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MEETING AGENDA

C/CAG Legislative Committee

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

Date: Thursday, September 14, 2023 Time: 5:30 p.m. Primary Location: San Mateo County Transit District Office 1250 San Carlos Ave, 2 nd Fl. Auditorium, San Carlos, CA	Join by Webinar: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84897913127?pwd=QzJQbTQ3NmtxbXZuMWhXVkV4Y0lmUT09 Webinar ID: 848 9791 3127 Password: 091423 Join by Phone: (669) 900-6833
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Chair: Adam Rak

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

1.	Call to Order	Rak	
2.	Roll call	Springer	
3.	Public comment on related items not on the agenda.	Rak	
4.	Review and approve the Legislative Committee meeting minutes from the meeting held on July 13, 2023.	Action Rak	Pages 4-6
5.	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 Robinson/Antwih/Shaw Rak	Pages 7-14
6.	Adjournment	Rak	

Next Meeting: November 9, 2023

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2. Your email should include the specific agenda item on which you are commenting or note that your comment concerns an item that is not on the agenda. The subject line of the email should be: "Legislative Committee Comment"
3. Members of the public are limited to one comment per agenda item.
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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: September 14, 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 June 8, 2023.

(For further information, contact Kim Springer at kspringer@smcgov.org)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Legislative Committee review and approve the Legislative Committee meeting minutes from the meeting held on July 13, 2023.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft C/CAG Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes, July 13, 2023

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

**Draft Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2023 Meeting**

Staff and Guests Attending:

C/CAG Staff:

Sean Charpentier, Kaki Cheung, Mima Crume, Jeff Lacap, Susy Kalkin, Van O Campo, Audrey Shiramizu, Reid Bogert, Kim Wever, Melissa Andrikopoulos

Legislative Consultant:

Matt Robinson, Andrew Antwih

Others Attending:

Drew – Public

Adena Levin – Friends of Caltrain, Seamless Bay Area

1. Call to Order.

Vice Chair Papan called the meeting to order at approximately 5:36 p.m.

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 six was present as shown below.

Agency	Name	In Person	Remote AB 2449
Atherton	Elizabeth Lewis	X	
Belmont	Davina Hurt		
Brisbane	Karen Cunningham	X	
Burlingame	Ricardo Ortiz		
East Palo Alto	Lisa Gauthier	X	
Millbrae	Gina Papan (Vice Chair)	X	
Millbrae	Anders Fung	X	
Pacifica	Sue Vaterlaus		
San Bruno	Michael Salazar	X	
San Carlos	Adam Rak (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 June 8, 2023.

The Committee approved the meeting minutes from the June 8, 2023 C/CAG Legislative Committee Meeting. Member Salazar motioned approval, seconded by Member Fung. A vote was taken. Motion passed (5,0,1). Member Cunningham abstained.

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 (SYASL) provided an update to the Committee, based on their monthly report provided in the agenda packet. Other SYASL staff, Andrew Antwih and Silvia Solis Shaw, also provided input during the meeting.

Robinson shared that the legislature is on recess and bills will be followed up on upon their return. September 14, 2023 will be last day for bills to be passed before the legislature goes on Interim Study Recess. Robinson also shared that leadership did change with Rivas now sworn in on June 30th, 2023 and announced his new leadership team, including past C/CAG Board member, Assemblymember Diane Papan.

The governor signed the budget, including streamlining legislation, previously discussed by the Legislative Committee. The budget includes funds to address the transit fiscal cliff or other project; \$2.1B for the region, and with accountability requirements. Robinson also shared updates and the Committee asked questions related to multiple bills. There was considerable discussion about proposed increase bridge tolls. Public comments were made by Adena Levin.

A motion was made to summarize the concerns related to SB 532 and send a letter to Senator Wiener. Motion made by Vice Chair Papan, seconded by Member Cunningham. A voice vote was taken, and motion passed, (6,0,0).

7. Adjournment.

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

Next meeting is September 14, 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 last day of the session is today, September 14, 2023. All bills must pass by this day in order to move forward to the governor's desk.

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 State budget updates, and any additional information from Sacramento on bills discussed in the attached C/CAG Legislative Update. In addition, the consultant will discuss both transportation funding and changes in leadership.

Key C/CAG Legislative Session Activities

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 through SYASL 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 were five bills related to the Brown Act on interest for this session and SYASL tracked their value to C/CAG's goals as expressed in the letter. 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 were sent. Unfortunately, SB 537 (Becker) underwent significant amendments. No action was taken on the Becker bill.

In April the Legislative Committee and Board acted in support in SB 511 (Blakespear) and that letter was sent.

At the May Legislative Committee, 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, were moved to suspense, so no letters were drafted or delivered.

At the June 8th Legislative Committee and Board meetings, both bodies voted to oppose SB 450 (Atkins) and a letter was sent.

At the July 13, 2023 meeting, the Committee motioned and voted to send a letter of concern, SB 532 (Wiener).

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, September 1, 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/>



Attachment 1

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September 1, 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 – September 2023**

Legislative Update

The Legislature returned from Summer Recess on August 14 to finish the final month of the first year of the two-year Legislative Session. September 1 is the deadline for fiscal committees to hear and report bills to the floor before the Legislature adjourns for the interim recess on September 14. The Legislative Calendar, which sets the deadlines for the year can be viewed [here](#).

New Senate Leader Emerges

On August 28, after months of speculation, Senate President Pro Tem Toni Atkins and Senate Majority Leader Mike McGuire [announced](#) that Senator McGuire secured the support of Senate Democratic Caucus to follow Senator Atkins as the next Pro Tem of the Senate. The transition will happen in 2024, but no firm date has been released. Senator McGuire represents the North Bay Area counties of Marin and Sonoma.

Bridge Toll Increase for Transit Operations

On August 21, Senator Wiener announced that he **would not** be moving forward with SB 532 this year. This bill, as drafted, would have temporarily raised tolls on seven state-owned bridges in the Bay Area by \$1.50 for five years, generating approximately \$180 million annually. SB 532 would have directed this revenue to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission to help eligible transit operators avoid service cuts and maintain operations and to transform transit service pursuant to MTC's adopted Transit Transformation Action Plan, or to make specific safety, security, reliability, or cleanliness improvements. In making the announcement, Senator Wiener stated, "I will continue to make transit operations funding a major priority, and I look forward to continuing those discussions into the Fall. If a consensus emerges on a path forward that includes a future regional transit funding measure to generate ongoing funds so that all people have access to reliable, affordable transportation, I also look forward to taking a leadership role in developing and passing authorizing legislation."

State Budget Implementation - Transit Funding

As you know, the FY 2023-24 Budget Act included [SB 125 \(Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review\)](#), which imposes new accountability and reform requirements on regions and their transit agencies to access the \$5.1 billion in funds authorized under AB 102 (Committee on Budget). SB 125 requires the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) to adopt guidelines that provide greater structure and specificity to these accountability and reform requirements.

On August 19, CalSTA released [informal draft guidelines](#) to implement SB 125. When adopted, the guidelines will govern access to the General Fund-supported Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program and Zero-Emission Transit Capital Program. AB 102 appropriated \$4 billion in General Fund support to the TIRCP over the next two fiscal years as well as \$1.1 billion in Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund and Public Transportation Account support to the Zero-Emission Transit Capital Program (ZETCP) over the next four years. Of the amounts noted above, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission is estimated to receive \$1.2 billion for suballocation to transit agencies in its jurisdiction.

The release of the informal draft guidelines formally opens a public comment period and will help facilitate the adoption of final guidelines by CalSTA by September 30.

Resources Bonds

As we have previously reported, 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. C/CAG, through CASQA, has been advocating for increased stormwater funding in the final bond agreement. The resources/climate bond will not move forward this year, which means that it will not be on the March primary election ballot. The Legislature and Administration will look to reach an agreement by next summer to ensure the bond makes it on the November 2024 ballot.

Bills with Positions

SB 450 (Atkins) Updates to Ministerial Approvals for Parcel Subdivisions (SB 9) – C/CAG OPPOSE

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. ***This bill is on the Assembly Floor.***

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. ***This bill was held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.***

ACA 1 (Aguilar-Curry) Lower-Vote Threshold for Local Funding Measures – 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. ***This measure is on the Assembly Floor.***

ACA 13 (Ward) Higher-Vote Threshold to Change Local Funding Thresholds

This measure would require an initiative constitutional amendment to comply with any increased voter approval threshold that it seeks to impose on future ballot measures. Guarantees in the state constitution the ability of local governments to submit advisory questions to voters. Specifically, this measure: 1) Provides that an initiative measure that includes one or more provisions that amend the California Constitution, and that increases the voter approval requirement to adopt any state or local measure, must receive a proportion of votes in favor of the initiative that is equal to or greater than the highest voter approval requirement imposed by the initiative for the adoption of a state or local measure. 2) Permits a local governing body, at any election, to hold an advisory vote concerning any issue of governance for the purpose of allowing voters within the jurisdiction to voice their opinions on the issue. Provides that an advisory question is approved only if a majority of the votes cast on the question are in favor. Provides that the results of the advisory vote are not controlling on the local governing body. ***This measure is on the Assembly Floor. We recommend C/CAG consider supporting this measure.***

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. ***This bill is on the Senate Floor.***

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.***

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. ***This bill is on the Assembly Floor.***

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). ***This bill is on the Assembly Floor.***

SB 532 (Wiener) Bridge Toll Increase

This bill would increase the toll for vehicles for crossing toll bridges in the San Francisco Bay area by \$1.50 until December 31, 2028, and require the revenues collected from this toll to be used by MTC for

allocation to transit operators that provide service within the San Francisco Bay area and experiencing an operations funding challenge. Any transit operator seeking an allocation would be required to submit a 5-year projection of its operating need. ***This is a two-year bill.***

AB 7 (Friedman) Transportation Project Selection

On and after January 1, 2025, this bill would require CalSTA, Caltrans and the California Transportation Commission to incorporate specified principles into their processes for project development, selection, and implementation, including improving safety for all users, addressing environmental impacts and stormwater runoff, prioritizing infrastructure less vulnerable to climate change, and investing in safe and accessible bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and zero-emission vehicle infrastructure. This bill would also require future California Transportation plans to include a financial element that identifies cost constraints, and an analysis of how the state is achieving the principles outlined in the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure, the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021, and the federal Justice40 initiative. ***This bill is on the Senate Floor.***

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. ***This bill was incorporated into SB 125 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review).***

For a full list of the bills we are tracking for C/CAG, please click [here](#).