

**ALAMEDA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'
PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATION/LEGISLATION
COMMITTEE**

Monday, September 19, 2022
1:30 p.m.

Supervisor Keith Carson, Chair
Supervisor David Brown

Location: *Board of Supervisors Chamber – 5th Floor*
County Administration Building
1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612

Summary/Action Minutes

I. Federal Legislative Update – CJ Lake

Schedule

Both the House and Senate are in session this week. The House is scheduled to adjourn at the end of next week while the Senate is currently scheduled to adjourn on October 21.

FY23 Appropriations

Funding for the federal government runs out in 11 days and a Continuing resolution (CR) to keep the government open remains the priority of Congress. It is still expected that a CR will fund the government through December 16th, with an omnibus spending package coming together during the lame duck period after the November elections.

There is bipartisan agreement to include additional funding for Ukraine. The Biden Administration is requesting more than \$13 billion in funds and House and Senate Democratic leaders are seeking at least \$12 billion. Republicans continue to express their opposition to additional funding for COVID and Monkeypox funding. Discussions continue on the potential to include disaster relief funding (KY flooding, Puerto Rico, CA wildfires, etc) with both sides negotiating

President Biden has also requested \$1.5 billion for uranium for US nuclear reactors to offset a decrease in Russian supplies. This request received criticism from Senator Feinstein, the chair of the Senate Appropriations Energy and Water Subcommittee. Permitting reform continues to be the item holding up the CR, with a block of progressive Democrats and Republicans opposing attaching the proposal to the funding extension. With only two weeks left to fund the government, there is urgency to get this finished.

Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$160 Million Available for Smart Transportation Technology

Earlier today, the Department of Transportation announced two new funding opportunities from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). First, is the Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grants Program, which will offer up to \$100 million in grants annually over the next five years and will fund projects that use data and technology to solve real-world challenges. This program will focus on building data and technology capacity and expertise.

The Department of Transportation is seeking projects to address the following transportation priorities:

- Vehicle technology, like automation and connectivity
- Systems innovation, like delivery and logistics, traffic signals, smart grid, and data integration
- And new ways to monitor and manage infrastructure, like sensors and unmanned aircraft systems (UAS)

The deadline for applications is November 18, 2022, at 5 PM ET. The second grant program is the Federal Highway Administration's Advanced Transportation Technology and Innovation (ATTAIN) program. This program includes \$60 million to promote advanced technologies to improve safety and reduce travel times for drivers and transit riders and that can serve as national examples. Eligible projects will be evaluated on how they consider climate change and environmental justice impacts and on their economic impact and potential to create jobs.

Purpose:

- Report progress
- Advocacy or Education
- Request PAL_Committee Recommendation or Position
- Other: Federal Update**

II. State Legislative Update – Political Solutions

The Legislature is out of session as of August 31, 2022.

The Governor has until September 30th to sign or veto all bills on his desk. He has signed 400 bills and will continue with the other 700 remaining.

Governor Newsom is in New York this week for Climate Action Week.

Key Dates and Deadlines

Governor Sign/Veto Deadline – September 30, 2022

General Election – November 8, 2022

2023-24 Organizational Session – December 5, 2022

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This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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