

SBCCOG Board Meeting, May 2021 Reports - Britt Huff

CALCOG Board of Directors mtg, May 14, 2021/ Britt Huff, delegate

The Governor's "May Revise" edition of the budget was released the morning of the board meeting. Some COG support items:

Transportation Coalition. CALCOG was an early partner with the California State Association of Counties and Transportation California in the formation of a coalition to support significant investment in transportation infrastructure in light of the projected budget surplus., outlining support for \$1 Billion in Sustainable Community Block Grants. Some recommendations for one-time investments:

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (\$2 BILLION) The Active Transportation Program (ATP) invests in transportation projects and programs to increase the use and safety of active modes of transportation, such as biking and walking.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (\$1 BILLION) SB 3 STATE AND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION ADAPTATION PROGRAM (\$500 MILLION) Increasing temperatures, larger wildfires, heavier rainstorms, and rising sea levels and storm 75 (Chapter 328, Statutes of 2008) tasked California's 18 Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) with reducing GHG emissions from the transportation sector through transportation 2 infrastructure investments and land use planning. The creation and funding of a dedicated Sustainable Communities Block Grant Program (SCBGP) to implement SB 375 would be a game-changer.

HIGHWAY BRIDGE PROGRAM – LOCAL BRIDGE AUGMENTATION (\$500 MILLION) The state and local governments own and operate over 25,000 bridges. Local governments are responsible for 12,105 bridges, 2,663 of which need rehabilitation or replacement.

STATE AND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION ADAPTATION PROGRAM (\$500 MILLION) Increasing temperatures, larger wildfires, heavier rainstorms, and rising sea levels and storm surges associated with climate change are posing a significant risk to the State's transportation infrastructure. Building on the one-time adaptation grant program in SB 1, this program would support state and local transportation and other related infrastructure adaptation projects.

ZERO-EMISSION VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE (\$1.5 BILLION) The Governor's Executive Order N-79-20 set forth numerous zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) goals, including that 100% of new light-duty vehicles sales in 2035 are ZEVs. A one-time general fund investment of \$1 billion to accelerate the pace and scale of the construction of electric vehicle charging stations and \$500 million for hydrogen fueling stations are critical.

Current bills were reviewed and discussed / proposed legislation to support:

AB 1147 (Friedman) Regional Transportation Plans; Active Transportation Program.

Support, but continue to Seek Amendments: • seeks to invest in large and transformative vehicle miles traveled (VMT) reduction projects at the Strategic Growth Council (SGC) and transformative active transportation projects at the Department of Transportation (Caltrans). Creation of a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) Block Grant Program & 2035 Target Action Plan. As part of the assessment process to determine how the funds should be spent, the MPO must develop a target action plan that makes an assessment of current conditions to

determine how the funds could be effectively be invested to accelerate GHG emission reductions. (Senator Ben Allen has agreed to support it in the Senate).

AB 106 (Salas D) Regions Rise Grant Program. Would establish the Regions Rise Grant Program within the Office of Planning and Research. The bill would define “region” as a geographic area composed of one or more counties and cities that form a functional economy. RECOMMENDATION: Support; Seek Minor Amendment.

SB 44 (Allen D) California Environmental Quality Act: streamlined judicial review: environmental leadership transit projects. Would establish specified procedures for the administrative and judicial review of the environmental review and approvals granted for an environmental leadership transit project, as defined, proposed by a public or private entity or its affiliates. SUPPORT.