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MEETING AGENDA

C/CAG Legislative Committee

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

Date: Thursday, November 13, 2025	Join by Webinar: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81924775181?pwd=p8pagi4YN7eayaRliWFgvydOq4NOAT.1
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Chair: Gina Papan **Vice Chair:** Stacey Jimenez

Members: Eddie Flores, Anders Fung, Lisa Gauthier, Elizabeth Lewis, Andrea Pappajohn, Adam Rak (C/CAG Chair), Michael Salazar (C/CAG Vice Chair), Greg Wright

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Meeting Agenda

1.	Call to Order	Papan	
2.	Roll call	Sternkopf	
3.	Public comment on items not on the agenda.	Papan	
4.	Review and approve the Legislative Committee meeting minutes from the meeting held on September 11, 2025.	Action Sternkopf	Pages 5-8
5.	Review and recommend C/CAG Board approval of Resolution 25-72 authorizing the C/CAG Executive Director to execute Amendment No. 1 to the agreement with Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lang, Inc. for State Legislative Advocacy Services from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 to add \$84,000 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$336,000.	Action Charpentier	Pages 9-13
6.	Review and provide input on proposal to add a Non Voting Seat for an MTC Commissioner from San Mateo County.	Information Charpentier	Pages 14-21
7.	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 22-30
8.	Review and approve draft C/CAG Legislative Policies for 2025.	Action Charpentier	Pages 31-36
9.	Adjournment	Papan	

Next Meeting: December 11, 2025

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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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Executive Director: Sean Charpentier: scharpentier@smcgov.org

Senior Stormwater Program Specialist: Dan Sternkopf at dsternkopf@smcgov.org

Clerk of the C/CAG Board: Mima Crume (650) 599-1406

C/CAG AGENDA REPORT

Date: November 13, 2025

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 September 11, 2025.

(For further information, contact Dan Sternkopf at dsternkopf@smcgov.org)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Legislative Committee review and approve the Legislative Committee meeting minutes from the meeting held on September 11, 2025.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft C/CAG Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes, September 11, 2025

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

**Draft Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2025 Meeting**

Staff and Guests Attending:

C/CAG Staff:

Sean Charpentier, Reid Bogert, Mima Crume, Kaki Cheung, Dan Sternkopf, Audrey Shiramizu

Legislative Consultants:

Matt Robinson
Andrew Antwih
Lizzie Cootsona

Others Attending:

Adina Levin, Katherine Dumont, Don Cecil, Rico Medina

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 eight were present.

Agency	Name	In Person	Remote AB 2449
Atherton	Elizabeth Lewis	X (joined late)	
Burlingame	Andrea Pappajohn	X (joined late)	
Foster City	Stacy Jimenez	X	
Millbrae	Anders Fung		
MTC	Gina Papan (Chair)	X	
Pacifica	Greg Wright	X	
San Bruno	Michael Salazar	X	
San Carlos	Adam Rak		X (joined late)
San Mateo County	Lisa Gauthier	X	
South SF	Eddie Flores	X	

3. Public comment on items not on the agenda.

No public comment on items not on the agenda.

4. Review and approve the Legislative Committee meeting minutes from the meeting held on June 12, 2025.

The Committee voted on approval of the minutes of the September 11, 2025 meeting, with a motion from Member Salazar, seconded by Member Flores. A vote was taken, and the motion passed (9,0,0).

5. Review and approve the Special Joint Board of Directors and Legislative Committee meeting minutes from the meeting held on July 30, 2025.

The Committee voted on approval of the minutes of the Special Joint Board of Directors and Legislative Committee meeting held on July 30, 2025, with a motion from Member Salazar, seconded by Vice Chair Jimenez. A vote was taken, and the motion passed (9,0,0).

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 Antwih Schmeltzer & Lange (SYASL) provided an update to the Committee, based on their monthly report provided in the agenda packet.

Robinson provided an overview of bills with positions. The first bill, SB 601, will be a 2-year bill, and the second bill, SB 707, has been made a 2-year bill.

Sean Charpentier, C/CAG Executive Director, conducted a presentation on SB 63. The presentation included an overview of which counties the bill applies to, the timeframe of the funding measure, and the sales tax options. Next, C/CAG's stated priorities were presented, along with the chronology of recent events related to SB 63. Then, Charpentier provided an overview of the expenditure plan and the financial efficiency review process. Lastly, Charpentier presented on the Ad Hoc Adjudication Committee (AHAC) process.

Following Charpentier's presentation, there was discussion among the Committee about SB 63. The Committee discussed how SB 63 in its current form has many problems and that no stance should be taken. It was also mentioned that the SamTrans board misrepresented C/CAG's position on SB 63 as "opt in" and not "opt in with C/CAG's stated conditions."

After the Committee's discussion on SB 63, two members of the public provided comments urging C/CAG to support SB 63.

The Committee voted not to take any further action on SB 63. A motion was made by Member Salazar and seconded by Member Flores. A vote was taken, and the motion passed (9,0,0).

7. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:38 P.M.

Next meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2025.

C/CAG AGENDA REPORT

Date: November 13, 2025

To: C/CAG Board of Directors

From: Sean Charpentier, Executive Director

Subject: Review and approval of Resolution 25-72 authorizing the C/CAG Executive Director to execute Amendment No. 1 to the agreement with Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lang, Inc. for State Legislative Advocacy Services from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 to add \$84,000 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$336,000.

(For further information or response to questions, contact Matt Petrofsky mpetrofsky@smc.gov)

RECOMMENDATION

That the C/CAG Board review and approve Resolution 25-72 authorizing the C/CAG Executive Director to execute Amendment No. 1 to the agreement with Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lang, Inc. for State Legislative Advocacy Services from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 to add \$84,000 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$336,000.

FISCAL IMPACT

The cost of the state legislative advocacy services will be \$7,000 per month for the 2026 legislative session, to add \$84,000 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$336,000.

SOURCE OF FUNDS

Funds for state legislative advocacy services are programmed into the C/CAG budget, equally split between Congestion Relief and NPDES funds.

BACKGROUND

On August 15, 2022, C/CAG staff issued a Request for Proposals for state legislative advocacy services. The purpose of the RFP was to retain a part-time consultant to 1) monitor and review new pending legislation, policies, and regulations, 2) advocate C/CAG's interests with the California Legislature and its members and other parties as appropriate, and 3) support the Legislative Committee.

On November 10, 2022 the C/CAG Board approved Resolution 22-97 authorizing the C/CAG Executive Director to execute an Agreement with Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lang, Inc. for State Legislative Advocacy Services from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025 for an amount not to exceed \$252,000. That agreement includes an option to extend the contract for the 2026 and 2027 legislative sessions, under the same Agreement terms and at the rate of \$7,000 per month, subject to approval by the C/CAG Board and execution of an amendment by the Parties.

For the past three years, Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lang, Inc. have provided state legislative advocacy services without issue. Staff recommends that the Board authorizes the C/CAG Chair to execute Amendment No. 1 to the agreement with Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange, Inc. for state legislative advocacy services, from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$336,000.

ATTACHMENT

1. Resolution 25-72
2. Draft Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement between C/CAG and Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange

RESOLUTION 25-72

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY/COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS OF SAN MATEO COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE C/CAG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH SHAW YODER ANTWIH SCHMELZER & LANGE, INC. FOR STATE LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY SERVICE FROM JANUARY 1, 2026 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026 TO ADD \$84,000 FOR A NEW NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$336,000.

RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG); that,

WHEREAS, C/CAG is a joint powers agency representing all twenty-one local jurisdictions in San Mateo County, and

WHEREAS, the C/CAG Board has determined that it is vital and necessary that its interests be actively advocated for with the California Legislature and Administration, and

WHEREAS, C/CAG has determined that outside legislative advocacy services would be the most appropriate method to ensure that C/CAG is adequately represented in the legislative and administrative processes in the capitol of the State of California, and

WHEREAS, on August 15, 2022, C/CAG staff issued a Request for Proposals for state legislative advocacy services, and

WHEREAS, through a competitive process, Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmeltzer & Lange, Inc. was selected as the most qualified candidate to provide legislative advocacy services, and

WHEREAS, the Agreement established an initial completion date of December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement includes an option to extend the term for the 2026 and 2027 legislative sessions, under the same Agreement terms and at the same rate of \$7,000 per month, subject to approval by the C/CAG Board and execution of an amendment by the Parties; and

WHEREAS, C/CAG and the Consultant now wish to amend the Agreement as set forth herein.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County, that the C/CAG Executive Director is hereby authorized to execute Amendment No. 1 to the agreement with Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmeltzer & Lange, Inc. for state legislative advocacy services, from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 to add \$84,000 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$336,000. Be it further resolved that the Board of Directors authorize the Executive Director to negotiate final terms prior to execution, subject to review by Legal Counsel.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED, THIS 13TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2025.

Adam Rak, Chair

**AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE CITY/COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS OF SAN MATEO COUNTY
AND
SHAW YODER ANTWIH SCHMELZER & LANGE, INC.**

WHEREAS, the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (hereinafter referred to as “C/CAG”) and Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as “Consultant”) are parties an Agreement originally dated November 10, 2022, for state legislative advocacy services for the C/CAG staff, the C/CAG Legislative Committee, and the C/CAG Board, covering the period of calendar years 2023, 2024, and 2025 (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Agreement established an initial completion date of December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement includes an option to extend the term for the 2026 and 2027 legislative sessions, under the same Agreement terms and at the same rate of \$7,000 per month, subject to approval by the C/CAG Board and execution of an amendment by the Parties; and

WHEREAS, C/CAG and Consultant now wish to amend the Agreement to continue services for the 2026 legislative session, as set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED by C/CAG and Consultant as follows:

1. **Payment.** The aggregate total amount of payment in Section 2, “Payment,” shall be increased from two hundred fifty-two thousand dollars (\$252,000) to three hundred thirty six thousand dollars (\$336,000).
2. **Term.** The term of the Agreement set forth in Section 5, “Contract Term/Termination,” shall be extended to a new termination date of December 31, 2026
3. **Notices.** The C/CAG contact person identified in Section 16, “Notices,” shall be replaced with the following:

City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County
555 County Center, 5th Floor
Redwood City, CA 94063
Attention: Matt Petrofsky
Email: mpetrofsky@smcgov.org

4. Except as expressly amended herein, all other provisions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

This amendment shall take effect upon the date of execution by both parties.

Signatures on the following page

City/County Association of Governments
(C/CAG)

Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange, Inc
(Consultant)

Sean Charpentier, Executive Director

Date: _____

Date: _____

Approved as to form:

Melissa Andrikopoulos
Legal Counsel for C/CAG

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C/CAG AGENDA REPORT

Date: November 13, 2025

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

From: Sean Charpentier, Executive Director

Subject: Review and provide input on proposed change to add a Non-Voting Seat for an MTC Commissioner from San Mateo County.

(For further information, contact Sean Charpentier at scharpentier@smcgov.org)

RECOMMENDATION

That the C/CAG Legislative Committee provide input on proposed changes to add a Non-Voting Seat for an MTC Commissioner.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

BACKGROUND

The C/CAG Board established the C/CAG Legislative Committee in its update to the C/CAG bylaws on September 12, 2013. Prior to that time, legislative matters were discussed, and decisions taken at the C/CAG Board. The C/CAG bylaws do not designate the makeup of the C/CAG Legislative Committee. Historically, the Committee has been composed of 10 elected officials from San Mateo County, with two members being the Chair and Vice Chair of the C/CAG Board.

The Legislative Committee provides advice and recommendations to the full C/CAG Board on all matters dealing with State legislation, ballot measures, and positions to take on specific bills. During the active legislative year (January through August) the Committee monitors bills of potential interest to C/CAG and member agencies and selects those to be tracked. The Committee then recommends positions on bills for consideration by the full C/CAG Board and acts as the liaison with C/CAG's State and federal legislative lobbyists.

In 2024, the C/CAG Board of Directors approved resolution 24-79 that included two changes to the Legislative Committee:

1. Allowing current Legislative Committee members to serve on the committee through the end of the Calendar year, even if their term as an elected official ended in November or early December. This was included as an option to ensure that there could be a quorum during a December meeting if members were no longer elected officials.
2. To allow for a 1-year appointment for a Legislative Committee member who ceases to be an elected official, but still represents San Mateo County on a regional body that is relevant to C/CAG's mission.

Upon adoption, the C/CAG Board appointed Gina Papan, the MTC Commissioner representing the Cities in San Mateo County, to a one-year term.

See Attachment 1 for the resolution 24-79.

ANALYSIS

Over the past several years, there has been a growing need for alignment between local and regional legislative advocacy, particularly in preparation for major regional funding measures such as SB 63 and potential housing-related initiatives. Closer coordination with MTC will allow C/CAG to more effectively represent San Mateo County's interests in regional discussions, strengthen relationships with partner agencies, and ensure that local priorities are reflected in regional policy development. Therefore, staff recommends updating the composition of the Legislative Committee to include an MTC Commissioner. This change is intended to enhance coordination on regional legislative priorities while maintaining the Committee's current voting membership structure.

Staff proposes the following amendment:

- a) Delete the provision allowing a one-year appointment of a member of a Regional Body who is no longer an elected official.
- b) Add a non-voting seat for one of the San Mateo County MTC Commissioners, subject to appointment by the C/CAG Board of Directors upon recommendation or interest. This seat would not count towards quorum.

Removing the provision of a one-year appointment provides a more flexible and adaptable structure for regional coordination rather than a temporary exception. This structure improves continuity and transparency in committee membership. This approach also preserves the existing 10-member voting structure while adding a formal mechanism for regional coordination through an MTC Commissioner's participation. There is precedent for this in that the Congestion Management and Environmental Quality Committee (CMEQ) currently has a seat for one San Mateo County MTC Commissioner. Attachment 2 has a redlined draft version of these changes.

San Mateo County has two MTC Commissioners:

1. San Mateo County Chair David Canepa who represents the County. This seat is appointed by the County Board of Supervisors.
2. Gina Papan, former City of Millbrae City Councilmember, who represents the Cities of San Mateo County. This seat is appointed by the San Mateo County City Selection Committee, which is comprised of Mayors of all 20 incorporated cities/towns in San Mateo County.

Attachment 3 has a table with the current Legislative Committee roster and the proposed changes.

There are multiple potential permutations that can accommodate this change.

1. One or both MTC Commissioners are already on the C/CAG Board of Directors, and that one or both would like to participate in the Legislative Committee.
2. None of the MTC Commissioners might be on the C/CAG Board of Directors, and one of them would like to participate in the C/CAG Legislative Committee.

The proposed schedule is as follows.

1. 11/13- Review with the Legislative Committee as information item.

2. 12/11- Take to Legislative Committee and C/CAG Board of Directors as an action item.

Current member Gina Papan has expressed interest in continuing on the Legislative Committee, if the opportunity arises.

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.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution 24-79
2. Draft Redline Version of Proposed Changes
3. Table 1: Legislative Committee Membership

RESOLUTION 24-79

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY/COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS OF SAN MATEO COUNTY SPECIFYING THE MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG); that,

WHEREAS, the C/CAG Board established the C/CAG Legislative Committee in its update to the C/CAG bylaws on September 12, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the C/CAG Legislative Committee provides advice and recommendations to the full C/CAG Board on all matters dealing with State legislation, ballot measures, and positions to take on specific bills during the active legislative year; and

WHEREAS, each calendar year, as the legislative session draws to a close and readiness for the next legislative session begins, C/CAG staff desire to establish continuity of participation in the Legislative Committee between State legislative sessions, while city council and supervisorial terms across San Mateo County may end; and

WHEREAS, C/CAG staff recommend, to support continuity for the C/CAG legislative cycle, that that the Legislative Committee continue to be comprised of eight elected officials from San Mateo County, and the C/CAG Chair and Vice Chair, for a total of ten Committee members, and that existing Legislative Committee members may continue to serve through the end of a calendar year in which they cease holding elective office; and

WHEREAS, C/CAG staff further recommend that, notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board of Directors may appoint a former elected official to the Legislative Committee, if that former elected official continues to represent San Mateo County or the San Mateo County cities on a regional body integral to C/CAG's mission.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County that:

1. The Legislative Committee shall be comprised of 10 members, including the C/CAG Chair and Vice Chair, who shall be San Mateo County local elected officials (City/Town Councilmembers or County Supervisors), subject to the exceptions in numbers 2 and 3 below.
2. Legislative Committee members may continue to serve through the end of a calendar year in which they cease holding elected office.
3. If a Legislative Committee member ceases to hold local elected office and continues to represent San Mateo County or the San Mateo County cities on a regional body integral to C/CAG's mission, the C/CAG Board of Directors may appoint that member to the C/CAG Legislative Committee, at the Board of Director's sole discretion, if the Board of Directors finds that such appointment is desirable for advancing C/CAG's policy goals. Any member

of the Legislative Committee appointed pursuant to this authority shall serve one one-year term at the Board of Director's discretion.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED, THIS 14TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2024.



Adam Rak, Chair

RESOLUTION ~~25-XX4-79~~

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY/COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS OF SAN MATEO COUNTY SPECIFYING THE MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County that:

1. The Legislative Committee shall be comprised of ~~100~~ **voting** members, including the C/CAG Chair and Vice Chair, who shall be San Mateo County local elected officials (City/Town Councilmembers or County Supervisors), subject to the exceptions in numbers ~~2 and 3~~ below.
2. **Voting** Legislative Committee members may continue to serve through the end of a calendar year in which they cease holding elected office.
- ~~3. If a Legislative Committee member ceases to hold local elected office and continues to represent San Mateo County or the San Mateo County cities on a regional body integral to C/CAG's mission, the C/CAG Board of Directors may appoint that member to the C/CAG Legislative Committee, at the Board of Director's sole discretion, if the Board of Directors finds that such appointment is desirable for advancing C/CAG's policy goals. Any member~~

~~of the Legislative Committee appointed pursuant to this authority shall serve one one-year term at the Board of Director's discretion.~~

~~4.3. The Board of Directors may, in its discretion, appoint a There will be 1 additional non-voting seat for one of the MTC Commissioner that represents either San Mateo County or the Cities of San Mateo County s as a non-voting member, pursuant to appointment by the Board of Directors. This non-voting seat position is in addition to the voting members, and does not count toward quorum.~~

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED, THIS 15⁴TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 202⁵4.

Adam Rak, Chair

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Table 1: Proposed Changes

	Current		Option 1: Staff Proposal (1)	
TYPE	Seats	Member	Seats	Member
Voting	1	Elizabeth Lewis	1	No Change
Voting	1	Eddie Flores	1	No Change
Voting	1	Andrea Pappajohn	1	No Change
Voting	1	Stacey Jimenez (Committee Vice Chair)	1	No Change
Voting	1	Anders Fung	1	No Change
Voting	1	Lisa Gauthier	1	No Change
Voting	1	Greg Wright	1	No Change
Voting	1	Michael Salazar (C/CAG Vice Chair)	1	No Change
Voting	1	Adam Rak (C/CAG Chair)	1	No Change
Voting	1	Gina Papan (Committee Chair)	1	Vacant
Non	0	MTC	1	Vacant (2)
Total Seats	10		11	

(1) Assumes no other changes.

(2) Gina Papan has requested reappointment.

C/CAG AGENDA REPORT

Date: November 13, 2025

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

From: Sean Charpentier, Executive Director

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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 legislative topics and any votes on positions taken or other actions recommended by the Legislative Committee to the C/CAG Board 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 and any additional information from Sacramento on bills discussed in the attached C/CAG Legislative Update. In addition, the consultant may discuss transportation or other program funding and changes in legislative leadership and committee assignments.

The newly elected legislature initially convened on December 2, 2024 and reconvened on January 6, 2025 for the continuation of the 2025-26 Regular Legislative Session. Legislators had until February 21 to introduce bills for consideration in the first year of the two-year session and are limited to 35

bills, a significant reduction from 50 bills in the previous two-year session. In all, approximately 2400 bills were introduced. The 2025 Legislative Calendar can be found here: [2025 Legislative Calendar](#), and list of bills being tracked by SYASL on C/CAG's behalf can be found here: [C/CAG Bill Tracking](#).

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 and committee rosters and chairs, State grant programs, recent committee hearings, and bill progress of interest to C/CAG since the Committee and Board last met.

Update on State and Federal C/CAG Budget Requests

C/CAG, with support from Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange and Ken Brown Strategic consulting, has prepared five budget requests for a total of \$8.2M through the Fiscal Year 2025 State and Federal earmark process. C/CAG submitted all five budget requests to the San Mateo State Delegation and four to the Federal Senator Schiff and Federal Senator Padilla in early April.

Since submitting the funding requests, C/CAG staff and consultants have met with staff and/or representatives from the offices of U.S. Senator Padilla and Senator Schiff, Congressional Representative Liccardo, as well as State Assemblymember Stefani. Staff have been notified that Congressman Mullin is resubmitting proposals from Fiscal Year 2024 rather than soliciting new proposals for Fiscal Year 2025. The Federal delegation has been very supportive of these requests. Congressman Sam Liccardo included the request for \$1.2m for the Coastal Resiliency Project is included in the draft Federal Budget. Table 1 in Attachment 3 provides a summary of the budget requests.

Attachment 1 has an updated report from Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange.

Staff will also prepare a presentation of ongoing/upcoming legislative items to consider with the following topics:

1. Scheduling in person visit to Sacramento.
2. Ongoing/new potential Legislation
 - a) SB 63. The Legislative authors submitted a letter to the file to clarify their intent regarding the process and limits on filing for appeal with the adjudication committee. See Attachment 2.
 - b) AB 650- (Papan RHNA reform, vetoed by Governor).
 - c) E Bikes
 - d) Other???
3. Potential Budget Requests

Staff will provide an update at the C/CAG Legislative Committee and C/CAG Board meetings.

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.

ATTACHMENTS

1. C/CAG Legislative Update, October 31, 2025 from Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange
2. SB 63 Letter to Journal from Authors regarding petitions filed with the adjudication committee.
3. Attachment 3-Table 1: Budget Requests (see below)

Below are informational links:

- [Recent Joint ABAG MTC Legislation Committee Agendas](#)
- [California State Association of Counties \(CSAC\) bill positions and tracking](#)
- [California Associations of Councils of Government \(CALCOG\) bill tracking](#)
- Full Legislative search is available for specific bills at <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/>
- [2025 California State Calendar of Legislative Deadlines](#)

San Mateo County Delegation

- [Legislation from Assemblymember Marc Berman](#)
- [Legislation from Assemblymember Diane Papan](#)
- [Legislation from Assemblymember Catherine Stefani](#)
- [Legislation from Senator Josh Becker](#)
- [Legislation Senator Scott Wiener](#)
- Bill Tracker for C/CAG by SYASL: [C/CAG Bill Tracking](#)
- Current client roster for Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange - <https://syaslpartners.com/clients/>

Attachment 2: Table 1: FY 2025 Budget Requests

Project	\$\$\$	Submitted To	Status
Strengthening Coastal Resilience	\$1,500,000	Asm. Berman, State Senator Becker, Federal Senator Padilla, Federal Senator Schiff, Congressman Liccardo	Congressman Liccardo included the request in the draft budget. HELD UP BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN
Roadway Safety Improvements, Capital Improvements	\$1,000,000	Asm. Papan, State Senator Becker	
Colma El Camino Real Bike/Ped Project	\$3,700,000	Asm. Catherine Stefani, State Senator Wiener, Federal Senator Padilla, Federal Senator Schiff	Senator Schiff requested \$2.96m, however, the project did not make it into the draft budget
Countywide One Watershed Strategic Plan	\$1,500,000	Asm. Papan, State Senator Becker, Federal Senator Padilla, Federal Senator Schiff	Senator Padilla requested \$1.5m, however, the project did not make it into the draft budget
Drought Conservation – Laundry to Landscape	\$590,000	Asm. Papan, State Senator Becker, Federal Senator Padilla, Federal Senator Schiff	Senator Padilla requested \$0.472m, however, the project did not make it into the draft budget
Total	\$8,290,000		



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October 31, 2025

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

From: Matt Robinson, Andrew Antwih and Lizzie Cootsona
Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange

Re: **STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – November 2025**

Legislative Update

The Legislature recessed the first year of the two-year 2025-26 Legislative Session on September 13, after sending nearly 800 bills to the Governor in the final weeks of the legislative year. The Governor had until October 13 to sign or veto this last tranche of bills. This caps a year which saw California renew its historic Cap-and-Trade program, pass legislation authorizing the placement of a Bay Area Regional Measure on next year's General Election ballot, close a \$12 billion budget deficit, and more. Assemblymembers and State Senators introduced a total of 2,350 bills in 2025 – 917 of which made it to the Governor's desk for his consideration this year. Of these, 794 were signed into law and 123 were vetoed – meaning approximately one-third of the bills introduced at the start of the year successfully navigated California's full legislative process.

Also, in mid-September, Senate President Pro Tempore Mike McGuire announced that he would step down as leader of the State Senate on an earlier timeline than initially anticipated. Senator McGuire announced that, effective November 17, 2025, Senator Monique Limon (D-Santa Barbara) will take over as Senate Pro Tem. The initial timeline for this transition had been described as "early 2026." We expect to see some changes in leadership and key committee roles before the year is out.

The Legislature is now in recess until January 5, 2026. For information about key legislative and budget deadlines for next year, please see the tentative 2026 Legislative Calendar [here](#).

Bills with Positions

SB 71 (Wiener) CEQA Exemptions for Clean Transportation Projects – SUPPORT

This bill would extend the current January 1, 2030 sunset date established by SB 922 (Wiener, 2022) for statutorily authorized CEQA exemptions for transit and transportation projects to January 1, 2040, add additional project-types to the list of exemptions (ferry terminals, transit operational analysis, bus stops, bus shelters), and make substantive procedural changes surrounding board actions (i.e. board process for establishing a project's cost estimate). **This bill was signed by the Governor and will take effect on January 1, 2026.** To see the votes on this bill, please click [here](#).

SB 239 (Arreguín) Brown Act Teleconferencing Advisory Bodies – SUPPORT REQUEST AMENDMENTS

This bill would authorize a subsidiary body to use alternative teleconferencing provisions and would impose requirements for notice, agenda, and public participation. The bill would require the subsidiary body to post the agenda at the primary physical meeting location. The bill would require the members of the subsidiary body to visibly appear on camera during the open portion of a meeting that is publicly accessible via the internet or other online platform and would require the subsidiary body to list a member of the subsidiary body who participates in a teleconference meeting from a remote location in the minutes of the meeting. The bill would require the legislative body that established the subsidiary body electing to use teleconferencing pursuant to these provisions to establish the subsidiary body by charter, ordinance, resolution, or other formal action to make specified findings by majority vote, before the subsidiary body uses teleconferencing for the first time and every 12 months thereafter. The bill would require the subsidiary body to approve the use of teleconference by a two-thirds vote before using teleconferencing. Elected officials serving on a subsidiary body would be required to post their location and open the location to the public when participating remotely. **This bill was moved to the inactive file in the Senate and is now a two-year bill.** To see the votes on this bill, please click [here](#).

SB 601 (Allen) Waste Discharge – OPPOSE

This bill expands the NPDES/WDR permits under the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act to cover previously unregulated waterways as defined by the Clean Water Act, now including “nexus waters” to essentially mean any waters of the state not designated as navigable under federal law, except for wetlands, which are protected under the State Wetland Policy. The bill would thereby significantly increase the types and number of regulated waterways and the costs to municipalities of implementing new water quality objectives for the expanded nexus waters. Importantly, it would also expand citizen suit provisions under the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act applicable to all newly regulated nexus waters, creating significant risk of liability and associated costs to municipalities and public utility rate payers. **This bill was made a two-year bill in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.** To see the votes on this bill, please click [here](#).

AB 259 (Rubio) Brown Act Teleconferencing – SUPPORT

Existing law authorizes local agencies to use teleconferencing for board/council members under certain circumstances (illness, caring for others, travel, etc.) as long as a quorum of the members participate in person from the same location identified on the agenda and that the location is open to the public and is within the local agency’s jurisdiction. Existing law establishes limits on the number of meetings members may participate in via teleconference to two meetings per year if the legislative body regularly meets once per month or less. These provisions currently sunset on January 1, 2026. This bill would extend the sunset date and the alternative teleconferencing procedures until January 1, 2030. **This bill did not meet the policy committee deadline and is a two-year bill.** To see the votes on this bill, please click [here](#).

AB 650 (Papan) Housing Element Compliance – SUPPORT

AB 650 would have established a three-pronged approach: start the RHNA process earlier, allowing cities to begin planning sooner; require HCD to provide clear feedback and guidance; and offer relief to good actor cities in the form of a stay on the builder’s remedy while they are awaiting a response from HCD. By bolstering clarity in the housing review process, local jurisdictions would have been able to develop housing plans on time that comply with California’s complex laws, thus readying themselves for

much-needed housing production. **This bill was vetoed by the Governor. A copy of the veto message can be found [here](#).** To see the votes on this bill, please click [here](#).

AB 1085 (Stefani) License Plate Obstruction – SUPPORT

Existing law prohibits a person from obstructing a license plate that inhibits the plate's recognition by an electronic device in connection with a toll road, high-occupancy toll lane, toll bridge, or other toll facility. Existing law also prohibits the sale of a product or device that obscures a license plate. This bill further expands on the list of obscuring devices to include a shade or tint that obstructs the reading or recognition of a license and would increase the penalty for the manufacture of these products from \$250 to \$1,000. **This bill was signed by the Governor and will take effect on January 1, 2026.** To see the votes on this bill, please click [here](#).

Bills of Interest

SB 63 (Wiener) Regional Measure – WATCH

This bill authorizes a sub-regional sales tax in five Bay Area counties – one-half cent in Alameda, Contra Costa, Santa Clara & San Mateo Counties and one cent in San Francisco County – to generate additional revenue to support Bay Area public transit systems. The bill defines appropriations from the regional measure to the named transit agencies as subventions from the revenue generated in each county in the measure and allows money returned to counties to be used for local streets and roads projects benefiting fixed-route transit. The bill also requires a financial efficiency review of AC Transit, BART, Caltrain, and Muni, and requires these transit agencies to implement the strategies identified in the review. The bill establishes a new maintenance of effort requirement for the named transit agencies and establishes “enhanced accountability” by providing a pathway for the creation of new “ad hoc” adjudication committees at the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. These “ad hoc” adjudication committees would have the opportunity to review claims filed against a named transit agency and implement corrective action, which could include the partial withholding of funds. **This bill was signed by the Governor and will take effect on January 1, 2026.** Once the bill takes effect, it will be up to local stakeholders to work to qualify the regional measure for the ballot through signature gathering, where it will likely need a simple majority of voters to pass on November 3, 2026. To see the votes on this bill, please click [here](#).

SB 79 (Wiener) Transit Oriented Development – WATCH

This bill requires that a residential development proposed within one-half or one-quarter mile of a transit-oriented development stop be an allowed use on any site zoned for residential, mixed, commercial, and further requires that the development be eligible for streamlined, ministerial approval, while establishing allowable densities on these properties. Recent amendments reduce the number of communities impacted by the bill by: limiting the applicability of its streamlining provisions to projects located near existing or currently planned Tier 1 or Tier 2 transit-oriented development stops in the 8 most transit-rich counties of the state, unless a local jurisdiction chooses to designate a station as a Tier 3 transit-oriented stop; removing ferries and low frequency commuter rail from the service types that may define a Tier 3 transit-oriented stop; and creating exemptions from its streamlining provisions to protect historical resources and limit greater density in very high fire severity zones and in local jurisdictions that have already upzoned station areas. Additionally, these amendments would advance new housing affordability and anti-demolition and displacement provisions and limit transit agencies'

land use authority. **This bill was signed by the Governor and will take effect on January 1, 2026.** To see the votes on this bill, please click [here](#).

SB 682 (Allen) Reducing PFAS Pollution at the Source - WATCH

This bill would have eliminated unnecessary uses of PFAS in cleaning products, dental floss, ski wax, juvenile products, food packages and cookware. This bill would have thereby prevented Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), “forever chemicals,” from entering California’s water, wastewater, and solid waste systems. As a result, this bill would have protected people from PFAS-associated health harms, prevented further contamination, and held manufacturers accountable to produce more sustainable products without these harmful chemicals. **This bill was vetoed by the Governor. A copy of the veto message can be found [here](#).** To see the votes on this bill, please click [here](#).

SB 707 (Durazo) Brown Act Reform – WATCH

This bill makes a number of changes to the Brown Act, including new public access and participation requirements for specified legislative bodies. SB 707 (Durazo) includes several different provisions related to the Brown Act. First, it extends existing authority permitting the limited use of remote participation for board members under certain circumstances. This authorization – originally set out in AB 2449 (Rubio) – was set to expire at the end of 2025. SB 707 also allows for entirely remote participation for advisory or subsidiary bodies. Notably, elected officials would be exempt from this and would need to attend in person or post their location and open that location to the public if they join remotely. This provision of the bill also requires that the advisory or subsidiary body offers a remote option and at least one physical location where members of the public can attend and participate.

Lastly, SB 707 requires a new category of legislative bodies – an “eligible legislative body” – to provide two-way teleconference opportunities for the public, to provide language translations of their agenda, and to reasonably assist members of the public with translation services. C/CAG does not meet the definition of eligible legislative body. **This bill was signed by the Governor.** To see the votes on this bill, please click [here](#).

AB 736 (Wicks) Affordable Housing Bond – WATCH

This bill proposes the Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2026, which seeks to authorize \$10 billion in bonds to address California's housing crisis. If approved by voters during the June 2, 2026 statewide election, the funds would support a range of affordable housing initiatives, including rental housing programs, homeownership assistance, farmworker housing grants, and tribal housing projects. Specific allocations include \$5 billion for multifamily housing programs, \$1.7 billion for supportive housing with operating subsidies, \$800 million for portfolio reinvestment programs, and \$1 billion for homeownership opportunities through existing programs like CalHome. Additional funding would target energy efficiency improvements, acquisition and rehabilitation of unrestricted housing units with affordability restrictions, and tribal community rebuilding efforts. The act is designed as an urgency statute to enable immediate implementation and preparation for bond issuance upon voter approval. **This measure did not move forward this year.** To see the votes on this bill, please click [here](#).

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

September 12, 2025

Ms. Erika Contreras
Secretary of the Senate
State Capitol, Room 400
Sacramento, California

Re: Letter to the Journal Regarding SB 63 (Wiener, Arreguin)

Dear Madam Secretary,

We write as joint authors of SB 63 to clarify the bill's intent with respect to the addition of enhanced accountability provisions in Chapter 6 of Part 2 of Title 7.85 of the Government Code – which is added by the bill – and voter initiative.

Our intent is to provide each county included in the geography of the Public Transit Revenue Measure District with one total opportunity per subject operator per year to petition the applicable ad hoc adjudication committee for corrective action and withholding of funds. It is our intent that the participating county transportation entity and county board of supervisors for each county are together limited to this per-operator cap.

Furthermore, it is not our intent that the petition required to be filed with the commission to establish an ad hoc adjudication committee count toward the one ad hoc adjudication committee petition per subject operator per year per county cap.

Additionally, we do not intend that the magnitude of revenues generated in a specific county pursuant to a tax measure authorized by SB 63 directed to a specific subject operator be considered a compelling reason for a standard, policy, or commitment of a subject operator to disproportionately disadvantage the operation or maintenance of the subject operator's transit system in the geographic jurisdiction of the county.

Finally, SB 63 does not change the voter approval requirement that applies to a measure proposed by a citizen's initiative. A measure proposed by a citizen's initiative proposed pursuant to SB 63 continues to only require a simple majority vote of the electorate, consistent with judicial precedent.

Sincerely,

Scott Wiener
Senator, 11th District

Jesse Arreguin
Senator, 7th District

C/CAG AGENDA REPORT

Date: November 13, 2025

To: C/CAG Legislative Committee

From: Sean Charpentier, Executive Director

Subject: Review and approve a recommendation to the C/CAG Board to adopt the C/CAG Legislative Policies for 2025.

(For further information or response to questions, contact Dan Sternkopf at dsternkopf@smcgov.org)

RECOMMENDATION

That the C/CAG Legislative Committee review and approve a recommendation to the C/CAG Board to adopt the C/CAG Legislative Policies for 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

BACKGROUND

Annually, staff shares a proposed updated version of the C/CAG Legislative Policies for the coming year. Staff worked with C/CAG's legislative consultant, Shaw Yoder Antwih Smeltzer & Lange, to review and update the 2024 Legislative Policies document. Staff is providing a reorganized version of the Legislative Policies document, which reflects changes to policy categories based on earlier suggestions from Committee Member Salazar and including additional recommended updates from a Legislative Ad Hoc Committee meeting held in December, which included Members Salazar, Rak, and Fung, to move the document towards finalization for the 2025 legislative session.

At the March 13, 2025 meeting, the Committee briefly reviewed the proposed revisions to the Legislative Policies document. Prior to the meeting, Chair Papan suggested additional changes to the document in writing to C/CAG staff, and the Committee and staff attempted to review her recommended changes during the meeting. Due to time constraints, the Committee decided to postpone additional discussion and consideration of the final Legislative Policies document until the April 10, 2025 meeting. The current draft document is provided as Attachment 1 to this staff report.

With approval of recommendation from the Committee, the 2025 C/CAG Legislative Policies document (with any amendments) will be presented to the C/CAG Board during the April 10 meeting for consideration of adoption.

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 Policies 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.

ATTACHMENT

1. Final Draft 2025 C/CAG Legislative Policies – Clean

2025 C/CAG LEGISLATIVE POLICIES

(Draft: April 10, 2025 C/CAG Legislative Committee and Board meetings)

POLICY #1 - PROTECT AND ENHANCE LOCAL REVENUE AND OPPOSE INCREASES TO LOCAL COSTS.

- 1.1 Support State and regional stakeholders and initiatives that protect and/or increase local revenues.
- 1.2 Work toward aligning State and regional disadvantaged community screening tools with San Mateo County communities' needs.
- 1.3 Support appropriate new State and local funding for economic development and affordable housing.
- 1.4 Pursue and support efforts that direct State and regional funds equitably to ensure a return to source.
- 1.5 Ensure that all State mandates and delegated responsibilities are fully reimbursed and oppose unfunded mandates.

POLICY #2 – STRENGTHEN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND LAND USE AUTHORITY.

- 2.1 Support State actions that provide funding for local agencies to plan, incentivize, fund and mitigate for future housing development.
- 2.2 Monitor, evaluate, and engage in efforts to seek authorizing legislation and voter approval for regional funding measures for affordable housing.
- 2.3 Support State actions that allow flexibility for local agencies to pool resources and share credit on their housing production reports.
- 2.4 Oppose State actions that would withhold funding (including transportation funds) from jurisdictions based on Housing Element Compliance and housing production performance outcomes.
- 2.5 Monitor legislation and ballot initiatives that impact local housing and land-use authority and oppose legislation that would restrict or limit or reduce a local government's authority regarding land-use decisions.
- 2.6 Support legislation that identifies revenue to fund airport/land use compatibility plans.
- 2.7 Support constitutional amendments and legislation that reduce the vote thresholds for special purpose taxes and fees and that maintain or expand flexibility for expenditures.
- 2.8 Oppose constitutional amendments that increase the threshold for voter approval requirements above a 50% majority for revenue measures or that impose burdensome restrictions on state and local government's ability to raise revenues.
- 2.9 Monitor and Support Brown Act reforms that provide flexibility, facilitate public engagement, provide greater control over un-protected meeting interruption, and allow for transparent, accessible, and participatory remote public meetings; with the goals of increasing participation from board members, committee members, and the public; and reducing vehicle miles traveled.
- 2.10 Pursue opportunities to protect cities by improving housing element approval processes through HCD.

POLICY #3 - PROTECT WATER QUALITY AND SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE WATER AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT.

- 3.1 Focus efforts on securing additional revenue sources and achieving cost effectiveness for both C/CAG and its member agencies in meeting State- and federally-mandated stormwater compliance and water supply and conservation efforts.
 - a. Advocate for funding to support implementation of San Mateo County Stormwater Resource Plan, San Mateo County Sustainable Streets Master Plan, San Mateo County Regional Collaborative Program, and local Green Infrastructure Plans.
 - b. Advocate for inclusion of water quality and stormwater management as a priority for funding in state resources and climate bonds.
 - c. Track, advocate, and pursue resources for stormwater management, potable water

- recycling and conservation in State and Federal grant and loan programs.
 - d. Work with legislators to pursue additional funding for multi-benefit stormwater projects in San Mateo County related to C/CAG’s countywide planning work (including regional stormwater capture projects, sustainable streets projects, integrated water management and climate resilience infrastructure and green schoolyards).
 - e. Coordinate funding efforts with the San Mateo County Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency District (OneShoreline) and C/CAG’s member agencies as appropriate.
 - f. Support mechanisms that allow credit trading approaches for stormwater management and water quality improvement.
 - g. Support the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Association (BAWSCA) efforts in the protection of water user rights for San Mateo County users.
- 3.2 Advocate to support legislative strategies towards achieving long-term reductions in harmful bacteria, trash, plastics, mercury, PCBs, and other pollutants discharging to the Bay and ocean as well as strategies to reduce flooding, recharge groundwater, adapt to a changing climate, and otherwise enhance the health and resiliency of local communities.
- a. Support efforts to secure statewide legislation mandating abatement of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in building materials prior to demolition of relevant structures, in accordance with requirements in the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board’s Municipal Regional Permit.
 - b. Pursue and support efforts that control pollutants at the source and extend producer responsibility, especially regarding trash control and emerging contaminants of concern.
 - c. Support efforts to place the burden/ accountability of reporting, managing, and meeting municipal stormwater requirements on the responsible source rather than the cities or county.
 - d. Advocate for integrated, prioritized, and achievable stormwater regulations that protect water quality and beneficial uses and account for limitations on municipal funding.
 - e. Pursue and support pesticide and rodenticide regulations that protect water quality and reduce pesticide toxicity.

POLICY #4 - PROTECT AND SUPPORT TRANSPORTATION FUNDING AND POLICIES ALIGNED WITH C/CAG’S PRIORITIES.

- 4.1 Maximize the Bay Area’s and San Mateo County’s fair share of overall State revenue and any State General Fund surplus revenue invested in local/regional transportation.
- 4.2 Support efforts that protect transportation revenues from being pledged, transferred, or used for non-transportation purposes.
- 4.3 Monitor and engage in the planning for and potential implementation of new transportation funding sources, including identifying viable alternatives to the gas tax; and regional proposals to study congestion pricing.
- 4.4 Monitor legislation related to the California high-speed rail project and advocate for funding as it affects the San Mateo County region.
- 4.5 Support legislation that identifies funding for active transportation, complete streets, and bike/pedestrian infrastructure projects, including multi-benefit projects that integrate transportation improvements with green stormwater infrastructure, and climate goals.
- 4.6 Support efforts to secure the appropriation and allocation of “cap and trade” revenues for investment in and sustainable communities, clean transportation, urban greening, and clean energy projects within San Mateo County.
- 4.7 Support or sponsor efforts that finance and/ or facilitate operational improvements on the state highway system and highway corridors in San Mateo County, including the 101

- Express Lanes project and the 101/92 Interchange.
- 4.8 Monitor implementation of bridge toll programs and advocate for an appropriate share of new revenues for projects in San Mateo County.
 - 4.9 Monitor, evaluate, and engage in efforts to seek authorizing legislation and voter approval for regional funding measures for transportation to ensure that it is supportive of San Mateo County’s mobility needs and priorities.
 - 4.10 Support efforts that incentivize ridership and improve integration & connectivity among Bay Area transit systems. Monitor legislation that promotes transit-oriented development.
 - 4.11 Support policies, including expanding community broadband access and technological advancements to encourage telecommuting, and others aimed at reducing vehicle miles traveled and associated traffic congestion by reducing the share of commuting by single-occupant vehicles.
 - 4.12 Support efforts to improve the performance and utilization of high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) and express lanes.
 - 4.13 Monitor or support legislation improving bicycle and pedestrian safety.
 - 4.14 Support legislation that would amend Government Code Section 65089.20 to increase the maximum voter-approved vehicle license fee from its existing \$10 to enhance revenue for congestion and pollution mitigation programs.
 - 4.15 Support and monitor efforts to facilitate the deployment of transformative transportation and mobility technologies, including autonomous vehicles, with the goal of accelerating safety, mobility, environmental, equity and economic benefits. Additionally, ensure strong federal vehicle safety standards while also preserving the ability of state and local agencies to continue to set policies governing the operation of vehicles on highways and local roads, regardless of whether they are driven autonomously or manually.
 - 4.16 Support legislation that streamlines public agency project delivery, including simplifying streamlining CEQA, and accelerating project permit approvals.

POLICY #5 - SUPPORT BOLD CLIMATE PROTECTION ACTION, GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION, AND ENERGY CONSERVATION AND RESILIENCE LEGISLATION

- 5.1 Support incentive approaches toward implementing AB 32 (California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006), SB 32 (extension of the target date and goals), and AB 398 (Cap and Trade), and legislation that supports electrification of infrastructure and the adoption of alternative fuel technologies.
- 5.2 Support legislation requiring the state to survey collect, and make public greenhouse gas and other emission data, and publish community-scale emission inventories for local governments, statewide.
- 5.3 Monitor the regulatory process for implementing SB 743 (Evaluation of Transportation Impacts in CEQA) and impacts the regulations may have on congestion management plans.
- 5.4 Support legislation that would require recording of vehicle miles of travel (VMT) annually as part of vehicle registration and initiatives that provide no-cost VMT and vehicle class data from the DMV to cities to evaluate trends in community greenhouse gas emissions and transit project outcomes.
- 5.5 Support efforts that ensure continued funding and oppose efforts that threaten ratepayer-funded local government partnerships to foster energy efficiency, electrification, and resilience, or expand funding for generation and use of renewable and/ or clean energy sources (wind, solar, etc.).
- 5.6 Work to initiate legislation or grants that provide new funding and incentives for building energy electrification, transition to electric vehicles, or other initiatives to support transition to State and regional (CARB and BAAQMD) greenhouse gas reduction goals.

- 5.7 Support funding for electric vehicle and bike charging infrastructure, electric power storage capacity, and rebates for electric vehicle purchase.
- 5.8 Support legislation for C/CAG’s goals common with Peninsula Clean Energy (PCE), Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA), and One Shoreline, and oppose legislation that does not.
- 5.9 Support State, regional, and local grid reliability plans , expanded communication with utility customers, and streamlining of permit and energization processes.

POLICY #6 – ADVANCE THE GOALS OF EQUITY AND INCLUSION

- 6.1 Support/advocate for legislation that advances the goals and actions in C/CAG’s Equity Assessment and Action Plan, and projects and programs in C/CAG’s Community Based Transportation Plans.
- 6.2 Support legislation that supports equity efforts to ensure that all households can participate in and benefit from the transition to clean energy, water conservation, and access to affordable housing and transportation.

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