

League of California Cities
Transportation, Communications, and Public Works Policy Committee
Meeting Notes, 3/31/17 Ontario, CA

Introductory session --updates were given on the new transportation package, housing and the state budget:

- Transportation – the revised SB 1, named the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, was introduced, and passage by April 6th is a goal to avoid interweaving it with budget discussions.
- Housing – 130 bills have been introduced on the topic and 120 impact cities. Cities are under “significant attack” as the cause of the housing problem. Cities should carefully look at SB 2, SB 3, SB 540 and SB 35; consider supporting the first three and opposing the last one.
- Budget – the 2017 state budget is fiscally restrained with major federal factors like the Affordable Care Act, CBDG, and infrastructure applying pressure to already tight dollars.
- New CBIG website -- The **California Business Incentives Gateway (CBIG)** is a groundbreaking tool from the State Treasurer’s Office that brings together all of the state and local business development incentives to a single access point. The incentives, detailed here, include site selection services, targeted tax breaks, training grants, fee waivers, permit assistance, low-cost or tax exempt financing, reduced utility rates, employee recruitment, and many others.

Committee input on legislation –

- AB 1103 (Olberholte) Bicycles. Yielding
 - The Committee unanimously opposed this legislation for complicating public safety issues, the vagueness of the language and the subjectivity of the enforcement.
- AB 1127 (Calderon) Baby Diaper Changing Stations
 - The Committee unanimously opposed this legislation due to the vagueness in the definition of “renovation”, the impact on small business, and the fact that it represents another unfunded state mandate.
- AB 1470 (Wood) State Highways. Bypasses of a City or Business District
 - The Committee unanimously opposed this bill due to the working “unspecified amount” for compensation to a jurisdiction with no criteria for calculation as well as no mention of source of funding for the compensation.
- SB 498 (Skinner) Vehicle Fleets. Electric Vehicles

- The Committee voted to oppose this bill at this time, but to watch its movement this legislative session and future ones if it stalls. While this bill would not mandate the purchase of electric vehicles by city and county fleets, the language is very vague. The Committee would prefer a future bill with more details.

Caltrain Project Funding – Seamus Murphy, Chief Communications Officer for Caltrain, discussed the unexpected cancellation of approved funding for Caltrain improvements from the 2018 Trump administration “skinny budget”. Caltrain was advised by federal staff to get money from local funding. Caltrain has already completed design work, awarded contracts, and was ready to go since the money was already approved. The Committee voted 34-6 to have the LOCC Board send a letter of support to the Federal Transportation Administration regarding the project and the terrible precedent the FTA decision creates.

GoHuman program by the Southern CA Association of Governments -- The SCAG “Go Human” educational campaign was discussed with the Committee. It looks like a very fun and impactful program, and the presenter, Sarah Jepson, indicated that other jurisdictions could use their materials like advertising and toolkits. Her contact info is Jepson@scag.ca.gov.
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