bus funding, and managed lanes. Additional clearance is required through the appellate courts. Robinson also included an update on the "fiscal cliff" for transit and the need for all transit agencies to come together with a single voice to the legislature. It's just a matter of time before agencies start to run out of federal funding.

Matt Robinson also shared a budget measure headed for the ballot that will make is challenging for public agencies to pass funding initiatives locally. More will be provided on this item in future meetings.

Vice Chair Papan mentioned that ridership in the region is not what it was, but that it is still in the 55% range, so significant, but that funding is still definitely needed. Robinson shared that SamTrans has a good story to tell, of all agencies in the region in terms of recovery. Both agreed that rider experience would be a requirement or any future funding. SamTrans is the highest equity service in the region.

7. Review of proposed funding focus areas for the 2023 legislative session.

Executive Director, Sean Charpentier opened the discussion about focus areas. Which was discussed at the January 2022 meeting. Charpentier pointed out funding requests included in the

packet, which includes asks for the Laundry to Landscape project, funding for creation of a Countywide Carbon Neutrality Plan, funding for stormwater-related work at Red Morton Park in Redwood City, funding for Multi-Agency Adaptive Signal Timing, and an e-Bike Strategic Plan. For all these projects, C/CAG is seeking earmarks.

Member Cunningham mentioned Heirloom Carbon, a well-funded carbon sequestration company in Brisbane. Staff mentioned that a presentation at the C/CAG RMCP Committee might be appropriate. Member Papan asked about funding from RM 3 and how that fits with the intended earmark request.

8. Review and approval of updated C/CAG Legislative Priorities for 2023.

Staff gave an overview of the redlined modifications suggested by Member Salazar to the Legislative Priorities document. The Committee discussed the changes and voted to approve the update Legislative Priorities 2023 document. Member Lewis moved to approve, seconded by Member Ortiz. A roll call vote was taken, (7,0,0). Motion passed.

9. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:13 P.M.

Next meeting is March 9, 2023.