



AUGUST 2015 CSC, LAC & BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SUMMARY

City Selection Committee (CSC) Meeting Summary

- The City Selection Committee unanimously approved the following appointments:
 - SCC Emergency Operational Area Council South County/West Valley Cities Representative: Jason Baker of Campbell was appointed to fill a new term expiring September 2017.
 - SCC Emergency Operational Area Council Central County Cities Representative: Jim Davis of Sunnyvale was appointed to fill a new term expiring September 2017.
 - SCC Emergency Operational Area Council Central County Cities Alternate Representative: Jerry Marsalli of Santa Clara was appointed to fill a new term expiring September 2017.
 - Sourcewise Representative: Steve Tate of Morgan Hill was appointed to fill a new term expiring June 2017.
 - South County/West Valley Cities Seat Alternate Representative to be scheduled for appointment at September 10th City Selection Committee Meeting.

Legislative Action Committee (LAC) Meeting Summary

- Legislative Action Committee reviewed AB 1110 Emissions of Greenhouse Gases Reporting: Retail Electric Suppliers (Ting), which would require every retail supplier of electricity in California annually to report to its customers the emissions of greenhouse gases associated with the supplier's electricity sources.
- Due to SCC cities' interest and work in forming a Community Choice Aggregation, LEAN Energy, Marin Clean Energy, and Sonoma Clean Power have recommended to oppose the bill unless amended.
- Per the current language, new CCA's would have a hard time investing in power purchase agreements to build new clean power.
- The Legislative Action Committee unanimously recommended to oppose AB 1110.

Board of Directors Meeting Summary

President Jason Baker requested Board's approval of letter to be sent to U.S. Congress requesting support of Partnership to Improve Community Health (PICH) grant.

- The Cities Association has been partnering with the SCC Public Health Department in coordinating efforts with cities to utilize awarded grant funds to shape healthy environments by addressing:
 - Tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke;
 - Access to healthy foods
 - Community design encouraging activity.
- The county has been awarded the grant for two years. Year three may not be available due to federal government's budget considerations.
- The Board of Directors unanimously approved submission of letter in support of continuation of the grant for year three.
- Cities that utilized first round of funding include Saratoga, Palo Alto, Campbell, Sunnyvale, and Morgan Hill.
- Fourteen cities applied for funds in year two; cities approved for year two funding to be announced.

SCC Fire Chiefs Association members President Erik Nickel (Palo Alto) and William Kelly (Santa Clara) presented public safety coordination update.

- Since the grand jury report in 2010, the SCC Fire Chiefs Association has focused on fulfilling mission through regionalization initiatives designed to:
 - Create operational efficiencies
 - Leverage existing emergency response resources
 - Improve service quality
 - Eliminate redundancy
 - Increase standardization.
- Completed initiatives include:
 - Fire apparatus renumbering plan to allow the crossing of jurisdictional boundaries when needed;
 - Incident command training centers;
 - Emergency Medical Services strategic planning;
 - Joint strategic planning retreat with police Chiefs Association;
 - Super Bowl 50 planning.
- Current initiatives include
 - Super Bowl 50 planning – it is important to make sure the rest of the county is protected at the same time the stadium is protected; working with external organizations to ensure safety and protection throughout the county;
 - EMS system support, planning & improvement;
 - Standardize & regionalize major incident support team; emergency management, hazardous materials & technical rescue teams; and fire & life safety codes, plan review, inspections.
- The cities of Mountain View, Palo Alto, San Jose, and Santa Clara have collaborated on boundary drops and seamless response protocols; a consultant to present feasibility study in September on regional fire & EMS dispatch & command center.

- Feedback from Board Members included strong support for efforts thus far and suggestions to consider response to non-emergency calls, cultural sensitivity, establishing a countywide response time that all departments can strive to meet, e.g. the national average response time is 6 minutes; San Jose’s response time is 8 minutes.
- The Association is currently evaluating alternative responses to non-emergency calls.

Anthony Eulo of Morgan Hill provided an overview of the Santa Clara County New Development Water Efficiency Task Force.

- As water supply increasingly becomes scarce, it is essential for new development to be constructed to maximize water efficiency.
- A task force has been formed to evaluate existing technologies and approaches that should be included in city and county codes and regulations.
- The task force plans to propose a model ordinance for review and support by the Cities Association in the near future; ordinance then will be forwarded to cities to consider for own jurisdictions.

Jessica Stanfill-Mullin of the League of California Cities Peninsula Division presented overview of the Transportation Funding Coalition “Fix Our Roads.”

- California has the second highest share of roads in “poor condition” in the nation and lacks adequate funding to fix transportation infrastructure.
- Transportation revenues are in decline; neither the state nor federal gas tax has been increased in more than 20 years and a growing number of electric cars use the system, but pay no tax.
- In response to the governor’s special session to address how California funds roads, several organizations including the League of California Cities and Silicon Valley Leadership Group have joined a coalition highlighting the following seven priorities to our Legislature:

- 1. Make a significant investment in transportation infrastructure** – any funding package should raise at least \$6 billion annually and should remain in place for at least 10 years or until an alternative method of funding is agreed upon.
- 2. Focus on maintaining and rehabilitating the current system** – fixing our roads involves more than just fixing potholes; it requires major road pavement overlays, fixing unsafe bridges, providing safe access for bicyclists and pedestrians, replacing storm water culverts as well as operational improvements to relieve traffic congestions and fix design deficiencies.
- 3. Invest a portion of diesel tax and/or cap & trade revenue to high-priority goods movement projects.**
- 4. Raise revenues across a broad range of options; package should include an “all users pay” system.** Funding sources include:
 - Gas and diesel tax
 - VLF and Vehicle Registration
 - Cap-and-trade
 - Ensuring existing revenues go to transportation purposes

- User charge for electric vehicles.
- 5. **Equal split between state and local projects** – revenue for roadway maintenance should be shared equally (50/50) between state and cities/counties and funding to local governments should be provided directly in order to speed up projects and ensure accountability.
- 6. **Strong accountability measures to protect taxpayers' investment.**
- 7. **Provide consistent annual funding levels** – eliminate current gas tax fluctuations to provide greater certainty for planning purposes.
- The coalition was formed to advocate for local cities and transportation projects;
- There are currently 22 bills addressing transportation in the special session.
- Request to Cities Association: join the coalition by submitting a letter to the Governor and the Legislature highlighting the seven priorities and sign up to be listed as a member of the Coalition. The Board of Directors unanimously approved the request.

Ezra Rapport, Executive Director of Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), presented overview of MTC's recent proposal to transfer some of the land use components of Plan Bay Area, and the associated planning and research staff and funding from ABAG to MTC.

- ABAG is responsible by State law to provide land use and housing analysis for regional planning in the Bay Area. ABAG and MTC were also delegated with specific responsibilities in creating the region's first Sustainable Communities Strategy: Plan Bay Area.
- On July 18, 2013, the Plan was jointly approved by the ABAG Executive Board and by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission; however, in June 2014, MTC approved six months of funding through December 2015 with the intention of considering transfer of staff from ABAG to MTC.
- MTC has made the proposal due to perceived inefficiencies between the two organization's planning departments. Facts to support the perceived inefficiencies have not been presented.
- MTC provides 40% of ABAG's funding; no other funding is available to ABAG to complete the current and future fiscal years; proposal to be considered for approval in September.
- All cities in Santa Clara County are current members of ABAG and pay annual membership dues.
- Services provided to cities by ABAG include:
 - 1) planning assistance;
 - 2) an insurance pool;
 - 3) an energy efficiency program;
 - 4) a power purchase program;
 - 5) green business program;
 - 6) a Bay and Water Trail program;
 - 7) a Clean water related program by EPA;
 - 8) drought relief projects funded by Department of Water Resources;
 - 9) many other programs such as the recent Unaccompanied Minors coordination forum;
 - 9) economic research on population, jobs and housing; and
 - 10) a forecasted development pattern of growth for the region's Plan Bay Area.
- Board Members' feedback included:
 - MTC has not proven collaboration with cities;
 - Recommendation for a consultant to evaluate the proposal and potential improved efficiencies through consolidation.

- SB 375 states ABAG has land-use authority; for a consolidation to occur, legislation or approval by the ABAG Executive Board is needed.
- If consolidation is to occur, equitable representation of the two agencies should be reflected on the governing board.
- What will happen to other services that ABAG provides and how will cities be impacted?
- Recommendation to hear MTC's perspective.
- Board Members unanimously recommended and approved submittal of a letter to MTC requesting to slow down the evaluation process for a few months, gather more information about how cities will be impacted, and explore concerns so all affected parties understand the issues and desired results of such a proposal.

LAC Report: President Jason Baker reviewed LAC's recommendation to oppose AB 1110 (Ting). It was recommended to take the same position as Sonoma Clean Power and Marin Clean Energy. The Board unanimously supported to oppose AB 1110 unless amended.

Legislation Report: Betsy Shotwell reported that transportation is an important issue being considered by the Legislature due to the special session called by the Governor. Bills supported by the Cities Association are still alive: SB 3, AB 1335, AB 35, SB 16; AB 327 was signed into law by the Governor. SB 1X (Beall) is the new legislation functioning as the vehicle of funding for transportation in response to the special session. Thirty-five ballot measures are in circulation; 5-6 measures are related to the legalization of medicinal marijuana and 13 are awaiting the Attorney General's approval. Fewer signatures are needed due to low voter turnout in 2014.

Joys and Challenges:

- Los Gatos Town Council passed the North 40 development project.
- In Sunnyvale, the Supreme Court dismissed the case against development of Sunnyvale Town Center.
- Sunnyvale residents collected enough signatures to qualify a ballot measure requiring voter approval for the City of Sunnyvale to sell or lease public land.
- City of Mountain View successfully hosted its First Annual Innovator's Day with over 1,000 attendants.
- City of Cupertino successfully hosted a forum addressing the future of mobility and transit.