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MEETING AGENDA

C/CAG Legislative Committee

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

Date: Thursday, December 12, 2024 Time: 5:30 p.m. Primary Location: 1250 San Carlos Ave. 2 nd Floor, Auditorium San Carlos, CA 94070	Join by Webinar: Join by Webinar: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89201871451?pwd=9NuKeMUsY4ASnAGcYXIbvFDcDCb5Yb.1 Webinar ID: 892 0187 1451 Password: 121224 Join by Phone: (669) 900-6833
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Meeting Agenda

1.	Call to Order	Papan	
2.	Roll call	Springer	
3.	Public comment on related items not on the agenda.	Papan	
4.	Review and approve the Legislative Committee meeting minutes from the meeting held on November 14, 2024.	Action Springer	Pages 4-6
5.	Review and approval of C/CAG Legislative Committee meeting calendar for 2025.	Action Springer	Page 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 Robinson/Antwih/Shaw Papan	Pages 8-16
7.	Adjournment	Papan	

Next Meeting: January 9, 2024

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C/CAG AGENDA REPORT

Date: December 12, 2024

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 November 14, 2024.

(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 November 14, 2024.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft C/CAG Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes, November 14, 2024

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

**Draft Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2024 Meeting**

Staff and Guests Attending:

C/CAG Staff:

Sean Charpentier, Kim Springer, Reid Bogert, Kaki Cheung, Mima Crume, Susy Kalkin, Audrey Shiramizu, Eva Gaye, Dan Sternkopf, Kim Wever, Van O Compo, Melissa Andrikopoulos

Legislative Consultant:

Matt Robinson

Others Attending:

Marc Hershman

1. Call to Order.

Chair Papan called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 p.m.

2. Roll call.

C/CAG staff conducted roll call, and a quorum of nine was eventually present.

Agency	Name	In Person	Remote AB 2449
Atherton	Elizabeth Lewis	X	
Brisbane	Karen Cunningham		
East Palo Alto	Lisa Gauthier	X	
Foster City	Stacy Jimenez	X	
Millbrae	Gina Papan (Chair)	X	
Millbrae	Anders Fung	X	
Pacifica	Sue Vaterlaus (Vice-Chair)	X	
Pacifica	Tygarjas Bigstyck	X	
San Bruno	Michael Salazar	X	
San Carlos	Adam Rak	X	

3. Public comment on related items not on the agenda.

There were no written or public comments.

4. Review and approve the Legislative Committee meeting minutes from the meeting held on September 12, 2024.

The Committee voted on approval of the minutes of the September 12, 2024 meeting, with a

motion from Member Vaterlaus, seconded by Member Gauthier. A vote was taken, and the motion passed (7,0,0).

5. Review and approval of language in Resolution 24-79 specifying the membership requirements for the Legislative Committee.

C/CAG Executive Director, Sean Charpentier presented the language in Resolution 24-79 to be proposed to the C/CAG Board later in the evening, for discussion and approval. After brief discussion, the language was approved through by a vote, motioned by Member Lewis and seconded by Member Jimenez. The motion passed (7,0,0).

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 (SYASL) provided an update to the Committee, based on their monthly report provided in the agenda packet. Robinson updated the committee on various topics, including the legislative session calendar, governor priorities, budget, and election outcomes.

The governor held a special session on controlling fuel cost. The next session convenes on December 2nd and then reconvenes on January 6. New bills will be due by February 21st and the governor's budget is expected on January 10th. The delegation in Sacramento is essentially unchanged and both re-election of the speaker and committee changes are expected. The State budget was briefly discussed, with some additional expenditures as a result of successful propositions.

The Committee briefly discussed a visit to Sacramento, with next steps for the C/CAG legislative consultant to propose weeks/days for staff to propose to C/CAG leadership.

An update presentation was provided on the regional transportation measure by Charpentier and Chair Papan with the Committee voting to ratify a letter sent on November 7, 2024 to the Joint MTC ABAG Legislative Committee for their Agenda Item #3a Transportation Revenue Measure Select Committee Update. After extensive discussion, the C/CAG Legislative Committee voted to ratify the letter sent, with a motion from Member Bigstyeck, seconded by Member Lewis, (9,0,0).

Chair Papan shared an update on the Regional Housing Bond.

7. Adjournment.

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

Next meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2024.

C/CAG AGENDA REPORT

Date: December 12, 2024
TO: C/CAG Legislative Committee
From: Sean Charpentier, Executive Director
Subject: Review and approval of C/CAG Legislative Committee meeting calendar for 2025.
(For further information, contact Sean Charpentier scharpentier@smcgov.org)

Recommendation:

That the Committee review and approve C/CAG Legislative Committee meeting calendar for 2025.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Background/Discussion:

The following schedule for 2025 C/CAG Legislative Committee meetings is proposed. All meetings start at 5:30 P.M. and occur on the second Thursday of the month as below:

January 9, 2025

February 13, 2025

March 13, 2025

April 10, 2025

May 8, 2025

June 12, 2025

July 10, 2025

August - no Legislative Committee or Board meeting

September 11, 2025

October – no Legislative Committee meeting

November 13, 2025

December 11, 2025

Attachments:

None.

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RECOMMENDATION

C/CAG staff recommend that the C/CAG Legislative Committee review the 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.)

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 through this item.

At Legislative Committee meetings, held prior to the Board meetings, 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 may discuss transportation funding and potential efforts to consolidate transportation agencies, or changes in legislative leadership and committee assignments.

September 30, 2024 marked the final day for the Governor to act on bills sent to him in the second year of the 2023-24 Legislative Session. Of the hundreds of bills passed by the Legislature in the final weeks of session, the Governor signed 1,017 bills and vetoed 189 bills, equating to a 15.7% veto rate.

Of the total bills signed, 668 were Assembly bills and 349 were Senate bills. The 2025 Legislative Calendar can be found here: [2025 Legislative Calendar](#).

The attached report (Attachment 1) from the Consultant may include various updates from Sacramento with respect to the legislative timelines, State Budget, changes in leadership, State grant programs, recent committee hearings, and bill progress of interest to C/CAG since the Committee and Board last met. The following actions were taken at past Legislative Committee and Board meetings this calendar year:

- February 8, 2024 meeting: AB 1798 (Papan) Support – Stormwater contamination pilot, and SB 532 (Weiner) Oppose – Tolls increases to support transit. Letter on SB 532 was not sent.
- March 14, 2024 meeting: Voted to Table the SB 532 letter and voted to send a letter opposing the reversion of funds previously allocated in the State budget from ATP and REAP.
- April 11, 2024 meeting: A position of “Oppose Unless Amended” on SB 1031 (Wiener) – Regional Measure.
- May 9, 2024 meeting: Voted to maintain “Oppose Unless Amended” position on SB 1031, with additional comments to the initial letter sent in May. Voted to send a Support letter on AB 817 (Pacheco) – Brown Act and voted to Support SB 1037 (Papan) – Transit Coordination.
- June 13, 2024 meeting: Voted to “Oppose Unless Amended” on SB 915 (Cortese) – Autonomous Vehicles, voted to “Oppose” SB 1037 (Wiener) – Penalties for Housing Noncompliance, and voted to send a “Letter of Concern” for AB 3093 (Ward) – RHNA Housing for the Homeless.
- July 11, 2024 meeting was canceled and there was no scheduled meeting for August 2024.
- September 12, 2024 meeting: Voted to ratify a veto letter to Governor requesting a Veto of AB 3093 (Ward) – Housing Element Categories.
- October 10, 2024: The C/CAG Legislative Committee does not meet in October due to the end of the Legislative Session.
- November 14, 2024: Voted to ratify a letter sent to Joint MTC ABAG Legislation Committee noting continued concerns on the Transportation Revenue Measure and to give C/CAG leadership authority to send additional letters of concern.

At this November meeting, the Committee will receive an update from C/CAG’s legislative consultant, discuss potential timelines for meeting with State legislative members and staff, funding priority efforts for 2025, and any developments in pursuit of a regional transportation measure.

Regional Transportation Measure

MTC is having a special commission meeting on December 9th to outline potential legislative language for a regional ballot measure. At the November 14, 2024 meeting, C/CAG staff received approval to provide an updated letter describing unaddressed concerns on the proposed Regional Transportation Measure, after review by C/CAG Board and Legislative Committee leadership.

C/CAG submitted a letter to the December 9, 2024 Joint MTC ABAG Legislation Committee describing San Mateo County's critical concerns about the proposed regional transportation measure, including the need for opt-out language, flexibility for multi-modal investments, return to source guarantees, accountability and transformation, and taxation and impact of local funding sources. The letter is provided as Attachment 2 to this staff report.

EQUITY IMPACTS AND CONSIDERATIONS

The C/CAG Legislative Committee considers equity in its positions on legislation and has included equity language in the annual Legislative Priorities document for C/CAG Board review and approval. Decisions made in relation to transportation, housing, stormwater, and climate resilience have the potential to impact our most vulnerable communities in San Mateo County.

Additional Information

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 2024 calendar of legislative deadlines. Lastly, staff have also included links to the 2024 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, November 24, 2024 from Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange
2. Regional Transportation Measure Letter submitted December 6, 2024

Below are informational links:

3. [Recent Joint ABAG MTC Legislation Committee Agendas](#)
4. [California State Association of Counties \(CSAC\) bill positions and tracking](#)
5. [California Associations of Councils of Government \(CALCOG\) bill tracking](#)
6. Full Legislative information is available for specific bills at <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/>
7. [2025 California State Calendar of Legislative Deadlines](#)
8. San Mateo County Delegation
 - [Legislation from Assemblymember Marc Berman](#)
 - [Assemblymember Diane Papan](#)
 - [Legislation from Assemblymember Phil Ting](#)
 - [Legislation from Senator Josh Becker](#)
 - [Legislation Senator Scott Wiener](#)
9. Bill Tracker for C/CAG by SYASL: [C/CAG Bill Tracking](#)
10. Current client roster for Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange - <https://syaslparkers.com/clients/>



November 24, 2024

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 – December 2024**

Legislative Update

On November 7, shortly after former President Trump won the presidential election, Governor Newsom convened a special session of the Legislature to determine how best to protect the rights of Californians over the next four years under another Trump presidency. Specifically, the special session will focus on bolstering the state’s legal funding used to support future lawsuits against the Trump administration to protect California’s civil rights, reproductive freedom, climate action, and immigrant families.

This is the first of many actions that the Newsom Administration plans to take in partnership with the Legislature to build up California’s defenses against an incoming federal administration that has, on several occasions, threatened certain actions against the state.

The special session will convene on December 2, which is also when the Legislature will come in for the first Organizational Session of the 2025-26 Legislative Session, and when newly elected members will be sworn into the Legislature. Legislators will return to Sacramento to officially begin the legislative session on Monday, January 6, 2025. Governor Newsom will release his proposed Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget on or around January 10. The deadline to introduce bills is February 21. You can find the official deadlines for the upcoming legislative year linked [here](#).

California Election Results

California’s general election was held on November 5, where all 80 Assembly seats were on the ballot along with 20 of the 40 Senate seats. Currently, Democrats have a supermajority in both houses, and these are projected to be maintained. However, Republicans did gain some ground in the State Capitol by flipping two Democratic seats in the Assembly and by likely defeating incumbent Senator Josh Newman (D) with former Assembly Member Steven Choi (R). Additionally, results on several of the statewide ballot propositions suggest some voter shifts on issues including public safety (Prop 36) and the economy (Prop 32). More on these below. The C/CAG State Legislative Delegation will see one change with Assembly Member Ting reaching the limit of his term. Assembly Member Stefani will now represent C/CAG in the California State Assembly covering the northwest portion of the County.

Key Assembly Races

District	Candidate	Notes
19	Catherine Stefani (D) - 61.4%	Previously held by Phil Ting, who termed out.
	David E. Lee (D) - 38.6%	
21	Diane Papan (D) - 73.5%	
	Mark Gilham (R) - 26.5%	
23	Marc Berman (D) - 60.5%	
	Lydia Kou (R) - 39.5%	

Key Senate Races

District	Candidate	Notes
11	Scott Wiener (D) - 78%	
	Yvette Corkrean (R) - 22%	
13	Josh Becker (D) - 72.3%	
	Alexander Glew (R) - 27.7%	

Statewide Ballot Measure Results

Please recall that Californians voted on Prop. 1, which was the vehicle for the mental health bond, during the primary election in March. Below is the current breakdown for the November ballot propositions:

- **Prop. 2**, which would institute a \$10 billion education bond, is passing with 58.7% of voters supporting the proposition.
- **Prop. 3**, which would reaffirm the right of same-sex couples to marry, is passing with 62.6% of voters supporting the proposition.
- **Prop. 4**, which would institute a \$10 billion climate bond, is passing with 59.8% of voters supporting the proposition.
- **Prop. 5**, also known as ACA 1 / ACA 10, would lower the voting threshold for local bonds and is failing with 55.1% of voters rejecting the proposition.
- **Prop. 6**, which would end indentured servitude in state prisons, is failing with 53.3% of voters rejecting the proposition.
- **Prop. 32**, which would raise the state minimum wage to \$18 an hour, is failing with 50.7% of voters rejecting the proposition.
- **Prop. 33**, which would allow local governments to impose rent controls, is failing with 60% of voters rejecting the proposition.
- **Prop. 34**, which would require certain health care providers to use nearly all revenue from Medi-Cal Rx on patient care, is passing with 50.9% of voters supporting the proposition.
- **Prop. 35**, which would make existing tax on managed health care insurance plans permanent, is passing with 67.9% of voters supporting the proposition.
- **Prop. 36**, which would increase penalties for theft and drug trafficking, is passing with 68.4% of voters supporting the proposition.

Local Transportation Measures

Related to the Bay Area's efforts to secure authorization for a regional tax, there were several local ballot measures on the November ballot this year to fund transit and transportation. These measures showed mixed results. We note the likely outcomes below:

- **Madera County Measure T** (Sales Tax - Citizens Initiative – Majority Vote) to fund broad transportation improvements with main focus on streets, roads, and highways. Passing with 52.4 percent.
- **San Diego County Measure G** (Sales Tax - Citizens Initiative – Majority Vote) to prioritize rail and transit for traffic congestion relief. Failing with 48.9 percent.
- **Napa County Measure U** (Sales Tax Extension – 2/3rds Vote) for various uses, including NVTA transit service. Passing with 72.5 percent.
- **Placer County Measure B** (New Sales Tax – 2/3rds Vote) to primarily fund streets, roads, and highways. Failing with 63.6 percent.
- **City of San Francisco Measure L** (Increased Tax on TNC/AV Rides – Citizens Initiative – Majority Vote) to fund transit operations. Received 56.9 percent, but failed due to another measure receiving more votes (Measure M).

CAPTI Now Open for Public Comment

On November 1, the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) released a draft of the actions and descriptions to be included in the updated Climate Action Plan for Transportation infrastructure (CAPTI), which can be found [here](#). The draft actions to be included in the plan are all intended to be completed by the end of 2026. CAPTI was established by CalSTA in 2021 in response to Governor Newsom's Executive Orders [N-19-19](#) and [N-79-20](#), which mandated the state to take critical steps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the transportation industry. As this plan is still relatively new, this is the first time that it will be undergoing an update. CalSTA is encouraging stakeholders to review the draft actions and descriptions for inclusion in the 2025 plan and provide feedback to CAPTI@calsta.ca.gov no later than December 13.

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December 6, 2024

MTC Commissioners
Bay Area Metro Center
375 Beale Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

RE: #6b Regional Transportation Measure

Dear Chair Pedroza, Vice Chair Josefowitz and Commissioners:

San Mateo County and the Bay Area need robust and fiscally sound public transit, a fully integrated world class transit system, and safe streets and other critical multimodal investments. We appreciate MTC's efforts to address this important and difficult task.

C/CAG is the County Transportation Agency (CTA) and the designated Congestion Management Agency (CMA) for San Mateo County. C/CAG represents all of San Mateo County's 764,442 residents through its 21-member Board of Directors, with each jurisdiction in the County having a dedicated seat. C/CAG works to improve climate resiliency, mobility, the environment, and equity throughout San Mateo County.

C/CAG has been actively engaged in the earlier discussions about a regional transportation measure and SB 1031. At the November 14th meeting, the C/CAG Board of Directors authorized this letter expressing San Mateo County's critical concerns and that support for a potential regional measure will necessitate the addressing of these concerns.

San Mateo County is unlikely to support the current proposals because MTC has failed to make the following requested changes or accommodations, which are provided in greater detail below:

- Failure to include opt out language,
- Lack of flexibility and multi-modal investments,
- Lack of robust return to source guarantees,
- Lack of regional transit accountability and transformation measures, and
- Concern about taxation levels and detrimental impact on local funding sources.

Failure to Include Opt-Out Language

Among all the Bay Area counties, San Mateo County has the most risk related to the renewal of a local sales tax measure because Measure A expires the earliest in 2033. A renewal ballot measure might occur as soon as 2028. This schedule means that if there is a regional measure in 2026, individuals and

businesses will begin feeling and absorbing the increased taxes right as San Mateo County is beginning to mobilize for a sale tax renewal in 2028. Adding language allowing San Mateo County to opt out if the regional measure conflicts with or jeopardizes the renewal of Measure A is critical.

Lack of Local Flexibility and Multi Modal Investments

It is crucial to ensure a balanced investment across various modes to address the variety of mobility needs and garner widespread support. Most taxpayers in San Mateo County work in San Mateo County and drive or carpool to work. We are strategically expanding our bicycle and pedestrian networks. Pavement management is an ongoing concern for our voters and several of our cities have the lowest Pavement Index in the region. In addition, there needs to be funding opportunities to address transportation challenges in our rural and coastal communities, which are just as critical as our urbanized areas and support our tourism industry. Multimodal investments in transit, active transportation, roadway improvements, and grade separations that are consistent with MTC's Plan Bay Area have a better chance to create broader coalitions of support from our communities and other key stakeholders.

Lack of Robust Return to Source Guarantees

Any regional measure must include robust return to source provisions to ensure that a substantial portion of revenue generated by taxpayers within each County is directly reinvested in that County on an annual basis. Each County should have sole decision-making authority over the vast majority of the revenue raised within that County. The current MTC proposals do not include sufficiently robust return to source provisions or adequate County decision making authority. For example, as proposed, MTC would have decision making authority to allocate all or almost all the funding in the first 10-15 years of the Scenario 1A and the Hybrid Scenario. This lack of local decision-making authority is untenable in San Mateo County. Furthermore, any County expenditure plan must be approved by both C/CAG and the San Mateo County Transportation Authority as both agencies have a role in transportation planning and project implementation in San Mateo County.

Lack of Regional Transit Accountability and Transformation Measures

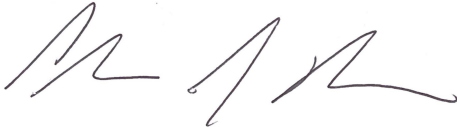
San Mateo County has a long history of providing capital, operating, and fare surcharge funding regional transportation facilities such as Caltrain and BART. Recent polls clearly show the public wants transportation transformation including seamless transfers, cleaner and safer operations and stations, real time information, improved lighting, better signage, and new fare gates. Funding the status quo is not acceptable. MTC's current proposals do not specifically set forth the transformation measures important to the public. There must be full transparency regarding regional transit's efforts to transform transportation, align service with existing post-pandemic ridership trends and scale its operations appropriately, plus transparent and responsible fiscal management of administration overhead costs. Assumptions about funding for pandemic fare loss must be standardized, reflect an objective third party accounting of the costs, an equitable distribution, and a limited duration. It is vital to have a fair and transparent accounting of future potential funding investments to build consensus for a transformative regional transportation measure in San Mateo County. If there are county contributions to regional transit, all participating counties must contribute their proportionate amount.

Concern about Taxation Levels and Detrimental Impact on Local Funding Sources

In San Mateo County, a ½ sales tax would increase the sales tax rate over 10% in 10 of our cities representing a majority of our population. Counties have varying levels of sales taxes rates, with some higher than San Mateo County, and also some considerably lower than San Mateo County. There are significant concerns about tax fatigue among voters, economic competitiveness, and other negative economic impacts of increasing sales tax rates or parcel taxes. Additionally, the twenty cities in San Mateo County will likely raise significant concerns about a potential parcel tax increase because they (and our schools) rely heavily on parcel taxes for operations and infrastructure.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment. If you have any questions, please contact Sean Charpentier, C/CAG Executive Director, at scharpentier@smcgov.org.

Adam Rak

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adam Rak', with a stylized, cursive script.

C/CAG Chair

cc:

Senator Josh Becker
Senator Scott Weiner
Assembly Member Phil Ting
Assembly Member Diane Papan
Assembly Member Marc Berman