

TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION & PUBLIC WORKS POLICY COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

Thursday, June 7, 2018

Sacramento Convention Center, 1400 J Street, Room 202, Sacramento

ATTENDANCE

Members: Esmeralda Soria (Chair), Lindsey Horvath (V.Chair), Kim Bergel, Robin Borre, Randy Breault, Keith Cooke, Laurie Davies, Pippin Dew-Costa, Paul Fadelli, Ben Fine, Lakhvir Ghag, Charles Herbertson, Christian Horvath, Andrew Jared, Lynne Kennedy, Linda Krupa, , Jeff Lee, Chin Ho Liao, Fabian Lizarraga Jennifer Mendoza, Lisa Middleton, Lou Munoz, Dan Parra, Sam Pedroza, Gary Pollard, Ron Rowlett, Steve Sanchez, Jay Spurgin, George Spurr, Charles Swimley, Miguel Ucovich, Veronica Vargas, Steven Vargas, Connie Williams, Bryce Wilson

League Partners: Marc Myers

Staff: Rony Berdugo

I. State Budget and Issues Briefing

Rich Garbarino, League President and Council Member from the City of South San Francisco, welcomed all the attendees and thanked them for their valuable contributions to the League's policy development process. He then paused and asked the attendees to celebrate the voter's support earlier that week for Proposition 69, which ensured that revenues derived from SB 1 could only be used for transportation purposes. He added that the battle to protect local transportation funds was not over, and the League would be working with our partner organizations in the Fix Our Roads coalition to help voters understand the value of preserving these funds. He also noted that voters had approved two other League-supported measures: Prop. 68, the park bond, and also Prop 72 to give a tax break for rainwater capture. League Executive Director Carolyn Coleman provided additional welcoming remarks.

Next, League Fiscal Policy Consultant, Michael Coleman, gave an in-depth update of the Governor's May budget revise. He discussed the revenues generated by the state and the funding priorities for the administration. Erin Evans-Fudem explained the League's budget asks including wildfire and disaster funding, increasing funding for the Transformative Climate Communities program, and increasing state funding to address organic waste recycling challenges.

League Deputy Executive Director/Legislative Director Dan Carrigg then gave an overview of the primary election results including the high-profile Governor's race in November. He talked about the candidates and highlighted some of the positions the candidates have on issues important to the League, such as housing.

Michael Coleman then provided an update on local ballot measures from the recent election. Dan Carrigg then discussed the challenges the League faces with multiple ballot measures in November. Specifically, Dan discussed the Business Roundtable's initiative. This initiative would significantly hinder a city's ability to raise revenue and fund essential services. Due to its retroactive provision, the initiative would undo 25 local ballot measures passed by the voters at the June election.

Jason Rhine, League's Assistant Legislative Director, then updated the attendees on housing legislation. Jason highlighted several bills including AB 2923 (Chiu), SB 828 (Wiener), SB 831 (Wieckowski), AB 2890 (Ting), AB 3162 (Friedman), and SB 946 (Lara). Jason explained that

the budget deal on homelessness has been struck, but he urged everyone to call or visit their legislators to tell them that they support funding for homelessness.

Rony Berdugo, the League's lobbyist on Transportation, Communications and Public Works, was joined by National League of Cities lobbyist, Angelina Panettieri. Rony provided an overview of the fight over SB 649 (Hueso) the small-cell bill from last year, and the implementation transportation funding from SB 1 (Beall, 2016), and asked for volunteers to be champions to help defend SB 1. Rony then introduced Angelina, who discussed the National League of Cities perspective on telecom issues and how other states are addressing the issue. She asked for members to speak to their congressional legislators about broadband deployment to make sure that local government perspectives are heard in Washington D.C.

Dane Hutchings, the League's lobbyist on Governance, Transparency and Labor Relations, discussed AB 1912 (Rodriguez) that would apply retroactive liability to each member agency of a joint powers authority. Dane also discussed a recent budget trailer bill affecting contracting for library services that is reminiscent of AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer) from last year.

Dan Carrigg then introduced the League's newest lobbyist for Public Safety, Charles Harvey. Charles introduced himself and discussed various cannabis and public safety bills. Primarily, Charles discussed SB 1302 (Lara) that would force cities to allow for deliveries in their jurisdictions. He urged the group to call their legislators to let them know that cities do not support SB 1302 or any other measure that removes cities' ability to regulate cannabis deliveries.

Lastly, Dan Carrigg gave a brief overview of the issues related to Revenue and Taxation. He briefly described SCA 20 (Glazer) and efforts to refine a proposed transition to destination allocation of local Bradley-Burns sales taxes as one of the primary topics of ongoing discussion.

II. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Soria gave a brief introduction to the committee and asked the committee members to introduce themselves.

III. Public Comment

No public comment.

IV. Repeal of SB 1 Impact on Funding of Public Transit

Speaker: Josh Shaw, Executive Director, California Transit Association

Mr. Shaw gave a presentation discussing public transit in general, who the average transit user is, and how the repeal of SB 1 (Beall, 2017) would negatively affect mass transit. Mr. Shaw then took questions from the committee.

V. Federal Update

1. Small Cell Wireless Preemption Efforts

Speaker: Angelina Panettieri, Principal Associate for Technology and Communications, National League of Cities

Chair Soria introduced Ms. Panettieri, who then introduced herself to the committee. Ms. Panettieri then gave a presentation regarding small cell wireless preemption efforts. Some of the main topics she discussed were what is going on at the federal level, what to expect in 2018, and what cities can do regarding small cell infrastructure. In addition, Ms. Panettieri highlighted several key issues, including the need for cities to communicate

their positions on small cells to the Federal Communications Commission, the operations of the Federal Communications Commission Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee, and what Congress is doing on net neutrality. Some of the committee members expressed interest in creating a letter they could sign onto to send to the FCC regarding the deployment of small cells. After her presentation, Ms. Panettieri then took questions from the committee.

2. Autonomous Vehicle Preemption Efforts

Speaker: Ruben Duran, Partner, Best Best Krieger

Mr. Duran introduced himself to the committee and gave an overview of the work Best Best and Kreiger has done with autonomous vehicles. Mr. Duran discussed autonomous vehicles and how the technology is developing very rapidly and how there are important opportunities to develop and guide the rollout and implementation of autonomous vehicles. Mr. Duran then concluded his presentation by reminding the committee that they need to be engaged in these emerging technologies in order to make sure their voices are heard as the regulations and frameworks around emerging technologies are created.

VI. Task Force Developed Drone Policy

Speaker: Derek Dolfie, Policy Analyst, League of California Cities

Mr. Dolfie gave a presentation on draft League drone policy for the committee's consideration. Mr. Dolfie explained the process behind the formation of the League's drone task force and how they met over the month of May to create the draft policy and what the policy means. Mr. Dolfie then took questions from the committee.

Committee Action: Motion to **adopt** the draft League drone policy with an amendment to clarify that the line of sight operator requirement applies only to recreational and hobbyist drone operators was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Note: This draft policy was also taken up in the Public Safety policy committee, which took the same committee action.

VII. City and County Pavement Improvement Center

League Transportation lobbyist Rony Berdugo, gave an overview of the City County Pavement Improvement Center (CCPIC) to the committee. In his presentation, Mr. Berdugo discussed the governance structure and the value of formally entering into a partnership with the CCPIC. Mr. Berdugo then took questions from the committee.

Committee Action: Motion to **approve staff recommendation** with an amendment to include pavement industry as ex-officio members on the board was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Legislative and Campaign Update

Mr. Berdugo gave a brief update on various bills related to transportation, communications, and public works. He then took questions from the committee.

IX. Legislative Agenda

- 1. SB 460 (de León) Telecommunications. Universal Service; AB 1999 (Chau) Local Government. Public Broadband Services**

Mr. Berdugo discussed both SB 460 (de León) and AB 1999 (Chau) with the committee and explained each bill. The committee discussed these bills together because they do essentially the same thing but for public and private broadband. The committee then discussed both bills.

Committee Action: Motion to **WATCH** both bills was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **SB 822 (Wiener) Communications, Broadband Internet Access Service.**

Mr. Berdugo presented SB 822 (Wiener) to the committee, explained what it did, and then took questions from the committee. The committee then discussed the bill.

Committee Action: Motion to **SUPPORT** was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **Wildfire and Utilities: Liability Standards Policy Proposal**

Mr. Berdugo presented the League draft wildfire and utilities standards policy to the committee. He explained that the Environmental Quality policy committee was also considering this policy. The policy will help the League engage on the issue of wildfire liability. Mr. Berdugo then took questions from the committee. The committee then discussed the draft policy.

Committee Action: Motion to **APPROVE** the policy with technical changes was made and seconded. It passed unanimously.