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C/CAG Legislative Committee MEETING NOTICE

Date: Thursday, April 9, 2026 Time: 5:30 p.m. Location: 1250 San Carlos Ave. 2 nd Floor, Auditorium San Carlos, CA 94070	Join by Webinar: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86893904911?pwd=L4UXWXmARsCLq9RDbnxJUdWtsxirjh.1 Webinar ID: 868 9390 4911 Password: 040926 Join by Phone: (669) 900-6833
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***IN-PERSON MEETING WITH REMOTE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AVAILABLE ***

Chair: Vacant **Vice Chair:** Adam Rak

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

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Meeting Agenda

No.	Item	Speaker	Pages
1.	Call to Order	Rak	
2.	Roll call	Petrofsky	
3.	Public comment on items not on the agenda.	Rak	
4.	Review and approve the Legislative Committee meeting minutes from the meeting held on March 12, 2026.	Action Petrofsky	4 - 7
5.	Nominate and elect a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for the C/CAG Legislative Committee for 2026.	Action Charpentier	8 - 11
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 Rak	12 - 22
7.	Adjournment	Rak	

Next Meeting: May 14, 2026

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

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

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C/CAG AGENDA REPORT

Date: April 9, 2026

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

From: Matt Petrofsky, Committee Staff

Subject: Review and approve the Legislative Committee meeting minutes from the meeting held on March 12, 2026.

(For further information contact Matt Petrofsky at mpetrofsky@smcgov.org)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Legislative Committee review and approve the Legislative Committee meeting minutes from the meeting held on March 12, 2026.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft C/CAG Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes, March 12, 2026

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

**Draft Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2026 Meeting**

Staff and Guests Attending:C/CAG Staff:

Matt Petrofsky, Sean Charpentier, Mima Crume, Kaki Cheung, Reid Bogert, Dan Sternkopf, Susy Kalkin, Jeff Lacap

Legislative Consultants:

Matt Robinson

Lizzie Cootsona

Others Attending:

N/A

1. Call to Order.

Vice-chair Rak called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 p.m.

2. Roll call.

C/CAG staff conducted roll call, five members were present, representing a quorum. MTC Commissioner Gina Papan was also present.

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

*the MTC Commissioner seat is non-voting, and does not count towards quorum

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 December 11, 2025.

The Committee voted on approval of the minutes of the December 11, 2025 meeting, with a motion from Member Salazar, seconded by Member Flores. A vote was taken, and the motion passed (5,0,0).

5. Review legislative update and, if appropriate, recommend approval of C/CAG legislative policies, priorities, or positions. (A position may be taken on any legislation, including legislation not previously identified in the legislative update. Action is only necessary if recommending approval of a policy, priority, or position.)

C/CAG Legislative Consultants Matt Robinson and Lizzie Cootsona from Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmeltzer & Lange (SYASL) provided an update to the Committee, based on their monthly report provided in the agenda packet.

Timeline updates included:

- February 20: deadline just passed for the introduction of new bills.
- March 24: C/CAG staff will be visiting Sacramento to meet with Legislators
- End of March spot bills will need to be amended, at which time there will be a more finalized sense of what is in all of the 1,800 submitted bills.
- May: a revised budget will be available (“May Revise”).
- June 15: A final budget needs to be agreed upon.
- July 1: New fiscal year starts.

Legislation discussed included:

- AB2002 (Solache): This bill codifies Regional Early Action Planning grant program into statute to support jurisdictions with RHNA. This bill is sponsored by CALCOG. Under the first REAP cycle SMC jurisdictions received a little under \$2 million for housing element planning and implementation.
- Ebike bills AB 2346 (Wilson) and AB2595 (Papan): discussion and comments included
 - Reaching out to the County Board of Supervisors and the BPAC to ensure coordinated action.
 - Understanding Fiscal Impact. The bills tagged with having fiscal impact at this time is mostly to signal to the Committee that the bill has a chance of going through appropriations and that they could have significant state costs (such as CHP training, for example).
 - Differences in legislation between urban and rural policy. Most are expected to have uniform statewide impact, with the exceptions of the ones that allow local policy to supersede statewide regulations.
 - Taking these bills to BPAC first and asking for their input at future Leg meetings.
- AB 1569 (Davies): Another ebike bill, is a watch position to allow for more information to be gathered.
- AB 2051 (Wicks): C/CAG is waiting to allow OneShoreline to take a position on this bill.
- AB 650 (Papan): RHNA bill will likely become more detailed as a spot bill.
- SB 1159 (Cabaldon): AI participants as people.
- SB 908 (Wiener): SB79 cleanup bill. There is an upcoming implementation report coming from the HCD. There is a desire to make a change on the support letter related to BRT, which is to remove BRT from SB79. The aim of this is to limit the negative impact that the threat of upzoning might have on the ability to implement BRT stops that are included in long range plans, but that are not specifically sited or funded. There is also a desire to change the language around ferry stations, as all commercially zoned areas are not compatible with residential use.

A support position was taken on AB2002 (Solache), AB 2346 (Wilson), and AB2595 (Papan) with a motion from Member Lewis and a second from Member Salazar. A vote was taken, and the motion passed (5, 0, 0). There was no public comment.

A letter, which was submitted and ratified by the CCAG board, to go to the office of Scott Weiner, included language that said SB79 should be amended to be in effect around bus rapid transit stations once a project is complete. C/CAG staff is now recommending to remove BRT from SB79 entirely. Further, to include language that speaks of the need for a clearer definition of the land use around ferry service as there might be commercial uses within the half-mile zone that are incompatible with residential uses, and as to not undo the good urban planning work that has been done to separate these uses. A motion was taken to include this language in the relevant support letter from the C/CAG board. The motion was taken by Member Flores and seconded by Member Lewis. A vote was taken, and the motion passed (5, 0, 0). There was no public comment.

C/CAG Executive Director Charpentier then provided an update on SB63. \$37 - \$50 would be available as return to source for use by Samtrans for operating and capital purposes and for pavement management on routes that are served by transit. Samtrans is initiating its public outreach process to help to inform what the return to source funds would be used for. They will be at the CCAG board in April, at local City Council in March and April as well, and are meeting with City staff. Elected leaders emphasis, priorities, and questions should be given to city and C/CAG staff in advance of these meetings. Questions included the ability for cities to change formula funding for streets and roads funding related to measure A and W and the ability for the Legislative committee to see a breakdown of where that funding goes at the time of those discussions.

C/CAG Executive Director Charpentier also the committee know that Chair Stacy Jimenez would be resigning from the Legislative Committee Chair position and that an election would be forthcoming.

6. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:27.

C/CAG AGENDA REPORT

Date: April 9, 2026

To: C/CAG Legislative Committee

From: Sean Charpentier, Executive Director

Subject: Nominate and elect a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson for the C/CAG Legislative Committee for 2026.

(For further information, contact Matt Petrofsky at mpetrofsky@smcgov.org)

RECOMMENDATION

That the C/CAG Legislative Committee nominate and elect a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson for the C/CAG Legislative Committee for 2026.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

SOURCE OF FUNDS

N/A

BACKGROUND

Each year, the C/CAG Legislative Committee (Committee) nominates and elects a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Committee for the calendar year. Stacy Jimenez was elected Committee Chair in December 2025. In March 2026 Chair Jimenez was elected Vice Chair for the C/CAG Board of Directors. She has decided to step down from the C/CAG Legislative Committee Chair position as to not hold both positions simultaneously.

Staff recommends the Committee to elect a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson to serve for the remainder of the 2026 legislative session, through December 2026.

Staff proposes the following process, which would start with the nomination and election of a Chair first and then the Vice-Chair second.

1. Committee members nominate candidates for the Chair.
2. Staff add names to voting table. See Attachment 1.
3. Staff call roll where each committee member would identify a choice for Chair.
4. Staff will add votes to Vote Table (a yes vote equals "1"), tally the votes, and the top vote recipient would be the next Chair. If there is a tie, a tie breaker vote would be held among the tied top scoring candidates.
5. Repeat process for Vice Chair.

EQUITY IMPACTS AND CONSIDERATIONS

This item is necessary for the administration/operations of C/CAG.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Voting Table

C/CAG AGENDA REPORT

Date: April 9, 2026

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

From: Sean Charpentier, Executive Director

Subject: 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.)

(For further information, contact Matt Petrofsky at mpetrofsky@smcgov.org)

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 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.

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

SB 677 (Wiener) Letter

At the December 11th C/CAG BOD meeting, staff mentioned that early in 2026 there might be amendments proposed to the approved SB 79 (Wiener), which authorizes high residential densities within ½ mile of a qualifying transit stations.

On January 5th, Senator Wiener introduced SB 677, which would amend SB 79 by adding ferry stations and clarifying a few more items. The League submitted an oppose unless amended position.

On January 6th C/CAG submitted a comment letter to Senator Wiener outlining a few concerns, including supporting the League's request for more time, the potential negative impact on planning for Bus Rapid Transit projects, additional analysis on the inclusion of the ferry locations, and the potential impacts on small businesses and the cities' ability to require ground floor retail. At the February 11th meeting, C/CAG Board ratified that letter.

On March 20th, the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) released initial guidance on the implementation of SB 79. Following that release Senator Wiener has decided to not "clean up" SB79 via SB 677.

On March 24th C/CAG Chair Adam Rak, Vice Chair Michael Salazar, incoming Vice Chair Stacy Jimenez, MTC Commissioner Gina Papan, and SYASL and C/CAG staff traveled to Sacramento to speak with State legislators and express C/CAGs positions on the matter (as well as other topics). The meetings included five legislators and five staff. See Itinerary as Attachment 2. At that time C/CAG was informed other legislators may take up SB 79 "clean up" efforts. Staff will update this body as more information about those efforts becomes available.

Submitted Federal and State Applications

While it is still very early in this process, Congressman Mullin has requested funding for the following projects that C/CAG has submitted for:

- City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG) – Integrated Green Stormwater Infrastructure Streets – \$1,880,000

For the relevant project description, see Attachment 3. Staff are still working with Ken Brown on our Federal Senate requests.

E Bikes Update

E-Bikes are a prominent topic in California and Sacramento. There are at least 9 draft bills. See Attachment 4 for a Matrix of the bills and C/CAG adopted and staff recommended positions.

Staff are requesting that the Legislative Committee and the C/CAG Board of Directors ratify an updated support letter on AB 1557.

1. In January, the C/CAG BOD took a support position on AB 1557 (Papan), that created a 750-

watt peak power limit on e-bikes. On 3/16, AB 1557 (Papan) was amended as follows:

- a) Class 1 & 2 e-bikes cannot exceed 16 MPH (reduced from the current 20 MPH limit)
 - b) 250-watt continuous power limit
 - c) Violations for manufacturing/selling non-compliant e-bikes
2. C/CAG Staff requested that the C/CAG Board Leadership sign an updated support letter because:
- a) The bill amendments were consistent with the original intent, and the speed limit of 16 mph was consistent with standards recommended by the Mineta Institute Study and those used by the EU.
 - b) The bill would be heard in State Committee on April 6th, which was before the next C/CAG meeting.

At the request of the Legislative Committee and the Board, staff agendized a conversation with the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee on March 26, 2026. A summary of the comments received is included as Attachment 5.

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, April 2, 2026 from Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange
2. C/CAG Sacramento meeting itinerary
3. For the relevant letters of support and project descriptions, see attachments for Agenda item #7 for the 4/9/26 C/CAG Board Meeting at: <https://ccag.ca.gov/committees/board-of-directors-2/>)
4. Matrix of E-Bike Bills
5. BPAC Comment Received

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/>
- [2026 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 from Senator Scott Wiener](#)
- Bill Tracker for C/CAG by SYASL: [C/CAG Bill Tracking](#)
- Current client roster for Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange - <https://syaslparkers.com/clients/>



April 1, 2026

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

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

Re: **STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – April 2026**

Legislative Update

The deadline for legislators to introduce new bills in the second year of the 2025-26 Regular Legislative Session was February 20. In total, legislators introduced 1,800 bills this year, which must be acted on before the Legislature adjourns for final recess on August 31. As is typical, legislators introduced many bills as “spot” bills (i.e. placeholder legislation), which will need to be amended before they can be heard in the Legislature’s policy committees. The Assembly required spot bills to be amended by March 16 and the Senate by March 25. Also, bills must be in print for 30 days before they may be heard in a policy committee. The rules committees in each house have referred most bills to their policy committee(s), and these committees are beginning to hold hearings, which will inform which bills move forward this year.

Alongside this legislative action, the Legislature’s budget committees and subcommittees are beginning to hold hearings to review the proposals included in the Governor’s proposed Fiscal Year 2026-27 budget. Already, these committees are beginning to discuss the impact of the state’s improved fiscal outlook on these proposals. In mid-May, the Governor will release his “May Revise,” an update to his January proposed budget. This will kick off final negotiations between the Governor, Senate, and Assembly to finalize the budget agreement. The budget must be passed by June 15, in advance of the new fiscal year, which begins on July 1.

For information about key legislative and budget deadlines for next year, please see the 2026 Legislative Calendar [here](#).

AHSCP Update

As we have mentioned in previous reports, the Governor’s budget proposes programmatic changes to the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program (AHSCP) to align it with the Governor’s recent state agency reorganization, which created the California Housing and Homelessness Agency (effective July 1, 2026). The affordable housing component of the AHSCP will be nested within CHHA within the Housing Development and Homelessness Committee (HDFC), and the sustainable

communities and agricultural land conservation components of AHSCP will continue to be administered by the Strategic Growth Council. The Governor’s proposed trailer bill language can be found [here](#).

In March, the Legislative Analyst’s Office released its [analysis](#) of these changes and recommended that the Legislature approve this proposal with two modifications. First, they recommend that the Legislature direct the administration to retain an option for developers to submit a single application for an integrated housing-transportation project (rather than requiring them to split up their project into a proposal for HDFC and a separate proposal for SGC). Under this approach, a joint committee of HDFC and SGC staff could review and decide on integrated project proposals. Second, they recommend the Legislature require the administration to report back at the end of the 2026-27 award cycle on demand for (1) affordable housing and (2) sustainable communities—including the number of applications received for each type, funding requested, and qualified applications denied due to insufficient funding. The Legislature could use the data to determine whether to adjust the current split of 70% for affordable housing and 30% split for transportation.

As a reminder, Chapter 121 (SB 840, Limón) made various modifications to the allocation of GGRF revenues starting in 2026-27. For example, SB 840 changed some statutory allocations from being set percentages of annual GGRF revenues to fixed dollar amounts. SB 840 also modified the order in which certain allocations are made, including creating four funding tiers and setting aside \$1 billion for discretionary allocations earlier in the prioritization process. Notably, the Department of Finance does not anticipate GGRF will have adequate revenues in 2026-27 through 2029-30 to support the full amounts identified for the Tier 3 programs in SB 840, including AHSCP. Additionally, CARB has published GGRF revenue estimates that suggest that revenues may never be sufficient to fully fund Tier 3 programs under their proposed regulations. See the table below summarizing the various Tiers under SB 840 and the proposed annual allocations.

Statutorily Required GGRF Appropriations Pursuant to SB 840		
Program	Department	Annual Amounts
Tier 1: Starting in 2026-27, auction revenues will be allocated first to the following programs:		
Manufacturing tax exemption	N/A	• Roughly \$160 million
State operations ^a	Various	• Roughly \$120 million
State Responsibility Area fee backfill	CalFire	• Roughly \$90 million
Legislative Counsel Climate Bureau	Legislative Counsel	• \$3 million
Tier 2: Then second to the following programs:		
High-speed rail project	HSRA	• \$1 billion
Unspecified programs subject to appropriation ^b	Various	• \$1 billion
Tier 3: Then third, if funding is available, to the following programs^c:		
Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program ^d	SGC	• \$800 million
TIRCP	CalSTA	• \$400 million
Community Air Protection Program—AB 617	CARB	• \$250 million
Low Carbon Transit Operations Program	Caltrans	• \$200 million
Wildfire and forest resilience—SB 901	CalFire	• \$200 million
Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Program	SWRCB	• \$130 million
Tier 4: Then fourth, remaining funding is subject to legislative appropriation for discretionary purposes.		
^a SB 840 does not explicitly mention state operations as part of Tier 1, but references funding them prior to allocating Tier 3. The administration proposes budget trailer legislation to clarify that they are considered part of Tier 1. ^b SB 840 included intent language for spending some of this funding in 2026-27. ^c SB 840 requires the Department of Finance to proportionately reduce the amounts for these programs if there is insufficient funding to fully support them. ^d The Governor proposes budget trailer legislation to divide the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities funding into two separate programs. GGRF = Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund; SB 840 = Chapter 121 of 2025 (SB 840, Limón); CalFire = California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection; HSRA = High Speed Rail Authority; SGC = Strategic Growth Council; TIRCP = Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program; CalSTA = California State Transportation Agency; AB 617 = Chapter 136 of 2017 (AB 617, C. Garcia); CARB = California Air Resources Board; Caltrans = California Department of Transportation; SB 901 = Chapter 626 of 2018 (SB 901, Dodd); and SWRCB = State Water Resources and Control Board.		

HCD Issues SB 79 Guidance

On March 20, the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) released initial [guidance](#) on the implementation of SB 79, which is effective July 1, 2026. As a reminder, SB 79 was signed last

year into law and makes qualifying “transit-oriented housing developments” an allowed use on sites zoned for residential, mixed, or commercial development that are located near specified transit stops in urban transit counties. HCD is tasked with overseeing compliance with SB 79, including reviewing enacted SB 79 ordinances and Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Alternative Plans and determining their compliance with state law. The newly released guidance seeks to clarify: (1) key terms, (2) classifications for existing rail typologies as of March 2026, and (3) applicable urban transit counties as of July 1, 2026.

Following the release of this guidance, Senator Wiener informed advocates that he will no longer be pursuing “clean-up” legislation on SB 79 as he feels that this guidance from HCD is sufficient. As a reminder, C/CAG had requested the following items to be addressed in clean-up legislation: (1) extend the implementation deadline to be in alignment with initiation of the next RHNA cycle; (2) exclude bus rapid transit stations from the Tier 2 definition; (3) reconsider impacts of the current definition of ferry service, and; (4) clarify that SB 79 does not preclude cities from requiring ground floor retail in its high-density mixed-used developments. We have been discussing these concerns with legislators, including on our most recent visit to Sacramento.

Bills with Positions

AB 1557 (Papan) Electric Bicycles – SUPPORT

This bill clarifies the existing e-bike power restriction by specifying that the 750W limit on motors applies to maximum peak output, closing the loophole that manufacturers have been using to build and distribute overly-powerful e-bikes that have put young people in danger. Additionally, after recent amendments, the bill will lower the motor limits for class 1 and 2 e-bikes to 250W of continuous power, and limit the speed of the devices to 16 mph. ***This bill is set to be heard in Assembly Transportation Committee.***

AB 2002 (Solache) Regional Early Action Planning – SUPPORT

This bill codifies the Regional Early Action Planning grant program (REAP 1.0) to support future RHNA implementation and local planning. If funded by the legislature through a one-time allocation, the bill proposes distributing funding on a population basis to support regional governments’ Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) responsibilities. ***This bill is set to be heard in Assembly Housing & Community Development.***

AB 2346 (Wilson) Safer E-Bikes, Safer Communities Act – SUPPORT

This bill puts forward various changes recommended by the Mineta Transportation Institute. Firstly, it requires all e-bikes being sold in California to be equipped with speedometers and integrated lights, beginning January 1, 2029. Secondly, it requires that manufacturers and retailers selling e-bikes in California provide consumers with a summary of e-bike laws. Finally, it allows local jurisdictions to impose various speed limits on bicycle paths, multi-use, or paths with appropriate signage; sets a statewide speed limit of 10 mph when riding on a sidewalks; and sets a clear statewide speed limit of 15 mph for any minor under 15 years old, regardless of the device or where they are riding. ***This bill is set to be heard in Assembly Transportation Committee.***

Bills with Recommended Positions

AB 2595 (Papan) San Mateo Electric Bicycle Safety Pilot Program – RECOMMEND SUPPORT

This bill establishes the San Mateo Electric Bicycle Safety Pilot Program and would, until January 1, 2031, authorize a local authority within the County of San Mateo, or the County of San Mateo in unincorporated areas, to adopt an ordinance or resolution that would prohibit a person under 12 years of age from operating a class 1 or 2 electric bicycle. For the first 60 days following the adoption of an ordinance or resolution for this purpose, the bill would make a violation of the ordinance or resolution punishable by a warning notice. After 60 days, the bill would make a violation of the ordinance or resolution punishable by a fine of \$25. ***This bill has been referred to Assembly Transportation Committee.***

SB 1167 (Blakespear) E-bike Safety – RECOMMEND SUPPORT

First and foremost, this bill would clearly define what an electric bicycle is and thereby prevent motor vehicles, such as electric motorcycles, mopeds, and other motor vehicles, from being sold or marketed as e-bikes. This bill also: (1) requires manufacturer disclosure if the device is not an e-bike, (2) prohibits any two- or three-wheeled device with an electric motor capable of propelling the device faster than 20 mph from operating on public roads, (3) standardizes the location of e-bike labels, (4) requires any incident report for an injury or crash of an e-bike to include the information from the label, or note that there was no label, and (5) creates a new code section for citing reckless behavior on e-bikes. ***This bill is set to be heard in Senate Transportation Committee.***

AB 2051 (Wicks) Coastal Resilience Permitting Working Group – RECOMMEND SUPPORT

This bill directs the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA), in consultation with the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA), to convene an interagency Coastal Resilience Permitting Working Group to identify administrative actions and legislative recommendations to streamline and accelerate permitting for coastal resilience and sea level rise adaptation projects. ***This bill has been set to be heard in Assembly Water, Parks & Wildlife Committee.***

AB 2296 (Papan) RHNA Timelines – RECOMMEND SUPPORT

This bill would make changes to the timelines provided in state law for the development of various aspects of a local jurisdiction's housing element, including related to the formation of and review of subregional entities' share of RHNA, approval of a housing element by HCD, and efforts by local jurisdictions to resolve issues with HCD. ***This bill has been set for a hearing in Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee.***

AB 2576 (Harabedian) SB 79 Delay Implementation – RECOMMEND SUPPORT

This bill delays the implementation of SB 79 (Wiener) by one year and increases the population threshold for certain requirements to apply to cities from 35,000 to 40,000. ***This bill is set to be heard in Assembly Housing & Community Development.***

Other Bills of Interest

SB 1087 (Cabaldon) Sustainable Communities Strategy Modernization Bill – WATCH

This bill is co-sponsored by MTC-ABAG and seeks to modernize SB 375, the 2008 law that established the sustainable communities strategies regional planning framework. SB 1087 updates these planning

requirements to better align climate, transportation, and housing goals. Specifically, it requires MPOs to include a new 8-year SCS in every other regional transportation plan, rather than every year. It also revises how GHG reduction targets are set and requires the target to reflect the combined effect of policies, regulations, and investments to improve fleet efficiency and reduce vehicle miles traveled and be based on what is achievable for the region. Additionally, it provides a CEQA exemption for these regional plans if public engagement is conducted. ***This bill is set to be heard in Senate Environmental Quality Committee.***

SB 1361 (Durazo) Affordable Housing Exemption for SB 79 – WATCH

This bill would exempt from the requirements of SB 79 certain local agencies or local governments if the entity has adopted a policy by January 1, 2026, to complete at least 10,000 housing units, at least 50% of which will be income restricted, by January 1, 2032. This exemption would not apply to Tier 2 transit-oriented development stops served by light rail transit or high-frequency commuter rail or the Tier 1 transit-oriented development stops that are operational or in pre-revenue service as of January 1, 2026. ***This bill is pending referral from Senate Rules.***

AB 1569 (Davies) Electric Bicycle Pupil Safety Program – WATCH

This bill would require each school that allows pupils in kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 12 to park a class 1, 2, or 3 electric bicycle on campus during regular school hours to require pupils to complete the electric bicycle safety and training program developed by the Department of the California Highway Patrol or a related safety course as a condition for parking on campus. The bill would also require a pupil to submit proof of completion of the above-described course to their school before parking their class 1, 2, or 3 electric bicycles on the school campus during school hours. The bill would exempt schools that adopted a policy related to electric bicycle safety, on or before January 1, 2027, from these requirements. ***This bill has been set for a hearing in Assembly Education Committee.***

AB 2313 (Berman) Home Energy Choice Act – WATCH

This bill, the Home Energy Choice Act, would require the Public Utilities Commission, in a new or existing proceeding, to require each gas corporation to offer a Gas Distribution Service Line Replacement Alternatives Program, on or before January 1, 2028, to provide gas customers served by a gas distribution service line, planned or forecasted for replacement over the next 5 years, or prioritized for replacement by the commission, with a monetary incentive to deploy gas distribution service line replacement alternatives, and cease gas service to avoid the gas distribution service line replacement. ***This bill is set for a hearing in Assembly Utilities & Energy Committee.***

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Tuesday, March 24th	
9:30 am	C/CAG SYASL La Bou (1100 O St, Sacramento, CA 95814)
10:15 am	Senator Wiener Swing Space, Suite 8620
11:00 am	Assemblymember Stefani Swing Space, Suite 5220
LUNCH <i>Fox & Goose Public House</i> 1001 R Street, Sacramento, CA 95811	
1:00 pm	Assembly Transportation Committee <i>David Sforza, Aaron Kurz , Farra Bracht</i> Legislative Office Building, Room 103
1:30 pm	Assemblymember Berman Swing Space, Suite 8130
2:15 pm	Senate Local Government & Housing Committees <i>Alison Hughes, Housing, Jonathan Peterson, Local Government</i> State Capitol, Room 115
3:00 pm	Assemblymember Papan Swing Space, Suite 4220
3:30 pm	Senator Becker Swing Space, Suite 6100

Proposed California Electric Bicycle Bills

<i>Bill Number</i>	<i>Author</i>	<i>Applicable Jurisdiction</i>	<i>Brief Description</i>	<i>Fiscal</i>	<i>Current Location</i>
Technology Requirements					
AB 1557	Papan	Statewide	Limits e-bike definition to “not capable of exceeding 750 watts of peak power” & sets a speed limit of 16 mph for Class 1 & 2 e-bikes	No	Asm Trans
Manufacturer/Seller Requirements					
AB 2284	Dixon	Statewide	Public list of non-compliant e-bikes & e-bike products	Yes	Asm Trans
Rules of the Road					
AB 1569	Davies	Statewide	Training for students parking e-bikes on campus	No	Asm Ed
AB 1614	Dixon	Statewide	No “piggybacking” on bikes and e-bikes on a Class I bikeway	Yes	Asm Trans
AB 1942	Bauer-Kahan	Statewide	License plates for class 2 & 3 e-bikes	Yes	Asm Trans
Local Limits					
SB 956	Choi	Statewide	Allows local jurisdictions to pass ordinances regulating e-bikes	No	Sen Trans
AB 2595	Papan	San Mateo County	San Mateo Electric Bicycle Safety Pilot Program - would allow localities to prohibit kids under 12 from operating class 1 or 2 ebikes	No	Asm Trans
Kitchen Sink					
SB 1167	Blakespear	Statewide	Distinguishes e-bikes from mopeds or “e-motos” & requires customer disclosure	Yes	Sen Trans
AB 2346	Wilson	Statewide	Speedometer/front & rear lamp requirements; Written description of e-bike laws for customers; Allows various speed limits to be imposed	Yes	Asm Trans

At the request of the C/CAG Legislative Committee members and Board members, staff agendized a discussion of E-Bike legislation on the March 26th Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC). The comments below were shared by BPAC members and by a community member.

Comments from BPAC Members:

1. 10 might be a better age or restricting to middle school students.
2. Have to do something. Focus on middle schoolers, education for parents.
3. AB 2595 does not address problems with e-motos.
4. AB 1557 would outlaw cargo bikes.
5. Complex issue that must be targeted on the root causes.
6. Not just kids but adults riding on the sidewalk.
7. Parents and children need online e-bike education.
8. Enforcement with children can be difficult.
9. Parents do not know what they are buying their kids.
10. E motos have risk profile like motorcycles. Need to regulate E Motos.
11. Focus on manufacturers.
12. Ban throttles, strict speed limits.
13. Focus on the industry not the user.
14. Concern about mixing cannabis with e bike and potential dangers.
15. E-bikes are tearing up trails.
16. Have to start somewhere, and there is never a perfect policy.

Community member Comments

1. Not focus just on schools.
2. If kids can't have e-bikes, need free transit for kids.
3. There is an equity element. Not just wealthy kids have e-bikes.