

Meeting Minutes - Final

Joint MTC ABAG Legislation Committee

Jesse Arreguin, Chair *Vacant, Vice Chair*
Members

*Eddie Ahn, David Canepa, Carol Dutra-Vernaci,
Pat Eklund, Victoria Fleming, Dave Hudson, Matt Mahan,
Alfredo Pedroza, David Rabbitt, Belia Ramos,
Jim Spering, Sheng Thao, Vacant, Vacant, and Vacant*

Non-Voting Members
Dorene M. Giacomini and Vacant

Friday, February 10, 2023

9:45 AM

REMOTE

1. Call to Order / Roll Call / Confirm Quorum

Present: 9 - Chair Arreguin, Committee Member Eklund, Committee Member Spering, Committee Member Ahn, Committee Member Pedroza, Committee Member Ramos, Committee Member Canepa, Committee Member Dutra-Vernaci and Committee Member Fleming

Absent: 4 - Committee Member Hudson, Committee Member Rabbitt, Committee Member Mahan and Committee Member Thao

Non-Voting Member Present: Commissioner Giacomini

Ex Officio Voting Members Present: Commission Chair Pedroza and Commission Vice Chair Josefowitz

Ad Hoc Non-Voting Member Present: Commissioner Moulton-Peters.

2. Consent Calendar

Upon the motion by Committee Member Eklund and second by Chair Arreguin, the Consent Calendar unanimously was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Chair Arreguin, Committee Member Eklund, Committee Member Spering, Committee Member Ahn, Committee Member Pedroza, Committee Member Ramos, Committee Member Canepa, Committee Member Dutra-Vernaci and Committee Member Fleming

Absent: 4 - Committee Member Hudson, Committee Member Rabbitt, Committee Member Mahan and Committee Member Thao

2a. [23-0149](#) Approval of Joint MTC ABAG Legislation Committee Minutes of the January 13, 2023 Meeting

Action: Committee Approval

Attachments: [2a_23-0149_2023-01-13_Joint_MTC_ABAG_Legislation_Committee_Meeting_Minutes_Draft.pdf](#)

2b. [23-0150](#) Legislative History

Detailed list of bills the ABAG and MTC are tracking in Sacramento, including those ABAG or MTC supports or opposes.

Action: Information

Presenter: Georgia Gann Dohrmann

Attachments: [2b_Handout-February_2023_Legislative_History.pdf](#)

3. State Legislation**3a.** [23-0152](#) 2023 State Legislative Session Update

Overview of the legislative landscape in Sacramento as it relates to the MTC/ABAG 2023 Advocacy Program and an update on key committee leadership changes.

Action: Information

Presenter: Georgia Gann Dohrmann

Attachments: [3ai 23-0152 Summary Sheet 2023 State Legislative Session Update.pdf](#)
[3aii 23-0152 Attachment A State Legislators Transit Operations Support Letter.pdf](#)
[3aiii 23-0152 Attachment B Final Draft January Budget Letter 01.18.23.pdf](#)

3b. [23-0119](#) Assembly Constitutional Amendment 1 (Aguiar-Curry): Voter Threshold for Local Infrastructure Bonds and Taxes

Assembly Constitutional Amendment (ACA) 1 would lower to 55 percent the voter approval threshold for local bonds and special taxes for affordable housing, transportation, resilience and other public infrastructure.

Action: Support and Seek Amendment / ABAG Executive Board Approval
Support and Seek Amendment / MTC Commission Approval

Presenter: Georgia Gann Dohrmann

Attachments: [15a 23-0119 ACA1 Aquiar-Curry Voter Threshold-Local Infrastructure Bonds and Taxes.pdf](#)

Randi Kinman spoke on this item.

Upon the motion by Chair Arreguin and second by Committee Member Spering, a support and seek amendment position on Assembly Constitutional Amendment 1 (Aguiar-Curry) was adopted to be forwarded to the ABAG Executive Board and MTC Commission, respectively, for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Chair Arreguin, Committee Member Spering, Committee Member Ahn, Committee Member Pedroza, Committee Member Ramos, Committee Member Canepa, Committee Member Dutra-Vernaci and Committee Member Fleming

Absent: 5 - Committee Member Hudson, Committee Member Eklund, Committee Member Rabbitt, Committee Member Mahan and Committee Member Thao

3c. [23-0081](#) Assembly Bill 84 (Ward): Property Tax Welfare Exemption

Provides upfront savings on affordable housing developments by revising the welfare tax exemption from a rebate to upfront savings.

Action: Support / ABAG Executive Board Approval
Support / MTC Commission Approval

Presenter: Julie Snyder

Attachments: [15b 23-0081 AB84_Ward-Property Tax Welfare Exemption.pdf](#)

Upon the motion by Chair Arreguin and second by Committee Member Dutra-Vernaci, a support position on Assembly Bill 84 (Ward) was adopted to be forwarded to the ABAG Executive Board and MTC Commission, respectively, for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Chair Arreguin, Committee Member Eklund, Committee Member Spering, Committee Member Ahn, Committee Member Pedroza, Committee Member Ramos, Committee Member Canepa, Committee Member Dutra-Vernaci and Committee Member Fleming

Absent: 4 - Committee Member Hudson, Committee Member Rabbitt, Committee Member Mahan and Committee Member Thao

4. Federal Legislation

4a. [23-0151](#) Washington, D.C. Legislative Update

Report on key legislative, funding and political developments over the past month from Washington, D.C. prepared by the Summit Strategies team.

Action: Information

Presenter: Georgia Gann Dohrmann

Attachments: [4a 23-0151 Summit Strategies Monthly Report Jan 2023.pdf](#)

5. Public Comment / Other Business

6. Adjournment / Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Joint MTC ABAG Legislation Committee will be held on Friday, March 10, 2023 at 9:45 a.m. at the Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, San Francisco, CA, and other remote locations. Any changes to the schedule will be duly noticed to the public.