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Meeting Minutes - Final

ABAG Legislation Committee

Chair, Julie Pierce, Mayor, City of Clayton

Vice Chair, Dave Hudson, Councilmember, City of San Ramon

Friday, March 13, 2020

9:35 AM

Board Room - 1st Floor

Association of Bay Area Governments Legislation Committee

The ABAG Legislation Committee may act on any item on the agenda.

The ABAG Legislation Committee will meet jointly with the MTC Legislation Committee.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:35 a.m.

or immediately following the preceding committee meeting.

Agenda, roster, and webcast available at <https://abag.ca.gov>

For information, contact Clerk of the Board at (415) 820-7913.

Location

Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, Board Room, San Francisco, California

Roster

Jesse Arreguin, David Cortese, Pat Eklund, Scott Haggerty, Barbara Halliday, Dave Hudson,
Gordon Mar, Karen Mitchoff, Julie Pierce, David Rabbitt, Belia Ramos

1. Call to Order / Roll Call / Confirm Quorum

Chair Pierce called the meeting to order. Chair Pierce welcomed Barbara Halliday, Mayor, City of Hayward, and Gordon Mar, Supervisor, City and County of San Francisco, to the ABAG Legislation Committee. Quorum was present.

Present: 10 - Arreguin, Cortese, Eklund, Haggerty, Halliday, Hudson, Mitchoff, Pierce, Rabbitt, and Ramos

Absent: 1 - Mar

2. ABAG Compensation Announcement - Clerk of the Board

The ABAG Clerk of the Board gave the compensation announcement.

3. ABAG Legislation Committee Consent Calendar

Upon the motion by Mitchoff and second by Arreguin, the ABAG Legislation Committee approved the ABAG Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously by the following vote:

Aye: 10 - Arreguin, Cortese, Eklund, Haggerty, Halliday, Hudson, Mitchoff, Pierce, Rabbitt, and Ramos

Absent: 1 - Mar

- 3.a. [20-0503](#) Approval of ABAG Legislation Committee Summary Minutes of the February 14, 2020 Meeting

4. MTC Legislation Committee Consent Calendar

The MTC Legislation Committee took action on this item.

- 4.a. [20-0330](#) Approval of MTC Legislation Committee Minutes of the February 14, 2020 Meeting

5. Information

- 5.a. [20-0332](#) Legislative History

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

Rebecca Long gave the report.

Gordon Mar joined the meeting.

- 5.b. [20-0419](#) March 2020 Election Update: Impact on Transportation & Housing

Update and analysis of the results of the March 3, 2020 primary election, including a summary of any transportation and housing-related measures.

Rebecca Long gave the report.

6. State Legislation - MTC Legislation Committee Approval

- 6.a. [20-0411](#) Senate Bill 1408 (Dodd): State Route 37 Toll Bridge Act

Authorizes tolls and bond financing on State Route 37 (SR 37) to make various improvements.

The MTC Legislation Committee took action on this item.

7. State Legislation

7.a. [20-0492](#) Assembly Bill 725 (Wicks): Middle-Income Housing

AB 725 (Wicks) aims to facilitate middle-income housing production by requiring at least 25 percent of each metropolitan jurisdiction's share of moderate-income and above moderate-income regional housing need be allocated to sites zoned to allow at least two units of housing, but no more than 35 units per acre of housing.

Georgia Gann Dohrmann gave the report.

Upon the motion by Haggerty and second by Mitchoff, the ABAG Legislation Committee recommended that the ABAG Executive Board take an oppose unless amended position on AB 725 (Wicks) to request that the bill applies to suburban as well as metropolitan jurisdictions and that it allow a jurisdiction to exceed the 35 units/acre cap applicable to zoning for moderate and above-moderate income units, in place of the original support position. The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 10 - Arreguin, Cortese, Haggerty, Halliday, Hudson, Mar, Mitchoff, Pierce, Rabbitt, and Ramos

Nay: 1 - Eklund

7.b. [20-0493](#) Assembly Bill 2829 (Ting): Moderate-Income Housing Welfare Tax Exemption

AB 2829 (Ting) creates a property tax exemption for qualified rental housing units with rents affordable to moderate-income households, with the goal of facilitating "missing middle" housing production.

Georgia Gann Dohrmann gave the report.

Upon the motion by Arreguin and second by Eklund, the ABAG Legislation Committee recommended that the ABAG Executive Board take a support and seek amendment position on AB 2829 (Ting) to exclude from the new exemption low-income units or units that had been reserved for low-income households in the ten years prior to the moderate-income property tax welfare exemption claim. The motion passed unanimously by the following vote:

Aye: 11 - Arreguin, Cortese, Eklund, Haggerty, Halliday, Hudson, Mar, Mitchoff, Pierce, Rabbitt, and Ramos

7.c. [20-0410](#) Senate Bill 278 (Beall): Bay Area Transportation Revenue Measure

Update on proposed legislation to authorize a one percent sales tax to be approved by the voters in the nine Bay Area to fund transportation improvements and potentially affordable housing.

Rebecca Long gave the report.

The following gave public comment: Peter Straus, San Francisco Transit Riders and Voices for Public Transportation; Monica Mallon, Voices for Public Transportation and Silicon Valley Transit Users; Rich Hedges; Bob Allen, Urban Habitat and Voices for Public Transportation.

8. Federal Legislation - MTC Legislation Committee Approval

8.a. [20-0207](#) Contract - Washington, D.C. Legislative Representative Summit Strategies Government Affairs LLC (\$900,000)

A request for Committee approval of a three-year contract with Summit Strategies Government Affairs LLC in an amount not to exceed \$900,000 (\$300,000/year) for federal legislative advocacy services, with an option to extend for another three years, subject to the approval of future MTC budget.

Georgia Gann Dohrmann gave the report.

The MTC Legislation Committee took action on this item.

9. Federal Legislation

9.a. [20-0335](#) Tom Bulger's Report

Report from Washington, D.C. advocate.

10. Public Comment / Other Business

There was no public comment.

11. Adjournment / Next meeting

Chair Pierce adjourned the meeting. The next regular ABAG Legislation Committee meeting is on April 10, 2020. Note, this meeting did not occur due to COVID-19.