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## MEETING AGENDA

### C/CAG Legislative Committee

**\*\*\*HYBRID MEETING - IN-PERSON AND BY VIDEOCONFERENCE\*\*\***

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| <b>Date:</b> Thursday, June 8, 2023  | <b>Join by Webinar:</b><br><a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86484709483?pwd=N0RKWkZNZTk1S2cvV1g1ZkhBaTdNdz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86484709483?pwd=N0RKWkZNZTk1S2cvV1g1ZkhBaTdNdz09</a> |
| <b>Time:</b> 5:30 p.m.   |  |
| <b>Primary Location:</b><br>San Mateo County Transit District Office<br>1250 San Carlos Ave, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl. Auditorium,<br>San Carlos, CA | <b>Webinar ID:</b> 864 8470 9483   |
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**Vice Chair:** Gina Papan

**Members:** Davina Hurt (C/CAG Chair), Ricardo Ortiz (C/CAG Vice-Chair)  
Elizabeth Lewis, Karen Cunningham, Lisa Gauthier,  
Anders Fung, Sue Vaterlaus, Michael Salazar

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## Meeting Agenda

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| 1. | Call to Order   | Rak  |            |
| 2. | Brief overview of Hybrid teleconference meeting procedures  | Springer                                       |            |
| 3. | Roll call   | Springer                                       |            |
| 4. | Public comment on related items not on the agenda.  | Rak  |            |
| 5. | Review and approve the Legislative Committee meeting minutes from the meeting held on May 11, 2023.   | Action<br>Rak                                  | Pages 4-7  |
| 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.) | Possible Action<br>Robinson/Antwih/Shaw<br>Rak | Pages 8-15 |
| 7. | Adjournment   | Rak  |            |

### Next Meeting: July 13, 2023

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3. You will be asked to enter an email address and name. We request that you identify yourself by your name as this will be visible online and will be used to notify you that it is your turn to speak.
4. When the C/CAG Legislative Committee staff or Chair call for the item on which you wish to speak, click on "raise hand", or use \*9 to raise or lower your hand and \*6 to unmute or mute when attending by phone. Staff will activate and unmute speakers in turn. Speakers will be notified shortly before they are called on to speak.
5. When called, please limit your remarks to the time allotted

If you have any questions about this agenda, please contact C/CAG staff:

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## C/CAG AGENDA REPORT

Date: June 8, 2023

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

From: Sean Charpentier, Executive Director

Subject: Review and approve the Legislative Committee meeting minutes from the meeting held on May 11, 2023.

(For further information, contact Kim Springer at [kspringer@smcgov.org](mailto:kspringer@smcgov.org))

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### RECOMMENDATION

That the Legislative Committee review and approve the Legislative Committee meeting minutes from the meeting held on May 11, 2023.

### ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft C/CAG Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes, May 11, 2023

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

**Draft Meeting Minutes  
May 11, 2023 Meeting**

**Staff and Guests Attending:**

C/CAG Staff:

Sean Charpentier, Kim Springer, Kaki Cheung, Mima Crume, Jeff Lacap, Susy Kalkin, Van O Campo, Audrey Shiramizu

Legislative Consultant:

Matt Robinson, Andrew Antwih, Silvia Solis Shaw

Others Attending:

Drew – Public

**1. Call to Order.**

Vice Chair Papan called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 p.m. in Chair Rak's absence.

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

C/CAG staff referred to the instructions contained in the posted agenda and reminded remote participants on use of \*9 to raise and lower hands, and \*6 to mute and unmute.

**3. Roll call.**

C/CAG staff conducted roll call, and a quorum of eight eventually was present as shown below.

| <b>Agency</b>  | <b>Name</b>             | <b>In Person</b> | <b>Remote AB 2449</b> |
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| Atherton       | Elizabeth Lewis         |                  |                       |
| Belmont        | Davina Hurt             | X                |                       |
| Brisbane       | Karen Cunningham        | X                |                       |
| Burlingame     | Ricardo Ortiz           | X                |                       |
| East Palo Alto | Lisa Gauthier           | X                |                       |
| Millbrae       | Gina Papan (Vice Chair) | X                |                       |
| Millbrae       | Anders Fung             |                  |                       |
| Pacifica       | Sue Vaterlaus           | X                |                       |
| San Bruno      | Michael Salazar         | X                |                       |
| San Carlos     | Adam Rak (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 April 13, 2023.**

The Committee approved the meeting minutes from the March 9, 2023 C/CAG Legislative Committee Meeting. Member Papan motioned approval, seconded by Member Hurt. A vote was taken. Motion passed (8,0,0).

**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.)**

C/CAG Legislative Consultant, Matt Robinson from Shaw Yoder Schmeltzer & Lange provided an update to the Committee, based on their monthly report provided in the agenda packet.

Robinson reviewed the legislative calendar for passing of bills, a likely increase in the State budget deficit and uncertainty related to delay in tax revenues, and likely adjustments to funding priorities. Robinson then moved on to legislation updates.

SB 537 (Becker) – Brown Act was amended, reducing remote participation benefits to C/CAG. Since the Committee- and Board-approved letter had not been sent, the Committee took a watch position, not sending the letter of Support.

On AB 321 (Wilson) Sales and Use Tax Exemption: Zero Emission Public Transit Ferries, the Committee voted to Support.

On AB 463 (Hart) Prioritization of Services: Public Transit Vehicles, the Committee voted to Support.

On AB 756 (Papan) Stormwater Runoff, the Committee voted to Support.

On AB 1525 (Bonta) Transportation Project Impacts to Priority Communities, the Committee voted to Oppose.

The above four bills were voted one in one vote, moved by Member Papan and Seconded by Member Ortiz (8,0,0).

The Committee next discussed SB 4 (Wiener) Housing Development on Higher Education and Religious Institution Properties. After discussion, the Committee decided to take a neutral position. On SB 423 (Weiner) on the Extension of SB 35, the Committee discussed the bill but made no decision in terms of position.

**7. Adjournment.**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30 P.M.

**Next meeting is June 8, 2023.**

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**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 advocate, Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange (Consultant). Important or interesting issues and votes on positions taken by the Committee, or that arise out of the committee meetings, are reported to the full C/CAG Board.

The attached report from Consultant may include various updates from Sacramento with respect to the State Budget process, State grant programs, recent committee hearings, and bill progress of interest to C/CAG since the Committee last met. The current session began on December 5, 2022 and new bills for the 2023-24 Legislative Session were introduced through February 17, 2023. There were approximately 2500+ bills, many of which were "spot" bills.

The Legislative Committee may also discuss current or past bills, those already voted on by the Committee, funding requests, sponsorship of legislation, preparing for meetings with delegation, or providing letters supporting or opposing bills already on the Governor's desk.



At this Committee meeting, the Committee will mainly receive updates from the Consultant on the legislative calendar for 2023, State budget updates, and any additional information from Sacramento on bills discussed in the attached C/CAG Legislative Update. The Legislative Committee may want to take positions by vote on bills, which will then be presented to the C/CAG Board for their consideration and action.

The Legislative Committee approved sending a letter to the legislature requesting additional flexibility in the Brown Act, at the January 12, 2023 meeting. The letter was drafted, reviewed, signed, and delivered by the Consultant at the end of January.

At the March 9, 2023 meeting, the Committee voted to support ACA-1 (Aguiar-Curry). In addition, the Legislative Committee took position on two ballot measures: Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act – Oppose, and a ballot measure to repeal the majority voter approval requirement for Low-Rent Housing – Support. The C/CAG Board approved of these positions.

### **Brown Act Legislation:**

There are currently multiple bills related to the Brown Act for this legislative session and the Consultant is tracking their value to C/CAG's goals as expressed in the letter sent in January. They are listed below. Two of those bills were acted upon by the Legislative Committee and the Board at the March 9, 2023 meeting. At the April 13, 2023 meeting, the Legislative Committee and the Board acted on two additional Brown Act bills:

- AB 557 (Hart) – Support
- AB 817 (Pacheco) – Support
- AB 1379 (Papan) – Support
- SB 411 (Portantino)
- SB 537 (Becker) – Support

Three support letters have been sent on three of the bills. Unfortunately, SB 537 (Becker) underwent significant amendments and no position letter of Support has been sent at this time.

In April, the Legislative Committee and Board also acted in support in SB 511 (Blakespear), that letter has been sent and the bill passed through committee and appropriations in early May.

At the May Legislative Committee meeting, four additional positions were taken and presented to the C/CAG Board, which voted to approve. They are as follows:

- AB 321 (Wilson Sales Use Tax Exemption for Public Ferries – Support
- AB 463 (Hart) Prioritization of Service: Public Transit Vehicles – Support
- AB 756 (\_a-an) Stormwater Runoff Pilot Project – Support
- AB 1525 (Bonta) Transportation Project Impacts to Priority Populations – Oppose

Unfortunately, all four of the bills for which the Committee and the Board took positions in May have been moved to suspense, so no letters have been drafted or delivered.

The Consultant's monthly Legislative Update is attached to this staff report for review. The Legislative Committee will review and possibly vote on some bills, including those listed. There are four bills for the Legislative Committee to review and possibly take positions on at its meeting.

C/CAG leadership is working to meet with Senator Wiener on two bills: SB 423 – Extension of SB 35 and SB 4 – Housing Development on Higher Education and Religious Institution Properties. These will likely be discussed for possible positions at this Committee meeting.

For additional information with respect to what the Metropolitan Transportation Commission/Association of Bay Area Governments Joint Legislative Committee, California League of Cities, California State Association of Counties (CSAC), and California Association of Councils of Government (CALCOG) are tracking, staff has included informational links to the relevant bill tracking websites, as well as the full legislative information for the State Legislature and the 2021 calendar of legislative deadlines. Lastly, staff have also included links to the 2022 legislation websites for the San Mateo County delegates for information only.

Committee members may view the bills being tracked at the following link provided by SYASL:  
[C/CAG Bill Tracking](#)

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. C/CAG Legislative Update, May 26, 2023 from Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange

Below are informational links:

2. [Recent Joint ABAG MTC Legislation Committee Agendas](#)
3. [California State Association of Counties \(CSAC\) bill positions and tracking](#)
4. [California Associations of Councils of Government \(CALCOG\) bill tracking](#)
5. Full Legislative information is available for specific bills at <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/>
6. [2023 California State Calendar of Legislative Deadlines](#)
7. San Mateo County Delegation Sponsored Legislation 2021
  - [Legislation from Assemblymember Marc Berman](#)
  - [Assemblymember Diane Papan](#)
  - [Legislation from Assemblymember Phil Ting](#)
  - [Legislation from Senator Josh Becker](#)
  - [Legislation Senator Scott Wiener](#)
8. Bill Tracker for C/CAG by SYASL: [C/CAG Bill Tracking](#)
9. Current client roster for Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange - <https://syaslparkers.com/clients/>



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May 26, 2023

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

From: Matt Robinson, Andrew Antwih and Silvia Solis Shaw  
Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange

Re: **STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – June 2023**

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### ***Legislative Update***

The fiscal committees had until May 19 to hear and report bills with a fiscal impact to the state to their respective floors. June 2 is the House of Origin deadlines, meaning bills must cross over to the other house or become two-year bills. As we have previously reported, the Legislative Calendar, which sets the deadlines for the year and can be viewed [here](#).

### ***Governor Releases May Revise***

On Friday, May 12, Governor Newsom released the semi-annual update to the January budget proposal, known as [the May Revise](#). Traditionally, the May Revise is timed to capture the state's income tax filings and uses those as the basis for updating California's fiscal position, as well as provide an opportunity for the Governor to revisit his fiscal priorities. However, because the tax filing period was extended for most of the counties in California from April 15, 2023 to October 16, 2023, it may be difficult for the Governor to know the state's true fiscal position until later this year.

As a reminder, in January, Governor Newsom projected a \$30 billion deficit, reduced to \$22.5 billion if certain budget action were taken, including reducing the amount funding for climate programs, reducing the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) funding from \$4 billion to \$2 billion, postponing the grade separation program, and zeroing out the amount of General Fund money and replacing it with other sources (Cap and Trade, State Highway Account) for zero-emission vehicles, and other programs (ATP, Climate Adaptation).

It comes as no surprise that Governor Newsom continues to project a significant budget shortfall, now pegging the deficit for Fiscal Year 2023-24 at \$31.5 billion. The Governor maintains the January reductions he proposed to various programs, but is not proposing to reduce funding any further. With regard to the transit fiscal cliff, in the Governor's May Revision Summary, the Administration states:

*"While the state's transit agencies have benefitted from large infusions of capital dollars, both state and federal, post-pandemic ridership trends have resulted in significant operating challenges for many of the*

*state's transit agencies, particularly as federal relief dollars begin to run out. The Administration welcomes discussion with the Legislature on potential near- and long-term solutions to support the viability of transit across the state."*

### **Governor Newsom Releases Proposals to Expedite Infrastructure Projects**

As he signaled in his May Revise, on May 19, Governor Newsom announced a [package of budget trailer bills](#) and executive actions to help expedite infrastructure projects in California and leverage additional federal funding from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). The proposals from the Governor include CEQA judicial streamlining for transportation projects, NEPA delegation authority for state and local projects, truncating the administrative record process for CEQA litigation, and expanding progressive design-build authority for Caltrans projects, amongst several others.

The language is now available on the Department of Finance [website](#) under the Infrastructure Package header. Each proposal has an accompanying fact sheet. The proposed trailer bills must be negotiated with the Legislature in the weeks ahead to be included in the final budget package. Because these are proposed as trailer bills, they can be passed anytime this summer before the Legislature adjourns in mid-September, and once signed by the Governor, become law immediately.

### **Legislature Acts on Transit**

In late May, Senate Budget Subcommittees 2, as well as the full Assembly Budget Committee, voted to reject the Governor's proposed \$2 billion cut to the TIRCP (as noted above) and allow regional agencies to "flex" a to-be-determined portion of that funding for operating assistance. The Legislature also voted to develop accountability measures for transit operators in order to access operations funding and to fold AB 761 (Friedman) into the trailer bill process. The Legislature will maintain Transportation Development Act relief from farebox & operating cost per hour penalties, maintain operating flexibility in the SB 1 state of good repair program, and provide additional flexibility with the Low-Carbon Transportation Program. The Legislature is also proposing additional funding for zero-emission transit vehicles. There are some minor differences between the Senate and Assembly actions, and we expect those to be resolved in the next two weeks, at which point the Legislature would begin conversations with the Governor's Office on the final budget package.

### **Resources Bonds**

There are currently two main resources/climate bond proposals moving through the Legislature – SB 867 (Allen) and AB 1567 (Garcia) – both proposing to spend approximately \$15 billion for various water, agriculture, flood protection, wildfire mitigation, open-space, parks, clean energy, and climate programs. Importantly, the bonds, at varying levels, contain money for storm water management projects, projects to reduce PFAS, water recycling & re-use projects and urban water conservation. The bonds also contain funding to address sea-level rise and protect coastal infrastructure, including transportation and port infrastructure. At some point, the bonds will have to be reconciled; not only the two proposals in the Legislature, but also with the Administration. It remains to be seen whether the Legislature and Governor will target the 2024 primary or general election ballot, the latter giving the parties more time to negotiate.

### ***Bills with Positions***

#### **SB 511 (Blakespear) Local Emissions Inventories – C/CAG SUPPORT**

Before January 1, 2028, this bill would require the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to develop and publish a report on greenhouse gas emission inventories for calendar year 2025 for each city, county, city and county, and special district and to periodically update the report consistent with updates to CARB’s scoping plan. The bill would require CARB to establish a local government advisory committee to inform the development of the inventories. The bill would appropriate \$2,500,000 in the Fiscal Year 2024–25 budget for the bill’s purposes.

#### **ACA 1 (Aguilar-Curry) Lower-Vote Threshold – C/CAG SUPPORT**

This measure would authorize a local government, including a special district, to impose, extend, or increase a sales and use tax or transactions and use tax imposed, or a parcel tax, for the purpose of funding the construction, rehabilitation, or replacement of public infrastructure, defined to include projects for the reduction of pollution from stormwater runoff, improvements to transit and streets and highways and projects for the protection of property from the impacts of sea level rise, as well as for affordable housing, if the proposition proposing that tax is approved by 55% of its voters.

#### **AB 321 (Wilson) Sales and Use Tax Exemptions: Zero-Emission Public Transportation Ferries – C/CAG SUPPORT**

This bill would until January 1, 2034, exempt from those taxes the gross receipts from the sale in this state of, and the storage, use, or other consumption in this state of, zero-emission public transportation ferries. This bill is sponsored by WETA. ***This bill was held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.***

#### **AB 463 (Hart) Electricity: Prioritization of Service: Public Transit Vehicles – C/CAG SUPPORT**

This bill would provide transit agencies with priority access to electricity when facing grid disruptions caused by natural or man-made disasters, rolling blackouts, utility company “Public Safety Power Shutoffs” (PSPS), and increasing demand on California’s electrical grid. ***This bill was held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.***

#### **AB 557 (Hart) Brown Act – Extension of Existing Authority – C/CAG SUPPORT**

Beginning on January 1, 2024, this bill would extend the existing teleconferencing/remote-meeting authority that can be used when a declared state of emergency is in effect and would also extend the period for a legislative body to make the required findings related to the continuing state of emergency and social distancing from 30 days to 45 days after the first teleconferenced meeting, and every 45 days thereafter, in order to continue to meet.

#### **AB 756 (Papan) Stormwater Runoff – C/CAG SUPPORT**

This bill would require Caltrans and the State Water Resources Control Board, the Department of Toxic Substances Control, and the Department of Fish and Wildlife, to develop a programmatic environmental review process to prevent toxic compounds generated from vehicle tires (6PPD) from entering salmon and steelhead trout bearing waters. The bill would require Caltrans’ process to include a pilot project at a highway crossing over the San Mateo Creek to study the effectiveness and cost effectiveness of installing and maintaining bioretention and biofiltration systems. No later than December 31, 2026, Caltrans would need to submit a report to the Legislature describing its strategy to eliminate the discharge of 6PPD. Commencing January 1, 2027, the bill would require Caltrans to begin installing

bioretention or biofiltration systems for 10 years, until it has covered all points where there is a likely discharge stormwater into salmon or steelhead trout bearing surface waters of the state. ***This bill was held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.***

**AB 817 (Pacheco) Brown Act – Advisory Bodies – C/CAG SUPPORT**

This bill provides a narrow exemption under the Brown Act for non-decision-making legislative bodies to participate in meetings via teleconferencing outside of a declared state of emergency without posting the physical location of members or requiring a quorum to be present at a meeting location. ***This is a two-year bill.***

**AB 1379 (Papan) Brown Act - Remote Meeting Flexibility – C/CAG SUPPORT**

This bill also provides a broad interpretation of the Brown Act for all legislative bodies to participate in meetings via teleconferencing outside of a declared state of emergency without posting the physical location of members or requiring a quorum to be present at a meeting location, but would require a local agency to have a physical meeting location open to the public and follow certain notification procedures and meeting procedures. ***This is a two-year bill.***

**AB 1525 (Bonta) Transportation Project Impacts to Priority Populations – C/CAG OPPOSE**

This bill would require CalSTA, Caltrans, and the California Transportation Commission (CTC), by July 1, 2025, to jointly develop and adopt criteria and an evaluation process for purposes of jointly evaluating each project, as defined, to determine if the project would be located in a priority population, address an important need of a priority population, and provide a direct, meaningful, and assured benefit to a priority population. Beginning July 1, 2025, the bill would require the above agencies to evaluate all new proposed projects using the criteria and then submit a report to the Legislature that evaluates how projects funded during the prior year impacted priority populations. Beginning July 1, 2026 (and every three years thereafter), the bill would require at least 60 percent of the agencies' transportation funds be allocated for projects that serve priority populations. ***This bill was held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.***

***Bills of Interest***

**SB 4 (Wiener) Housing Development on Higher Education and Religious Institution Properties**

This bill would require that a housing development be a use by right eligible for streamlined approval on any land owned by an institution of higher education or religious institution on or before January 1, 2024, if the development satisfies specified criteria (including that the development is not adjoined to any site where more than one-third of the site is dedicated to industrial use). The bill would require that 100 percent of these units be affordable to lower income households, except that 20% of the units may be for moderate-income households, and projects are also eligible for density bonuses. The bill would authorize the development to include ancillary uses on the ground floor of the development. The bill would require a development subject to these provisions to provide off-street parking of up to one space per unit, unless a local ordinance provides for a lower standard of parking, in which case the ordinance applies. However, the bill would prohibit a local government from imposing any parking requirement if the development is located within one-half mile walking distance of a high-quality transit corridor or major transit stop, and within one block of a car share vehicle. Finally, the bill would require a local government that determines a proposed development is in conflict with any objective planning standards to provide the developer with written documentation explaining those conflicts under a

specified timeframe (90-180 days depending on the development size) and would require a local government to approve a development if the local government fails to provide the requisite documentation explaining any conflicts.

#### **SB 423 (Wiener) SB 35 Extension**

This bill permanently extends the provisions of SB 35 (Wiener) and expands them to cover mixed-income housing developments. SB 35 is scheduled to sunset in 2026. SB 423 will require that cities, including charter cities, approve a housing development application if the project is located on an urban infill site & 75% of the lot borders other developed parcels of land, the site is zoned for residential or mixed uses in the general plan & is consistent with objective design standards, developers pay prevailing wage on all projects with more than 10 units & healthcare benefits to projects with more than 50 units, the project site is not located in farmland, wetlands, a very-high fire risk zone, a hazardous waste site, floodplains and floodways, a habitat for protected species, or land under a conservation plan or easement, and the project follows all other applicable objective laws and ordinances, such as zoning rules & environmental safety rules. SB 423 would also apply in the coastal zone (unlike SB 35).

#### **SB 450 (Atkins) Updates to Ministerial Approvals for Parcel Subdivisions (SB 9)**

This bill would make several changes to the ministerial approval process created by SB 9 for a housing development of no more than two units in a single-family zone (duplex), the subdivision of a parcel zoned for residential use into two parcels (lot split), or both by requiring that that an application for a duplex or a lot split shall be considered and approved or denied within 60 days from the date the local agency receives a completed application. If the local agency has not approved or denied the application in that timeframe, it shall be approved. This bill also states that if a local agency denies an application for a duplex or lot split, the permitting agency shall return in writing a full set of comments to the application with a list of deficient items and a description of how the application can be remedied by the applicant. This bill would also prohibit a local agency from imposing objective zoning standards, objective subdivision standards, and objective design standards that do not apply uniformly to developments within the underlying zone.

#### **AB 761 (Friedman) Transit Transformation Task Force**

This bill would require the Secretary of the California State Transportation Agency, on or before July 1, 2024, to establish and convene the Transit Transformation Task Force to include representatives from the department, the Controller's office, various local agencies, academic institutions, nongovernmental organizations, and other stakeholders. The bill would require the task force to develop a structured, coordinated process for early engagement of all parties to develop policies to grow transit ridership and improve the transit experience for all users of those services. The bill would require the secretary, in consultation with the task force, to prepare and submit a report of findings based on the task force's efforts to the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature on or before January 1, 2025.

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