

# C/CAG

## CITY/COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS OF SAN MATEO COUNTY

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### (AMENDED AGENDA) C/CAG BOARD MEETING and SAN MATEO COUNTY AIRPORT LAND USE COMMISSION NOTICE

#### MINUTES

Meeting No. 372

March 14, 2024

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

This meeting of the C/CAG Board of Directors was held in person and by teleconference pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e). Members of the public was able to participate in the meeting remotely via the Zoom platform and in person.

#### 1.0 CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL

Chair Davina Hurt called the meeting to order at 6:32p.m. Roll call was taken.

| AGENCY:             | IN-PERSON:       | ABSENT: | REMOTE<br>AB 2449 | REMOTE<br>Publicly Accessible<br>Teleconference<br>Location: |
|---------------------|------------------|---------|-------------------|--|
| Atherton            | Elizabeth Lewis  |         |                   |  |
| Belmont             | Davina Hurt      |         |                   |  |
| Brisbane            | Karen Cunningham |         |                   |  |
| Burlingame          | Ricardo Ortiz    |         |                   |  |
| Colma               |                  | Absent  |                   |  |
| Daly City           | Juslyn Manalo    |         |                   |  |
| East Palo Alto      | Lisa Gauthier    |         |                   |  |
| Foster City         | Stacy Jimenez    |         |                   |  |
| Half Moon Bay       | Debbie Ruddock   |         |                   |  |
| Hillsborough        | Christine Krolik |         |                   |  |
| Menlo Park          | Maria Doerr      |         |                   |  |
| Millbrae            | Anders Fung      |         |                   |  |
| Pacifica            | Sue Vaterlaus    |         |                   |  |
| Portola Valley      | Craig Taylor     |         |                   |  |
| Redwood City        | Alicia Aguirre   |         |                   |  |
| San Bruno           |                  |         | Michael Salazar   |  |
| San Carlos          |                  |         | Adam Rak          |  |
| San Mateo           |                  |         |                   | Rich Hedges  |
| South San Francisco |                  | Absent  |                   |  |
| Woodside            |                  | Absent  |                   |  |

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| San Mateo County                             |                   | Absent         |                           |  |
| <b>C/CAG EX-OFFICIO (NON-VOTING) MEMBERS</b> |                   |                |                           |  |
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| SMCTA  |                   | *See below.    |                           |  |
| SMCDT  |                   | Absent         |                           |  |

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| <b>C/CAG Staff Present (In-Person):</b> | <b>Members of the Public (Remote):</b>                          |
| Melissa Andrikopoulos – Legal Counsel   | *Rico Medina – San Bruno/Transportation Authority               |
| Mima Crume – Clerk of the Board         | Mike Swire  |
| Audrey Shiramizu                        | Karen Cowan – California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA) |
| Eva Gaye                                |   |
| Kaki Cheung                             | <b>Members of the Public (In-Person):</b>                       |
| Kim Springer                            | Matt Goynes – Fehr & Peers                                      |
| Kim Wever                               |   |
| Van Ocampo                              |   |
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| <b>C/CAG Staff Present (Remote):</b>    |   |
| Sean Charpentier – Executive Director   |   |
| Reid Bogert                             |   |
| Jeff Lacap                              |   |
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Chair Hurt welcomed C/CAG’s new Board Member Maria Doerr, City of Menlo Park.

Other members of the public were in attendance remotely via the Zoom platform or in person.

## 2.0 PRESENTATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 2.1 Certificate of Appreciation to Ricardo Ortiz for his years of dedicated service to C/CAG

Chair Hurt presented a certificate of appreciation to Ricardo Ortiz for his years of dedicated service to C/CAG. This certificate recognized Ricardo Ortiz's significant contributions and leadership within C/CAG and expressed gratitude for his service.

Board Members expressed gratitude to Vice Chair Ricardo Ortiz.

### 2.2 Receive a presentation on California Stormwater Quality Association annual updates.

The Board received a presentation on California Stormwater Quality Association annual updates covering five main areas of focus: Lead, Engage, Educate, Support Implementation, and Increase Organizational Capabilities. While this presentation only touched on a subsection of their activities, key highlights were discussed, excluding regulatory advocacy.

One significant focus highlighted by Ms. Cowan was advocating for climate bonds in the California State Legislature to fund stormwater capture projects. Additionally, she emphasized the importance of the "Rain Ready California" program, aimed at protecting and collecting rainwater as a valuable resource. The presentation also mentioned the Economic Value of Stormwater Project, which aimed to quantify the economic benefits of stormwater capture investments across different communities. Updates on the updating of the construction BMP Handbook and the strategic plan were provided. The presentation concluded with information about upcoming events and initiatives, such as a California needs assessment and educational seminar series.

In response to Board Member Krolik's inquiry about funds to support municipalities in updating stormwater systems' infrastructure costs, Ms. Cowan mentioned limited funds available, citing Proposition 218 as a significant barrier due to the supermajority vote requirement. She also mentioned legislative efforts aimed at lowering the threshold for new public infrastructure funding.

Board Member Aguirre expressed concern about the combination of San Francisco sewage and stormwater and its impact on the bay, asking whether similar concerns exist in San Mateo County. Mr. Bogert explained that while San Francisco has combined sewer and stormwater flows, San Mateo County has separate storm drainage systems. However, during large storm events, sewage treatment plants may become overwhelmed, leading to untreated sewage discharge into receiving waters, including the bay.

Board Member Rich Hedges shared the successful passage of Proposition 218 for the City of San Mateo and outlined efforts to address severe flooding issues and prevent sewage from entering storm sewers during storms, with plans totaling around \$148 million worth of work. He expressed concerns about potential lawsuits but expressed gratitude for the organization's efforts and suggested seeking assistance in the future.

Karen Cowan responded by emphasizing the Rain Ready California campaign's importance, focusing on educating communities about the benefits of stormwater infrastructure projects and garnering their support. She commended the measure's narrow passage and the community's success despite typical challenges faced in passing tax measures.

Board Member Doerr raised a question regarding reports on groundwater rise and its interaction with stormwater management, aligning with the organization's plans and opportunities for the county. Ms. Cowan highlighted the importance of integrating across water sectors and achieving "one water solutions," acknowledging situations where stormwater capture may not be suitable, such as areas with rising groundwater tables.

### 3.0 **ACTION TO SET AGENDA AND APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

This item is to set the final consent and regular agenda, and to approve the items listed on the consent agenda. All items on the consent agenda are approved by one action. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless members of the Board, staff, or public request specific items to be removed for separate action.

- 3.1 Approval of minutes of regular business meeting No. 371 dated February 8, 2024. APPROVED
- 3.2 Review and approval of C/CAG Legislative Priorities for 2024. APPROVED

- 3.3 Review and approval of Resolution 24-08 supporting the submittal of the Allocation Request for Regional Measure 3 Funding in the amount of \$19,277,000 with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission by the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA) for the Right-of-Way (ROW) and Construction (CON) Phases of the US 101/SR 92 Interchange Area Improvement Project. APPROVED
- 3.4 Review and approval of Resolution 24-09 authorizing a waiver of the Request for Proposals process and further authorizing the C/CAG Executive Director to execute an agreement with Fehr & Peers in the amount not to exceed \$15,000 for maintenance services for the San Mateo Countywide Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Estimation Tool. APPROVED
- 3.5 Review and approval of Resolution 24-10 determining that a proposed amendment to the Millbrae General Plan to modify allowable uses within the General Commercial Land Use Designation to add life science and related biotechnology-type uses, including Biosafety Levels 1, 2 or 3, on properties located east of US 101, within Safety Compatibility Zone 3, is inconsistent with the Safety Compatibility Policies of the Comprehensive Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan for the Environs of San Francisco International Airport. APPROVED
- 3.6 Review and approval of Resolution 24-11 determining that proposed General Plan and Zoning Amendments related to four potential housing sites identified in the San Bruno Draft 2023-2031 Housing Element, situated within or adjacent to the Tanforan Shopping Center in San Bruno, are inconsistent with the Noise Compatibility Policies of the Comprehensive Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan for the Environs of San Francisco International Airport. APPROVED
- 3.7 Review and accept the C/CAG Single Audit Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023. APPROVED
- 3.8 Review and approval of recommendation of no change to the investment portfolio and accept the Quarterly Investment Report as of December 31, 2023. APPROVED
- 3.9 Review and approval of Resolution 24-12 authorizing the approval of Fiscal Year 2024/25 Expenditure Plan for the Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) 40% Fund. APPROVED

Board Member Aguirre MOVED to approve the consent agenda with the minor correction on attendance in item 3.1 and through 3.11. Board Member Gauthier SECONDED.  
**MOTION CARRIED 17-0-0**

#### 4.0 **REGULAR AGENDA**

- 4.1 Election of a C/CAG Chairperson and a C/CAG Vice Chairperson. APPROVED
- Chair Hurt MOVED to elect Adam Rak as the C/CAG Chairperson and Michael Salazar as Vice Chairperson. Board Member Manalo SECONDED. Roll call was taken. **MOTION CARRIED 17-0-0.**
- 4.2 Presentation on C/CAG Vehicle Miles Traveled/Greenhouse Gas Model Mitigation

C/CAG staff, Kim Springer, and Principal at Fehr & Peers, the consultant on the C/CAG VMT/GHG Model Mitigation Program project, funded through a 2023 Caltrans Planning Grant program, provided a presentation on the project. The project is focused on providing resources for how best to mitigate Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMTs) generated as the result of projects in cities, be they developments or traffic infrastructure. The project seeks to also help direct mitigation dollars towards mitigations that support both reducing equity impacts and historical disparities and includes an outreach effort into those communities.

After the presentation, the C/CAG Board asked questions and discussed the following: how EVs are considered in VMT mitigation, cross-county and cross-community collaboration on mitigation, how offsite mitigation would be coordinated, use of roundabouts vs. signaled intersections, applicability of low-density housing in rural areas, how high-density transit areas are defined to not be subject to VMT mitigation, access to electric chargers from new developments, connection to affordable housing, can the project evaluate more progressive or untested types of projects in terms of risk under CEQA, and the importance of effective transit to addressing VMT and GHG. Public comments included the importance of assessing equity safety impacts of road projects and focusing on mitigation.

Public Member Mike Swire appreciated the presentation's focus on equity but raised concerns about ensuring that proposed solutions address the equity problems they create. He highlighted the impact of widening Highway 101 on nearby low-income and diverse communities, stressing the importance of considering secondary impacts in planning. Mr. Swire urged for a broader approach to transportation planning that incorporates these factors into the modeling process. He emphasized the necessity of incremental mitigation programs to effectively address these issues. Additionally, he noted the urgent need for low-cost safety improvements for biking and pedestrian infrastructure, particularly in communities like San Mateo.

- 4.3 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.) APPROVED

C/CAG staff, Kim Springer, provided the C/CAG Board with an overview of the Legislative Committee meeting held earlier in the evening. Two positions were taken by the C/CAG Board, consistent with those taken by the Legislative Committee: SB 532, previously voted as an Oppose position but tabled for now, based on the advice of the C/CAG legislative consultant, and a position to send a letter to the Governor expressing concern over reversion of funds from ATP and REAP, and updating the draft letter provided in the packet with stronger language on that concern.

Board Member Vaterlaus MOVED to approved the two positions taken together. Board Member Gauthier SECONDED. Roll call was taken. **MOTION CARRIED 17-0-0**

## 5.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 5.1 Chairperson's Report

Chair Hurt welcomed Maria Doerr, a Councilmember from Menlo Park, to the board, expressing appreciation for her joining. Chair Hurt mentioned an event called "Promise to our Planet" at Cooley Landing Education Center, organized by Aktera, focusing on climate change and related topics on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Chair Hurt also informed about a climate summit in Sacramento on the 19<sup>th</sup>, where she would represent San Mateo County. Reflecting on her time on the board, she expressed gratitude for the support and highlighted achievements such as the equity plan, strategic planning session, and refocusing on climate and transportation issues.

## 5.2 Board Members Report/Communication

None.

## 6.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Charpentier began by expressing gratitude to Davina and Ricardo for their leadership over the past two years, noting that a plaque would be presented at the next meeting to honor their contributions in more detail. He then addressed the ongoing recruitment phase for C/CAG committees, highlighting 11 vacancies, including significant openings for elected officials. Mr. Charpentier outlined the specific vacancies across various committees, including Congestion Management and Environmental Quality Committee, Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Legislative Committee, and Finance Committee. He also provided an update on the Washington DC trip, mentioning the busy schedule with eight meetings in two days and the opportunity to showcase C/CAG's work and advocate for partner projects like One Shoreline and the 101/84 Woodside project.

## 7.0 COMMUNICATIONS - Information Only

### 7.1 Written Communication – 6 Letters

## 8.0 PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.3, members of the public who wish to speak on matters not on the agenda will be given an opportunity to address the Board. Members of the public will have two minutes each to address the Board, unless a different time limit is established by the Chair. Please refer to the instructions at the end of this agenda for details regarding how to provide public comments.

## 9.0 ADJOURNMENT – 7:54 p.m.

Next scheduled meeting April 11, 2024