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SB 1 Passes Out of Senate Transportation and Housing Committee
Next Hearing Set for Feb. 22 in Senate Environmental Quality Committee

League-supported SB 1 (Beall) successfully cleared its first of three policy committees on Tuesday afternoon. Members of the [Fix Our Roads Coalition](#), of which the League is a founding member, testified in support of Sen. Jim Beall's (D-San Jose) bill that generates an additional \$6 billion annually for California's local and state transportation network. *For more, see Page 2.*



Upcoming Legislative Hearings of Interest to Cities Feb. 22 – March 7

The Legislature continues to hold a number of oversight and informational hearings on a variety of policy areas of interest to cities. Today is the bill introduction deadline, which means that the number of legislative hearings will ramp up by early March. *For more, see Page 2.*



One Week Left to Register for the 2017 Public Works Officers Institute & Expo

Just one week remains to register for the 2017 Public Works Officers Institute & Expo, scheduled for March 22–24 at the Paradise Point San Diego. Friday, Feb. 24 is the deadline to [register](#) and reserve a hotel. The conference is expected to sell out quickly. *For more, see Page 3.*

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Rony Berdugo, who testified in support on behalf of the League of California Cities, stressed to the committee that “we used to take pride in our infrastructure, but now our California roads consistently rank as some of the worst in the nation, costing drivers and consumers more than \$760 in annual repairs.” Californians cannot afford to wait any longer for the passage of a meaningful transportation funding package. The system that California residents, businesses and visitors rely on is crumbling. It comes down to pave now or pay more later.

Sen. Beall reminded committee members that it is crucial that California steps away from the cliff of crumbling road conditions. State and local roads have a maintenance backlog of \$130 billion and California motorists are spending more than \$700 annually on car repairs due to pothole-filled roads. This backlog is divided between \$59 billion for state highways and \$73 billion for local streets, roads, and bridges. Without additional funding, this shortfall is projected to grow by \$20 billion in the next decade.

SB 1 now goes to the Senate Environmental Quality Committee where it will be heard on Tuesday, Feb. 22 at 9:30 a.m. Each committee hearing moves the Legislature closer to meeting Gov. Jerry Brown's April 6 deadline to pass comprehensive transportation package.

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Some hearings, if not all, will be televised. The [Senate](#) and [Assembly](#) publish weekly television schedules, but audio is always available online. In addition, many hearings are also webcast via the [California Channel](#).

Here are a number of upcoming hearings of interest to cities:

Feb. 22

Senate Environmental Quality Committee, 9:30 a.m., State Capitol, Room 3191

- **SB 1 (Beall)** Transportation Funding. *League position: Support.*
- Informational Hearing: The Federal Clean Air Act: California's Waivers: How California's Strict Air Quality Standards Have Created Economic Growth and Improved Public Health.

Assembly Appropriations, 9 a.m., State Capitol, Room 4202

- **AB 18 (E. Garcia)** California Clean Water, Climate, and Coastal Protection and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018. *League position: Support.*

Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 126

- Informational Hearing: California's Housing Affordability Crisis: Challenges and Solutions

Assembly Local Government Committee, 2 p.m., State Capitol, Room 447

- Informational Hearing: “How Local Governments are Implementing Proposition 64 — the Adult Use of Marijuana Act (AUMA)”

Feb. 27

Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 5 on Public Safety, 2:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 437

- Informational Hearing: Justice Reform in California

Feb. 28

Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee, 9 a.m., State Capitol, Room 112

- Informational Hearing: California Water Fix: Perspectives on the Plan

Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 447

- Informational Hearing: What are the Financial Barriers to Housing Production in California?

March 2

Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 5 on Corrections, Public Safety and the Judiciary

- Budget Hearing: Prop. 64 – Adult Use of Marijuana Act (AUMA) (Judicial Branch impacts only)

March 7

Senate Transportation and Housing Committee, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 4203

- Informational Hearing: California's Housing Crisis: Long-Term & Comprehensive Funding and Regulatory Solutions

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The discounted block at Paradise Point is sold out but a new room block is secured at:

The Dana on Mission Bay
1710 W. Mission Bay Drive
San Diego, CA 92109

\$182 plus taxes and fees. Resort fee is waived.

To secure your room, please call (800) 445-3339 and identify that you are part of the conference.

Check out these informative sessions being offered:

Wednesday, March 22: How the Highway Safety Improvement Program Can Work For You

The Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) provides significant funding to local agencies for safety improvements. This session's panel will cover the HSIP committee including priorities, recent history of the program, the five new Safety Performance Measures and target setting that is required by the states. Find out what changes have happened in the types of projects funded plus how large and small cities and counties are using this program in their jurisdictions. Learn how to provide input to the committee to improve your ability to compete for these funds.

Thursday, March 23: Delivering California's First Diverging Diamond Interchange

The city of Manteca is about to embark on the state's first Diverging Diamond interchange. Come to this session to hear about Manteca's process and budget evaluation that led staff to go with this type of interchange. The panel will talk about how city staff went with this approach after learning that a partial cloverleaf configuration would exceed their available construction funding. Working with Caltrans, the city gained approval for the new interchange type that not only fits the budget, but allowed Manteca to develop a project that provides capacity and safety for all travel modes.

Networking Reception

Plus, don't miss the always popular networking reception following sessions on Wednesday, March 22, where attendees can connect with old friends, enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres, and meet with exhibitors showcasing products and services important to the public works and engineering industries.

Registration Information

This year's conference includes:

- Two-and-a-half days of important [educational sessions](#);

- Opening general session on Adapting, Succeeding, and Thriving in Public Works with Sarita Maybin, former TedX speaker;
- Wednesday reception with expo, Thursday breakfast and lunch, and Friday breakfast; and
- Electronic access to all program materials.

[Register online.](#)

The full announcement with schedule and complete session information [is now available online.](#)

For questions about this event, please contact [Katie Sacco](#) at (916) 658-8251.

U.S. Communities Announces New Online Marketplace Contract with Amazon Business

U.S. Communities, the League of California Cities[®] and the California State Association of Counties sponsored government purchasing alliance, is excited to announce a new online marketplace contract with Amazon Business.

Registered participants of the U.S. Communities program can now utilize the Amazon Business Marketplace. Amazon Business has been awarded an exclusive multi-year contract through a competitive solicitation process and detailed evaluation conducted by lead public agency, Prince William County Public Schools, Virginia. The contract term is for five years to Jan. 18, 2022, with the option to renew for three additional two-year periods. To learn more about this new contract, register for a [complimentary 30-minute webinar](#).

With access to millions of products, tax-exempt purchasing and dynamic pricing, Amazon Business is a powerful procurement option for your organization with the compliance you trust from U.S. Communities. Amazon Business features:

- Multi-user accounts: Connect your team, create purchasing groups to match your organization structure and share payment methods;
- Approval workflows: Customize your order approvals, set spending limits and manage your organization's buying on Amazon Business; and
- Reporting and analytics: Track and monitor spending within your organization with dynamic charts and data tables.

To learn more about this contract with Amazon Business, register for one of the 30-minute webinars. If you are unable to attend one of the webinar dates, [contact U.S. Communities](#) for additional information.

Webinars

Wednesday, Feb. 22, 8 a.m.

[Register online](#)

Thursday, Feb. 23, 10 a.m.

[Register online](#)

For additional information on Amazon Business or the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance visit www.uscommunities.org or contact [Amanda Cadelago](#) with the League at (916) 658-8226.

About U.S. Communities

The U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance, a strategic partner of the League of California Cities, is a government purchasing cooperative that reduces the cost of goods and services by aggregating the purchasing power of public agencies nationwide. U.S. Communities provides world class procurement resources and solutions to local and state government agencies, school districts (K-12), higher education, and nonprofits. State and local governments

have access to a broad line of competitively solicited contracts with best in class national suppliers.

California City Solutions: American Canyon Partners with The Coca-Cola Company on Water Replenishment and Conservation Goal

This story is part of an ongoing series featuring Helen Putnam Award entries. The 2016 entries are available on the League's website as a resource for cities in a searchable database called [California City Solutions](#). American Canyon's Pipe Bursting Project was submitted in 2016 for the Public Works, Infrastructure, and Transportation award category.

The city of American Canyon focuses on innovative solutions to manage its public works infrastructure while ensuring sustainability for future generations. Since 2007, the city has maintained a Zero Water Footprint (ZWF) policy to help achieve water conservation goals. Two events in 2015 prompted the city to create a partnership to complete its pipe bursting project. The Coca-Cola Company, the city's largest customer, had a contract up for renewal and Gov. Jerry Brown declared a State of Emergency (Executive Order B2915) related to the ongoing statewide drought. The partnership created between American Canyon's Public Works Department and Coca-Cola resulted in a renewed service agreement that provides the city with financial stability for years to come. In conjunction with the new agreement, the parties completed a "community water partnership project." The project included replacing the 7,000 feet of existing pipeline that had begun severely leaking in numerous locations (totaling upwards of 200 gallons per minute).

American Canyon's ZWF policy requires that any new or additional demands to the city's water system — whether residential, business, commercial or agricultural — offset their planned water usage on a 1:1 basis. The policy also includes addressing existing, deficient infrastructure (including leaking waterlines) that has surpassed its useful life.

The Coca-Cola Company has operated a 350,000 square foot facility in American Canyon since 1994. Its contract with the city came up for renewal for the first time in 2015. The American Canyon facility employs more than 500 people and produces more than 100,000,000 gallons of non-carbonated beverages each year (approximately 288 acre-feet in 2015).

Facing consecutive years of drought, American Canyon implemented numerous strategies to conserve water. Shortly after the Governor declared a drought emergency in April 2015, the American Canyon City Council adopted Emergency Regulations by the State Water Resources Control Board and local water use restrictions. At the outset of the agreement renewal process in spring 2015, city staff explained both the ZWF policy and the forthcoming local water use restrictions to Coca-Cola representatives. Although renewal of the agreement was not subject to the ZWF policy (because no increase in demands were sought) the company expressed interest in helping the city improve the sustainability of its water supply, which is consistent with the company's corporate [water replenishment goal](#) to replenish supplies used at their facilities worldwide on a 1:1 basis by the year 2020.

American Canyon employs prudent water use restrictions, tiered water consumption rates and has expanded its recycled water infrastructure (to replace nonessential potable water uses wherever possible). The city also intensified its leak detection and repair program, and was facing the most ambitious and challenging project replacement of 7,000 feet of 14-inch steel transmission pipeline to stop major water leakage.

The project between American Canyon and Coca-Cola faced a number of challenges:

- Funding was needed to complete the project;
- Planning logistics was important in order to insure drivers' safety;
- Scheduling and timelines were vital to completing the project efficiently; and
- Obtaining approvals from Caltrans and various resource agencies to ensure that construction could begin in late fall 2015.

The pipeline was located within the cavity of the old pipeline that serves both the facility and the city as a whole. The city had never previously used the "pipe bursting" method to repair leaking waterlines but decided to employ it to quickly and efficiently eliminate the leaks with minimal

impact to existing customers, motorists (on the adjacent roadway) and the environment. Pipe bursting is a state-of-the-art, trenchless construction method to replace pipelines. The process works by fracturing the old pipe from the inside while simultaneously pulling a new pipe inside the cavity that has been created. The city oversaw construction which started in late September 2015.

The city maintains an ongoing, open dialogue with its large customers, including Coca-Cola, about its water supply situation. The business community is engaged through biweekly city manager updates and lunchtime workshops held jointly with the Chamber of Commerce on a quarterly basis. This regular community engagement was critical to disseminating accurate information during the drought emergency. It also built trust and faith amongst these business leaders that city officials are proactively addressing the city's water supply situation and as a result, building a unique public-private partnership with Coca-Cola which provided financial resources to help the city replenish its water supply.

The city also obtained permits from Caltrans and the Army Corps of Engineers to complete the project. These permits often take months (or years) to obtain approval; however, due to the statewide drought emergency the city was able to fast track the permitting process. This was accomplished by engaging the agencies early in the planning process (June 2015) and working collaboratively with their representatives to identify a streamlined permitting process that would allow for construction to begin in October 2015. The city explained to the agencies that the most appropriate best practices would be utilized in order to mitigate any potential concerns, including hiring a biologist to monitor the site for potential biological resources throughout the duration of construction. In addition, the city placed advanced construction area warning signs and provided continuous onsite inspection and monitoring of traffic conditions. The financing allowed American Canyon to reserve its Water Fund reserves, ensuring that the city's General Fund does not need to subsidize the project.

Work was completed in mid-January 2016. On Feb. 2, 2016, the city approved the renewal agreement with Coca-Cola and Coca-Cola committed to fund 100 percent of the project at a cost of \$1,500,000.

The project resulted in a reduction of 200 to 300 acre-feet of water pumped by the State Water Project from the Delta to American Canyon with multifaceted environmental benefits. For example, the reduction in pumping will translate into an energy saving of approximately 60,000 kWh each year, thereby reducing greenhouse gas emissions associated with energy production. It also aligns with the conservation goals outlined in California's State Wildlife Action Plan to improve conservation and restoration of habitat for 22 endangered species, including the Salt Harvest Mouse and Delta Smelt by reducing water exports from the Delta. Allowing this water to remain in the Delta (instead being pumped to American Canyon, only to be lost as leak) maximizes the effort to protect and restore critical habitat.

American Canyon has successfully improved its public works infrastructure and water delivery by adapting a sustainable procedure to address a longstanding issue.
