

## C/CAG AGENDA REPORT

Date: May 11, 2023

To: City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County Board of Directors

From: Sean Charpentier, Executive Director

Subject: Review and approval of the appointment of three C/CAG Board members to serve on the San Mateo County Express Lanes Joint Powers Authority (SMCEL-JPA) for a two-year term.

### **Addendum- Three Letters of Interest Received**

(For further information or questions, contact Sean Charpentier, [scharpentier@smcgov.org](mailto:scharpentier@smcgov.org))

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Review and approval of the appointment of three C/CAG Board members to serve on the San Mateo County Express Lanes Joint Powers Authority (SMCEL-JPA) for a two-year term.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

None.

### **SOURCE OF FUNDS**

N/A

### **BACKGROUND**

Three letters of Interest were received and are attached to this cover memo.

1. Alicia Aguirre, currently Vice Chair of the SMCEL-JPA, reappointed in May 2021
2. Gina Papan, appointed in November 2022 (to fill seat vacated by Diane Papan)
3. Michael Salazar, appointed in November 2022 (to fill seat vacated by MaryAnn Derwin)

### **ATTACHMENT**

Three Letters of Interest



May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Dear Chair Hurt and CCAG Board Members,

I am seeking reappointment to the Express Lane JPA Board. I have served on this board representing CCAG since its inception in 2019 and am very proud of what we have accomplished thus far. The success is attributed to the partnership and collaboration with our colleagues from the SMC Transportation Authority.

We enjoy a remarkable and wide diversity of residents and transportation-related needs here in San Mateo County, and I have been able to work on these as a board member on CCAG. I bring my own diverse perspective to the table to ensure that the needs of all of San Mateo County's residents are fully met, especially those whose needs require us to be creative and seek funding to ensure this project is equitable for all. Our Equity Program is a model for the state and the nation and I will continue to work tirelessly and collaboratively to bring our County's fair share of funding to this project, so that we can effectively work to reduce traffic congestion, promote alternative transportation modes, improve our roadways, and have an overall positive impact on our residents.

I very much appreciate the opportunity I have had serving on the Express Lane JPA and want to continue to share with you and other San Mateo County leaders our work to plan for the future of Bay Area transportation, to ensure these plans are adequately funded, and to help make all the moving parts of the regional transportation network mesh as smoothly as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alicia C. Aguirre".

Alicia Aguirre

Councilmember,

City of Redwood City



# City of Millbrae

621 Magnolia Avenue, Millbrae, CA 94030

**GINA PAPAN**  
Councilmember

May 8, 2023

Davina Hurt  
City/County Association of Governments, Chair  
555 County Center, 5th Floor  
Redwood City, CA 94063

Re: C/CAG Board Reappointment to the San Mateo County Express Lanes Powers Authority (SMCEL-JPA)

Dear Chair Hurt, Vice Chair Ortiz, and C/CAG Board of Directors,

With this letter of intent, I am seeking the C/CAG Board's reappointment to the San Mateo County Express Lanes Powers Authority (SMCEL-JPA), and I respectfully ask for your support.

I am proud to serve on the C/CAG Board of Directors and represent the cities of San Mateo County on the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTC). I am also proud to have been working on the SMCEL-JPA as a board member. My public service to these agencies has given me the background, experience, and qualifications to be a strong voice for C/CAG on the Express Lanes JPA, and I believe that the importance of having a strong C/CAG representative on the SMCEL-JPA must be emphasized.

Background: From the very first C/CAG discussions regarding Express Lanes, I have believed that these lanes would be successful and my advocacy for C/CAG to maintain ownership of the lanes never wavered. Early on it was clear that the C/CAG Board of Directors wanted to ensure C/CAG would be positioned to implement equity programming throughout the system and I supported that decision. Under the terms of the current JPA, C/CAG has three members serving on the SMCEL-JPA who must work collaboratively with three members of the San Mateo County Transportation Authority. In the past this was not always easy, but the SMCEL-JPA board learned to work together to achieve common goals. Now, we have three C/CAG board members who are committed to achieving our original goals of implementing equity programs throughout our managed lanes network. Our current equity programs are really making a difference and are being recognized by others in the region. As a C/CAG director and a current SMCEL-JPA member, I am committed to ensure our vision for this purpose continues to grow. I am also ready to meet the financial challenges and policy decisions that must be made in a post-Covid, high inflation environment.

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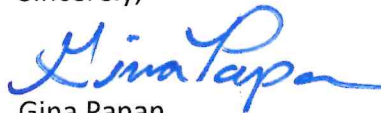
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Experience & Qualifications: During my tenure on MTC, I worked with MTC commissioners and staff on a strategic plan for connecting the Bay Area through an express lanes network. This plan seeks to implement a system of managed lanes in the Bay Area that is not only cost-effective and self-supporting, but also helps achieve the regional goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions, supporting transit priority, promoting use of transit and other high-occupancy modes, and advancing equity throughout the region in accordance with Planned Bay Area 2050 and MTC's Equity Platform. I have continued to share the plans developed by MTC with our C/CAG staff to help the SMCEL-JPA move forward in a more efficient and effective manner.

Commitment and Request for Support: As a C/CAG appointee to the SMCEL-JPA, I will be committed to ensure the San Mateo County Express Lanes will be everything C/CAG envisioned. I would be proud and honored to have your support of my reappointment to the San Mateo County Express Lanes Powers Authority (SMCEL-JPA). Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions regarding this request or about the San Mateo County Express Lanes.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Gina Papan  
City Council Member  
City of Millbrae  
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cc: Sean Charpentier, City/County Association of Governments, Executive Director  
Davina Hurt, City/County Association of Governments, Chair  
Ricardo Ortiz, City/County Association of Governments, Vice-Chair  
City/County Association of Governments, Board of Directors

May 9, 2023

Sean Charpentier  
Executive Director  
City/County Association of Governments  
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Director Charpentier and Honorable C/CAG Board Members,

Please accept this letter expressing my interest in serving on the Board of Directors for the San Mateo County Express Lane Joint Powers Authority.

I have served on the C/CAG board 2020 and on the C/CAG Legislative Committee since 2021. I proudly serve these bodies with full understanding and respect for the responsibilities they entail. Last December, I was selected to fill one of the openings on the SMCEL-JPA and I hope I will be allowed to continue in that role.

The JPA Board oversees issues related to transit, finance, technology and social equity. These are all topics with which I am very engaged, and I would love an opportunity to help direct the future of the express lane effort.

Regarding my background, I have served on the San Bruno City Council since 2009. I have a bachelor's degree in Engineering and a Master of Business Administration degree. I also have thirty years of professional experience in Engineering, Finance and Information Technology. I am confident that with my experience and dedication I can represent you well on the JPA Board.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to continued service and collaboration with the C/CAG Board and staff.

Sincerely,



Michael Salazar  
Councilmember  
City of San Bruno