

# MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS AGENDA

**Wednesday, June 28, 2023**

**5:45pm – Business Meeting**

**6:00-7:00pm – Program, 7:30-9:30pm - Networking**

Hosted by the City of Sausalito  
The Spinnaker ~ 100 Spinnaker Drive, Sausalito, CA 94965

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## **5:45 PM: Business Meeting Agenda**

**1. Call to Order:** MCCMC President Brian Colbert

**2. Public Comment** (Limit 3 minutes per person)

### **3. Committee Reports**

- 3.a. Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) \*  
*3a. Report from Supervisor Stephanie Moulton Peters*
- 3.b. Association of Bay Area Governments  
*3b. Written report from Pat Eklund, Novato*
- 3.c. Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District \*  
*3c. Written report from Holli Thier, Tiburon*
- 3.d. MCCMC Homeless Committee \*  
*3d. Written report by Rachel Kertz, San Rafael*
- 3.e. MCCMC Legislative Committee  
*3e. Written report provided by Alice Fredericks, Tiburon*
- 3.f. Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit (SMART)  
*3f. Written report provided by Gabe Paulson, Larkspur*
- 3.g. Transportation Authority of Marin  
*3g. Written report provided by Alice Fredericks, Tiburon*

\* = Indicates report not available at time of agenda publication. The packet will be updated online and redistributed once these items are available.

## **4. Business Items**

- 4.a. Consideration and Possible Approval of the 2023-2024 Meeting Schedule and List of Host Cities  
*Attachment 4a: 2023-2024 Draft meeting schedule and list of host cities*
- 4.b. Consideration and Possible Appointment of MCCMC Representatives to the Marin County Homeless Policy Setting Committee (HPSC)

Two seats with expiring two-year terms.

Incumbents Rachel Kertz, San Rafael, and Susan Wernick, Novato, have indicated interest in seeking re-appointment and will submit letters of interest.

Expiration of current terms were announced and letters of interest solicited at the May 24, 2023 meeting. Consideration and Action to Make Appointments to Represent MCCMC on the Marin County HPSC for new two-year terms will be made by the MCCMC membership at its June 28, 2023 meeting.

*Attachment 4b: Letters of Interest received from Rachel Kertz, San Rafael, and Susan Wernick, Novato.*

4.c. Review Of Draft Agenda For September 27, 2023 MCCMC Meeting To Be Hosted By The City Of Mill Valley  
Attachment 4c: Draft agenda for September 27, 2023

4.d. Consideration and Possible Approval of Draft Minutes of the May 24, 2023 MCCMC Meeting Attachment 4d: Draft minutes for May 24, 2023

4.e. Consideration and Appointment of Executive Committee: MCCMC President and Vice President for 2023-24 Term

4.e.1. Nominations for MCCMC Vice President for 2023-24

4.e.2. Nominations for MCCMC President for 2023-24

Melissa Blaustein, Sausalito, has indicated interest in appointment as President for 2023-24 and has submitted a letter of interest. Eli Hill, San Rafael, has indicated interest in appointment as Vice President for 2023-24 and has submitted a letter of interest.

Attachment 4e: Letters of Interest from Eli Hill, San Rafael, and Melissa Blaustein, Sausalito

ADJOURN: To the September 27, 2023 meeting, to be held in person. hosted by the City of Mill Valley.

Deadline for Agenda Items – September 20, 2023. Please send to: [MCCMCSecretary@gmail.com](mailto:MCCMCSecretary@gmail.com)

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## **6:00 PM to 7:30 PM: Program (times are approximate)**

Welcome and Introduction of Guests: President Brian Colbert

1. Welcome and Introduction from Host City: Mayor Melissa Blaustein
2. Congressman Jared Huffman Will Provide An Update From Washington, DC, And Respond To Questions (start time approximately 6:00pm)
3. Kate Hartley, Director, Bay Area Housing Finance Authority, will provide an introduction and discussion about Bay Area Housing, BAHFA's proposed 2024 GO Bond & Marin's Affordable Housing Needs (start time approximately 6:30pm)
4. Introduction of Councilmembers Elected or Appointed since November, 2022. (start time approximately 7:00pm)

## **7:30 to 9:30: Networking**

# ABAG Report to MCCMC<sup>1</sup>

June 2023

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- 1) **ABAG General Assembly and Business Meeting:** The ABAG General Assembly met on Friday, June 16, 2023 from 10:00 to 3:00 pm at the Bay Area Metro Center and voted to approve the 2023-2024 Budget and Work Program. I want to thank the Marin ABAG delegates who participated in the meeting.
  - 2) **BAHFA Rental Assistance Pilot Program:** On June 8, the ABAG Housing Committee and the Bay Area Housing Finance Authority Oversight Committee jointly approved a recommendation to the BAHFA Board to adopt a BAHFA Rental Assistance Pilot Program and approve the acceptance of \$5 million in MTC Exchange Funds to create BAHFA Rental Assistance Pilot Program. This recommendation will be discussed on June 28, 2023 at the BAHFA Board.
  - 3) **Assembly Bill 1657 (Wicks): Statewide Housing Bond:** Both ABAG and MTC have taken a support position on AB 1657 which would place a \$10 billion GO bond on the March 2024 statewide ballot to fund the state's core rental and ownership programs. Specifically, the measure would designate \$7 billion of the \$10 billion to build apartments affordable to households earning 80% or less of the area median income (AMI) through the Multifamily Housing Program.
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The Conference started with a keynote presentation by **Tracy Hadden Loh**, a Fellow at the Brookings Institution's Center for Transformative Placemaking, who highlighted the power of place and the importance of regional alignment in an uncertain world still recovering from the COVID pandemic. Dr. Loh's work focuses on the intersection of commercial real estate, infrastructure, racial equity and governance. She recently co-authored the Brookings Institution's report entitled "Breaking the 'urban doom loop': The future of downtowns is shared prosperity." After the presentation, **President Arreguín** and Bay Area Council President and CEO **Jim Wunderman** joined Dr. Loh in a discussion of the state of the regional economy. This was followed with a Case Studies panel -- **Chris Rico**, President and CEO of the Solano County Economic Development Council; **Diane Burgis**, Supervisor, County of Contra Costa; **Lily Mei**, Mayor, City of Fremont; and **Todd Pray**, Ph.D., Chief Strategic Partnerships Officer at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory who shared lessons from various Bay Area economic development programs and projects. To view the video of both the General Assembly and the ABAG Conference click here: [ABAG General Assembly on 2023-06-16 10:00 AM - Business Meeting \(granicus.com\)](https://www.granicus.com/ViewVideo.php?id=1000000). The ABAG Assembly Conference starts at: 3:17:27

## 2. BAHFA RENTAL ASSISTANCE PILOT PROGRAM:

On June 8, the ABAG Housing Committee and the Bay Area Housing Finance Authority Oversight Committee discussed and jointly approved a recommendation to the BAHFA Board to adopt a BAHFA Rental Assistance Pilot Program and approve the acceptance of \$5 million in MTC Exchange Funds to create BAHFA Rental

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<sup>1</sup> Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers (MCCMC)

Assistance Pilot Program. We recommended that the pilot be done in other jurisdictions rather than just in San Francisco; and, suggested that North Bay be an additional region considered. I supported adding North Bay since Marin County has the most seniors and low income seniors than any other county in the SF Bay Area.

The housing stability of low-income renters in the Bay Area, particularly seniors, emerged as an urgent concern. In 2019, an estimated 575,000 people were at risk of homelessness in the region, and at least 36,800 people were homeless. The rise in homelessness is highest among seniors. Between 2017 and 2020, there was a 108% increase in seniors 65+ experiencing homelessness in CA, compared with a 61% increase across other age groups. People over 75 in particular face an increased risk of homelessness due to depleted savings, loss of a spouse, and declining health. Housing insecurity in the Bay Area is also infused with racial equity concerns: Black older renters are most likely to be cost-burdened (paying more than 30% of their income on rent) and severely cost-burdened (paying more than 50%), and Black people are more likely to experience homelessness in the Bay Area than any other racial group.

If approved, BAHFA will launch the program as soon as possible and will fund the program until at least June 2026. Pending a successful 2024 housing revenue measure, the program may be continued and expanded with additional funds. With respect to the initial phase of this Program, BAHFA intends to:

- Do an equity-focused outreach and recruitment process to enroll eligible participants in the program, with continual recruitment of new participants if possible, pending program exits;
- Provide a monthly housing subsidy of \$500-8005 for up to 48 months, with the opportunity to renew for additional 48-month cycles for people over 62 years of age;
- Prioritize a service provider partnership that can provide connections to support services as appropriate for each participant, including but not limited to enrollment in other eligible benefits, housing programs, and case management; and
- Evaluation to refine the program model and measure program impact.

### **3. ASSEMBLY BILL 1657 (WICKS): STATEWIDE HOUSING BOND:**

Both ABAG and MTC have taken a support position on AB 1657 which would place a \$10 billion GO bond on the March 2024 statewide ballot to fund the state's core rental and ownership programs. Specifically, the measure would designate \$7 billion of the \$10 billion to build apartments affordable to households earning 80% or less of the area median income (AMI) through the Multifamily Housing Program. Of this, \$1.75 billion would be set aside for supportive housing for people living with disabilities and at least 10% of the other apartments would be reserved for extremely low-income households (30% AMI or less). Additionally, \$1.5 billion would be allocated to rehabilitate or preserve the affordability of existing deed-restricted and market rate apartments. Homeownership production and first-time buyers would receive \$1 billion through CalHome and the California Housing Finance Agency's down payment assistance program. The remaining \$500 million would build rental and ownership homes for farmworkers and members of Tribes.

Historically, GO bonds have been the state's primary funding source for the production and preservation of deed-restricted apartments and single-family homes. Voters last approved a state housing bond in 2018, Proposition 1 which provided \$4 billion for affordable housing. Those funds will be fully allocated by the end of 2023. Lawmakers have also appropriated General Fund revenue for housing production in recent years. However, the state's projected \$31.5 billion deficit makes significant additional General Fund commitments to housing unlikely in the near future.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS<sup>2</sup>**

- **June 28, 2023 --**
  - MTC Commission, 9:35 am**
  - Bay Area Housing Finance Authority, 9:40 am**
  - Bay Area Toll Authority, 9:45 am**
  - Bay Area Infrastructure Financing Authority, 9:50 am**
  - Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways, 9:55 am**
  - Bay Area Headquarters Authority, 10:00 am**
- **June 29, 2023 --**
  - Bay Area Housing Finance Authority, 3:00 pm**
- **July 14, 2023 --**
  - ABAG Housing Committee, 12:00 pm**
- **July 20, 2023 --**
  - ABAG Finance Committee, 5:00 pm**
  - ABAG ACFA Governing Board, 5:05 pm**
  - ABAG Executive Board, 5:10 pm**
- **July 21, 2023**
  - Bay Area Regional Collaborative, 10:00 am**
- **July 26, 2023**
  - Metropolitan Transportation Authority, 9:35 pm**
  - Bay Area Housing Finance Authority, 9:40 am**
  - Bay Toll Authority, 9:45 am**
  - Bay Area Infrastructure Financing Authority, 9:50 am**
  - Bay Area Headquarters Authority, 9:55 pm**
  - Policy Advisory Council, 10:00 am**

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<sup>2</sup> All meetings are 'hybrid' which means that some Board/Committee members will be in person at 375 Beale Street, SF; and, others will be participating via Zoom, webcast and/or teleconference, as noted otherwise. <https://mtc.legistar.com/> If you have questions, contact Pat Eklund, Councilmember, City of Novato at 415-883-9116 or via email at: [pateklund@comcast.net](mailto:pateklund@comcast.net).

Legislative Committee Report to MCCMC  
June 23, 2023

Respectfully Submitted:

Alice Fredericks, Chair, MCCMC Legislative Committee

**MAY MEETING**  
**MCCMC Legislative Committee**

At the May meeting of MCCMC Legislative Committee, lobbyists reported that the Governor's plan to streamline the CEQA process will likely become a trailer bill. The proposed changes to the CEQA process would have benefitted projects like solar farms, infrastructure, even the Highway 37 project. It would have streamlined environmental planning among local, state, and federal agencies, limit the amount of time the court has to reach decisions on CEQA challenges to projects to 270 days,, but also create more exceptions to CEQA review.

The MCCMC Legislative Committee sent position letters on the following bills in May and early June:

**AB 1485 OPPOSE:** Enforcement of the housing element: The bill grants the Attorney General the unconditional, statutory right to intervene in pending third-party actions against local governments for alleged violations of state housing laws. While we recognize the importance of addressing housing issues, AB 1485 raises significant concerns regarding the autonomy of local jurisdictions and the potential unintended consequences it may bring. By granting automatic intervention rights to the Attorney General, the bill creates a power imbalance in private-party cases. This could potentially give weight to baseless claims, burdening both the courts and local jurisdictions with unnecessary litigation costs.

**SB 423 OPPOSE:** Streamlined housing approvals: multifamily housing developments: SB 35 (Chapter 366, Statutes of 2017) Expansion. The bill extends SB 35 to 2035 by eliminating the SB 35's sunset. It also expands provisions of SB 35 to the Coastal Zone, Overrides the state mandated local housing plans by forcing cities to approve certain housing projects without regard to the needs of the community, opportunities for environmental review, or public input

**AB 894 -OPPOSE:** The bill proposes to impose shared parking requirements on public agencies and entities with underutilized parking. AB 894 would mandate sharing of underutilized parking spaces with the public or other entities without consideration of local planning.

**SB 584 OPPOSE:** The bill proposes to levy a 15% tax on the occupancy of short-term rentals. Proceeds of the tax would be used to provide grants for the creation of laborforce housing.

The measure had potentially to substantially reduce local TOT revenues and create a substantial burden for tourists whose visits contribute to local revenues.

*Consistent with the policies of the MCCMC Legislative Committee when the Legislature is moving bills out of committees to the floor at a fast pace between MCCMC Legislative Committee meetings and the bills are consistent with previous positions of the Legislative Committee, the Chair responded to CalCities emergency alert and sent a letter of opposition to SB 584 on behalf of the committee.*

**SB 329 SUPPORT:** The bill would allow councils to adjust their maximum pay to reflect inflation as measured by the California Consumer Price Index. Any increases would require a majority vote of the city councils.

*Consistent with the policies of the MCCMC Legislative Committee, the chair sent a followup letters on the bill on which the committee had previously taken a position.*

### **AGENDA JUNE 26** **MCCMC LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

The agenda for MCCMC Legislative Committee meeting of June 26 includes updates on bills on which the committee has either previously taken a position or voted to watch. Bills on which action will be taken include:

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

##### **[AB 821 \(Grayson\) Planning and zoning: development project application.](#)**

Existing law requires that county or city zoning ordinances be consistent with the general plan of the county or city by January 1, 1974 or be amended within a reasonable time so that it is consistent with the general plan in the event that the ordinance becomes inconsistent with the plan by reason of amendment to the plan. Existing law authorizes any resident or property owner to bring an action or proceeding in the superior court to enforce compliance with these provisions within 90 days of the enactment of any new zoning ordinance or the amendment of any existing zoning ordinance. This bill would additionally authorize any resident or property owner to bring an action or proceeding in the superior court to enforce compliance with these provisions within 90 days of a zoning ordinance becoming inconsistent with the general plan due to amendment of the general plan or its elements.

##### **[AB 825 \(Bryan\) Vehicles: bicycles on sidewalks.](#)**

Existing law generally regulates the operation of bicycles, on sidewalks to provide an adequate path for pedestrian traffic. And authorizes local authority to adopt rules and regulations by ordinance or resolution regarding the operation of bicycles on public sidewalks.

Among other provisions, this bill would prohibit a local authority from prohibiting the operation of a bicycle on a sidewalk adjacent to a highway or corridor that does not include a Class I, Class II, or Class IV bikeway, as defined. The bill would require a person riding a bicycle upon a sidewalk to yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and to adhere to a 10-miles-per-hour speed limit. By creating a new crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

**AB 1657 (Wicks) The Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2024**

Under existing law, there are programs providing assistance for, among other things, emergency housing, multifamily housing, farmworker housing, home ownership for very low and low-income households, and downpayment assistance for first-time home buyers. Existing law also authorizes the issuance of bonds in specified amounts pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law and requires that proceeds from the sale of these bonds be used to finance various existing housing programs, capital outlay related to infill development, brownfield cleanup that promotes infill development, and housing-related parks.

This bill would enact the Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2024, which, if adopted, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$10,000,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law. Proceeds from the sale of these bonds would be used to finance programs to fund affordable rental housing and homeownership programs, including, among others, the Multifamily Housing Program, the CalHome Program, and the Joe Serna, Jr. Farmworker Housing Grant Program.

AB 1657 would provide for submission of the bond act to the voters at the March 5, 2024, statewide general election in accordance with specified law.

**JUNE UPDATES to BILLS ON COMMITTEE WATCH LIST**

**AB 434** (Grayson) Housing element: notice of violation.

*Cal Cities Position: Watch*

*Status: Referred to Com. on HOUSING.*

This bill would authorize HCD to notify a city, county, city and county, or the Attorney General when the planning agency of a city, county, or city and county fails to comply with the above-described provisions relating to hearings for specified variances, ministerial approval of applications for accessory dwelling units or junior accessory dwelling units, permitting for unpermitted accessory dwelling units constructed prior to January 1, 2018, sale or conveyance of accessory dwelling units, ministerial approval of proposed housing developments, ministerial approval of parcel maps for urban lot splits, or housing development projects being deemed an allowable use of parcels within a zone where office, retail, or parking are a principally permitted use, as provided.

**AB 965** (Carrillo) Local government: broadband permit applications.

*Cal Cities Position: Oppose*

*Status: From committee chair, with author's*

*amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on E., U. & C.*

Among other provisions, this bill would require a local agency to undertake batch broadband permit processing, as defined, upon receiving 2 or more broadband permit applications for substantially similar broadband project sites submitted at the same time by the same applicant, within a presumptively reasonable time, as defined. The bill would define "local agency" for these purposes to mean a city, county, city and county, charter city, special district, or publicly



owned utility, other than certain publicly owned electric utilities. If a local agency does not approve those broadband permit applications for substantially similar broadband project sites and issue permits, or reject the applications and notify the applicants, within the presumptively reasonable time or longer period permitted under applicable law, the bill would require that all of those permits be deemed approved.

SB 272 (Laird) Sea level rise: planning and adaptation.

*Cal Cities Position: Neutral*

*Status: From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on NAT. RES.*

*This bill would require a local government, as defined, lying, in whole or in part, within the coastal zone, as defined, or within the jurisdiction of the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, as defined, to implement sea level rise planning and adaptation through either submitting, and receiving approval for, a local coastal program, as defined, to the California Coastal Commission or submitting, and receiving approval for, a subregional San Francisco Bay shoreline resiliency plan to the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, as applicable, on or before January 1, 2034, as provided. By imposing additional requirements on local governments, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The bill would require local governments that receive approval for sea level rise planning and adaptation on or before January 1, 2029, to be prioritized for sea level rise funding, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for the implementation of projects in the local government's approved sea level rise adaptation plan. The bill would require, on or before December 31, 2024, the California Coastal Commission, in close coordination with the Ocean Protection Council and the California Sea Level Rise State and Regional Support Collaborative, to establish guidelines for the preparation of that planning and adaptation. The bill would also require, on or before December 31, 2024, the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, in close coordination with the California Coastal Commission, the Ocean Protection Council, and the California Sea Level Rise State and Regional Support Collaborative, to establish guidelines for the preparation of that planning and adaptation. The bill would make the operation of its provisions contingent upon an appropriation for its purposes by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act or another statute.*

SB 537 (Becker) Open meetings: multijurisdictional, cross-county agencies: teleconferences.

Cal Cities Position: Support

Status: Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

Existing law, the Ralph M. Brown Act, requires, with specified exceptions, that all meetings of a legislative body, as defined, of a local agency be open and public and that all persons be permitted to attend and participate. The act generally requires for teleconferencing that the legislative body of a local agency that elects to use teleconferencing post agendas at all teleconference locations, identify each teleconference location in the notice and agenda of the meeting or proceeding, and have each teleconference location be accessible to the public. Existing law also requires that, during the teleconference, at least a quorum of the members of the legislative body participate from locations within the boundaries of the territory over which the local agency exercises

jurisdiction. The act provides an exemption to the jurisdictional requirement for health authorities, as defined. Existing law, until January 1, 2024, authorizes the legislative body of a local agency to use alternate teleconferencing provisions during a proclaimed state of emergency or in other situations related to public health that exempt a legislative body from the general requirements (emergency provisions) and impose different requirements for notice, agenda, and public participation, as prescribed. The emergency provisions specify that they do not require a legislative body to provide a physical location from which the public may attend or comment. Existing law, until January 1, 2026, authorizes the legislative body of a local agency to use alternative teleconferencing in certain circumstances related to the particular member if at least a quorum of its members participate from a singular physical location that is open to the public and situated within the agency's jurisdiction and other requirements are met, including restrictions on remote participation by a member of the legislative body. These circumstances include if a member shows "just cause," including for a childcare or caregiving need of a relative that requires the member to participate remotely. *This bill would expand the circumstances of "just cause" to apply to the situation in which an immunocompromised child, parent, grandparent, or other specified relative requires the member to participate remotely.* This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

## **Committee Report 3f**

### **Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit District**

1 - June ridership exceeded expectations with a record of over 15,000 riders per week at the beginning of the month. With almost 600,000 riders so far in 2023, ridership has already exceeded its 2023 goal!

2 - The SMART Connect Van has started on-demand microbus service between the Santa Rosa airport and SMART station. This pilot program will address a key "last mile" need and test for expansion of the program.

To further increase ridership and provide community benefit, SMART staff announce two other promotions this summer:

3 - Youth Ride Free: Through August 31, 2023, youth K-12 ride free with a student or government issues ID.

Children ages 5 and under ride free year-round and must be accompanied by an adult.

4 - County Fair: The Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit District (SMART) will offer expanded train service during the Marin County Fair, June 30 through July 4, 2023.

SMART will run 3 evening trains after 10 pm and offer free parking at SMART stations to facilitate fairgoers to watch the fireworks and take public transit to the event.

[www.sonomamarintrain.org/MCF](http://www.sonomamarintrain.org/MCF)

Sincerely,

Gabe Paulson

Mayor Larkspur City Council

<https://ci.larkspur.ca.us/794/Gabe-Paulson>

**TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY OF MARIN REPORT June 2023**

Respectfully submitted: Alice Fredericks, Vice Mayor Town of Tiburon

**TAM Board of Commissioners June 22, 2023**

**1. North South Greenway and Cross Marin Bikeway study**

Tam Board accepted the North South Greenway and Cross Marin Bikeway study which includes multi use pathways. The schematic maps which can be found in the TAM Board agenda packet June 22,2023 at pg 213 offer opportunities to bundle applications for funding cross jurisdictional projects to fill the gaps among the existing paths and bikeways.

Summary of Existing Paths and Gaps:

**a.NORTH SOUTH GREENWAY**

Cal Park Tunnel: 1.1 miles Class 1 multi use north-south Greenway connection to the central Marin ferry connection project.

Anderson Drive to Rice Dr.: A multi use path in SMART's right of way, parallel to railroad tracks, half mile connects Cal Park Tunnel to downtown San Rafael.

Central Marin Ferry connector: Multi use path on a bridge that crosses Sir Francis Drake and connects San Rafael through Cal Park Hill tunnel to Larkspur ferry and Corte Madera Creek path.

Puerto Suello Hill Path: Class 1 Multi use path/ West side of 101 between Mission Ave. and downtown San Rafael and Merrydale Ave. 1.2 miles long connects North-South Bikeway , Arlington Ave. and Los Ranchitos Road.

3rd St. Class 4 Bikeway improvement project from Miramar Ave. to Marquard Ave. Closes the gap in the central Marin Bikeway

**b. Cross Marin Corridor bikeways**

Center Blvd. bicycle lane: Class 2 bike lanes. East West route connect San Anselmo to Fairfax parallel to Sir Francis Drake.

Rowland Blvd. improvement: Class 1 pathway along the southern segment of Rowland Blvd. Gap closure for the North-South Greenway. Will eventually connect Hannah Ranch Road to Rowland Way bridge.

East West bikeway connects downtown San Rafael to San Anselmo and Fairfax. Some multi use pathways sections: cross Marin trail path and Mahone Creek path.

Cross Marin trail: bike route from the Larkspur Ferry terminal to Tamales Bay State park and Point Reyes.

The recently completed multi-use pathway over Corte Madera Creek was presented with the Active Transportation Project of the Year Award by the California Transportation Foundation (CTF). The project was recognized for closing a key gap in the transportation network and providing a safe and separate facility, replacing the old 4-foot, narrow pathway with a 12-foot-wide multi-use path that is Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant.

## **2. TAM Annual Budget FY 2023-24**

The TAM Board conducted a public hearing and adopted the proposed budget for FY 2023-24. Revenue highlights included ongoing consultation with Metropolitan Transportation Commission for an \$87,897,000 request for the Marin Sonoma Narrows project. The potential allocation was made possible by the CA Supreme Court rejection of the lawsuit that held up these funds, which will be generated by an increase in bridge tolls.

In addition, MTC is recommending an award of \$40000 to TAM for a Mobility Hub planning program. Mobility Hub programs increase transit access and connectivity and are part of the Climate Initiative Strategy of Plan Bay Area 2050.

The proposed budget results in a \$29.66M fund balance for future program and project spending at the end of FY 2030-24. The proposed budget can be found here:

<https://www.tam.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/FY23-24-Draft-Annual-Budget-1.pdf>

## **3. More Information**

A broader scope of information about TAM activities can be found here, including a synopsis of the successful SR2S programs funded by TAM and a schedule for the Interchange Improvements Program Workshops:

<https://www.tam.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/FY23-24-Draft-Annual-Budget-1.pdf>

**MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS  
STAFF REPORT**

REPORT DATE: June 23, 2023  
MEETING DATE: June 28, 2023

**TO:** HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF  
MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS

**FROM:** REBECCA VAUGHN, MCCMC Secretary/Treasurer

**SUBJECT:** Approve Meeting Schedule for 2023-2024



**PURPOSE:**

The meeting schedule and listing of host cities and towns for the upcoming meeting year is approved annually in June.

**BACKGROUND:**

Last year, at the June 22, 2022 MCCMC meeting, the membership approved the meeting schedule and listing of host cities for 2022-23, which included the cancellation of the November 2022 meeting due to conflict with the Thanksgiving holiday. It was noted at that time that the same conflict would occur November, 2024. The proposed draft meeting schedule for 2023-24 reflects the direction that was provided at that time, and also recommends cancellation of the November 27, 2024 meeting, as it is again the day before Thanksgiving. Should the membership wish to reschedule the November meeting, it can be moved to November 20, 2023, or a date in December, such the first Wednesday of December, however those options would result in conflicts for other Marin cities/towns who have regular Council meetings scheduled for those dates.

**DISCUSSION:**

In the 2022-23 meeting cycle, the Executive Committee resumed in-person meetings (September, October, April, May and June), in conjunction with several virtual meetings (during the winter months of January, February and March). In-person meetings were hosted by Marin cities/towns in restaurants with opportunities for outdoor space. Cities were encouraged to pair up to share the cost of hosting, and were encouraged to forgo full dinners and instead offer heavy appetizers. It is anticipated that MCCMC will follow this same format in 2023-24. Host cities have already been scheduled for the September and October meetings.

The attached proposed meeting calendar runs from July 2023 through December 2024 and does not include proposed host cities for April, May and June, 2024, at this time. It concentrates in person meetings in the fall and spring when warmer weather will allow host cities to utilize outdoor/open air spaces for meetings. Zoom meetings are proposed for the winter months, January through March. Should the meeting schedule be approved by the membership at the June meeting, staff will reach out to the Mayors group over the summer hiatus and coordinate the host city/cities

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for each of the proposed in person meeting dates in 2024. An updated meeting calendar, amended to include host cities for the in person meeting dates, will be brought back to the membership for review and acceptance at the September meeting.

#### **OPTIONS:**

1. Approve the MCCMC meeting schedule for 2023-24 as proposed.
2. Approve the MCCMC meeting schedule for 2023-24 with changes.
3. Do not approve the proposed meeting schedule and request further discussion and direction to staff.

#### **Attachment:**

1. Proposed MCCMC meeting Schedule and listing of host cities for 2023-24

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**Proposed MCCMC Meeting Schedule  
2023-2024**



**PROPOSED**  
**MCCMC Meeting Dates September 2023 through December 2024**

Introduced and Approved 6/28/23

July / August 2022 – NO MEETINGS	Summer Break
September 27, 2023	In Person, to be hosted by Mill Valley
October 25, 2023	In Person, to be hosted by San Rafael
November 22, 2023	RECOMMENDED FOR CANCELLATION
December 2023 – NO MEETING	Holiday Break
January 24, 2024	Virtual, to be held via Zoom
February 28, 2024	Virtual, to be held via Zoom
March 27, 2024	Virtual, to be held via Zoom
April 24, 2024	In Person, to be hosted by TBD
May 22, 2024	In Person, to be hosted by TBD
June 26, 2024	In Person, to be hosted by TBD
July / August 2024 – NO MEETINGS	Summer Break
September 25, 2024	In Person, to be hosted by TBD
October 23, 2024	In Person, to be hosted by TBD
November 27, 2024 <i>(cancel or move to 3rd Wednesday, 11/20/24)</i>	OPTION TO CANCEL OR RESCHEDULE – To be considered by membership at 6/28/23 meeting
December 2024 – NO MEETING	Holiday Break

June 23, 2022

Rachel Kertz  
Councilmember  
San Rafael City Council

Dear Members of the MCCMC,

Homelessness has been part of our jurisdictions for years. Today we continue to work collaboratively with the County of Marin to share resources, identify approaches and address immediate and long term needs. Over 15 years ago, I started my work with the homeless community as a leader for the REST program. Since then I have worked on topics impacting the homeless community and now as a San Rafael Councilmember, I am fortunate to be on our City's subcommittee on Homelessness and serve as a co-chair of the County's Homeless Policy Steering Committee.

I respectfully request to be appointed by MCCMC to this Committee to continue as the liaison. I have been a vocal proponent of bringing other jurisdictions to the table and identifying how best to serve our homeless community.

As a county we have moved to the Housing First model to address homelessness but we know this is not the only answer. We need to bring more policy makers into the discussion and continue to explore other and complementary approaches. In collaboration with the County, we can approach the complex issue of homelessness. The goal is to further engage all the cities in finding solutions to this challenging issue.

Thank you for your consideration.

Rachel Kertz  
Councilmember  
San Rafael City Council

To: Rebecca Vaughn  
From: Susan Wernick  
Date: May 21, 2023  
Re: Letter of Interest – Homeless Policy Steering Committee

I would be honored to continue to serve as one of MCCMC's representatives to the Homeless Policy Steering Committee (HPSC).

Over the past few years, Novato has experienced significant growth in the number of people experiencing homelessness. Though we have made progress with the unhoused at Lee Gerner Park, an encampment in the Hamilton neighborhood has seen much growth. Additionally, a large RV encampment exists along Binford Road, just outside the city limits.

It is critical that Novato remains focused on working to end homelessness in our community and that requires involvement at the County level. I am eager to continue to learn more and be part of a collaborative effort to help reduce the number of people in Marin experiencing homelessness.

As I am currently the Novato representative to the MCCMC Homeless Committee, I feel it is appropriate for me to continue in this role with the HPSC. Over the past 2 years I have attended the quarterly meetings and have participated in other opportunities such as the Homelessness Forum in May 2022, and the HPSC 101 Training earlier this month.

Novato continues a successful partnership with Homeward Bound, the Downtown Streets Team, and in 2022 added two new staff positions that are focused on the City's response to homelessness. I remain committed to carrying on the tradition of Novato collaborating with the County in addressing homelessness.

Thank you for your consideration.

*Susan Wernick*

**MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS  
DRAFT AGENDA**

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

Start time: 5:30pm - in-person meeting, to be hosted by the City of Mill Valley

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Public Comment** (Limit 3 minutes per person)
- 3. Welcome and Introduction of Guests**
- 4. Presentation:** To be determined
- 5. Tentative Committee Reports**
  - 5.a. Metropolitan Transportation Commission – Supervisor Connolly
  - 5.b. Association of Bay Area Governments
  - 5.c. BCDC / Report from North Bay representative on the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission
  - 5.d. Homeless Committee
  - 5.e. Marin County Disaster Council Citizen Corps
  - 5.f. Marin Transit
  - 5.g. Sonoma/Marin Area Rail Transit Commission
  - 5.h. Golden Gate Bridge & Highway Transportation District
  - 5.i. Transportation Authority of Marin
  - 5.j. MCCMC Legislative Committee
  - 5.k. Local Agency Formation Commission
  - 5.l. Climate Action Committee
  - 5.m. MCCMC Economic Recovery Committee
  - 5.n. MCCMC Water Policy Ad Hoc Committee

**6. Business Meeting**

- 6.a. Consideration and Possible Adoption of MCCMC Operating Budget for FY 2023-2024
- 6.b. Review of Draft Agenda for the October 25, 2023 MCCMC Meeting
- 6.c. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the Draft Minutes of the June 28, 2023 MCCMC Meeting Held Via Zoom Webinar

**8:30 PM ADJOURN: to the October 25, 2023 meeting, to be hosted by the City of San Rafael**

*Deadline for Agenda Items – October 18, 2023 Please send to:*  
[MCCMCSecretary@gmail.com](mailto:MCCMCSecretary@gmail.com)

**MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS  
DRAFT MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2023**

**Hosted by Town of Corte Madera**

**RH Rooftop Restaurant Marin ~ 1750 Redwood Hwy., Corte Madera, CA 94925**

**5:45pm – Business Meeting**

**6:00-7:30pm – Program and Networking**

**Members Present**

Belvedere: Mayor James Lynch, Councilmembers Cooper, Kemnitzer, Wilkinson  
Corte Madera: Mayor Charles Lee, Councilmembers Beckman, Casissa, Ravasio, Thomas  
Fairfax: Mayor Chance Cutrano, Councilmembers Blash, Coler  
Larkspur: Mayor Gabe Paulson, Councilmembers Candell, Carroll, Way  
Mill Valley: Mayor Jim Wickham, Councilmembers: Carmel, Joachim, Perrey  
Novato: Mayor Susan Wernick, Councilmember Eklund  
Ross: Mayor Beach Kuhl, Councilmember McMillan  
San Anselmo: Mayor Steve Burdo, Councilmembers Burke, Colbert, Fineman, Kullaway  
San Rafael: Mayor Kate Colin, Councilmembers Bushey, Hill, Kertz  
Sausalito: Mayor Melissa Blaustein, Councilmember Hoffman  
Tiburon: Councilmember Thier

**Ex Officio:** MCCMC Secretary Rebecca Vaughn; City/Town Managers: Heather Abrams (Fairfax),  
Cristine Alilovich (San Rafael), Christa Johnson (Ross), Adam Wolff (Corte Madera), Chris Zapata  
(Sausalito)

Guests in attendance: Supervisors Eric Lucan, Stephanie Moulton-Peters, Katie Rice, Mary Sackett;  
Nancy Hall-Bennett, CalCities North Bay Division

**1. Call to Order**

President Brian Colbert called the business meeting to order at 5:45p.m., and welcomed everyone to  
the meeting of the Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers, for May 24, 2023.

A roll call of the Marin towns/cities was taken. There was a quorum of the 11 Marin cities/towns present,  
with representatives from 11 cities/towns in attendance.

President Colbert then called for Public Comment.

**2. Public Comment:**

Public Comment was received from:

1. Kate Colin, San Rafael - Thanked the municipalities who provided Proclamations for Gun  
Violence Awareness Month. She reminded the group that Wear Orange weekend is June 2-4  
and National Gun Violence Awareness Day is Friday, June 2nd. She also spoke about the End  
Family Fire campaign to promote safe storage of guns in homes. More information on the End  
Family Fire Campaign can be found here: <https://www.endfamilyfire.org/>

And a video on the End Family Fire program can be viewed her: <https://youtu.be/UwZXj0rymOU>  
(and can also be found at the top of this website that also has additional information and  
educational resources: <https://www.bradyunited.org/program/end-family-fire>)

2. Chance Cutrano, Fairfax - Provided additional information about gun safety awareness and  
current legislation. Moms Demand Action advocates for gun safety legislation at the state and

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national level. This year one of their top priority bills is AB28, a bill that if passed into law will provide sustained funding for gun violence prevention groups in California. It imposes a small excise tax on the firearm industry and therefore will require a 2/3 majority to pass. Moms Demand Action is asking our Marin County mayors to please read and sign the attached letter: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdLwA60MO1w9TdkspIWDtYvk2j4OiSvSup3-XkNKQs3diHQQa/viewform?emci=30a18fc9-6ef4-ed11-907c-00224832eb73&emdi=ea000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000001&ceid=>

He also announced that on Sunday, June 4th, Join Moms Demand Action, Students Demand Action, political leaders, gun violence survivors, and community partners from around the Bay Area at their annual Wear Orange march across the Golden Gate Bridge! We'll first gather for a rally at the Marin Vista point and then we'll march across the bridge to San Francisco. Parking near the Vista Point is limited so consider carpooling or taking a taxi/ride share to the rally.

3. Pat Eklund, Novato - Encouraged everyone to review the ABAG report that she provided for the agenda packet, <http://www.mccmc.org/wp-content/uploads/Final-ABAG-Report-to-MCCMC-for-April-and-May-2023.pdf> and particularly encouraged review of the section summarizing "California's Housing Future 2040: The Next Regional Housing Needs Allocation" (which begins at the bottom of page 3 of the linked pdf)

3. **Committee Reports:** All Committee reports were submitted in writing and are available in the [agenda packet on the MCCMC website](#). President Colbert thanked those who submitted written reports and encouraged the membership to review the reports.

3.a. ~~Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) \*~~ (no report)

~~3a. Report from Supervisor Stephanie Moulton-Peters~~

3.b. Association of Bay Area Governments

3b. Written report from Pat Eklund, Novato

3.c. ~~Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District \*~~ (no report)

~~3c. Written report from Holli Thier, Tiburon~~

3.d. Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit (SMART)

3d. Written report provided by Gabe Paulson, Larkspur

3.e. ~~MCCMC Homeless Committee\*~~ (no report)

~~3e. Written report by Rachel Kertz, San Rafael.~~

#### 4. BUSINESS MEETING

- 4.a. Announcement of Upcoming Expiration of Terms of the MCCMC Representatives to the Marin County Homeless Policy Setting Committee (HPSC)

President Colbert announced that there are two seats with expiring two-year terms, and that the incumbents, Rachel Kertz, San Rafael, and Susan Wernick, Novato, have expressed interest in seeking re-appointment and have submitted letters of interest. There were no other nominations from the floor at this time.

President Colbert noted that nominations will be accepted from the floor consideration and possible appointments to represent MCCMC on the Marin County HPSC for new two-year terms will be made by the MCCMC membership at its next meeting scheduled for June 28, 2023.

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3 4.b. Nominations for Executive Committee – MCCMC President and Vice President for  
4 2023-24 Term:

5 1. Nominations for MCCMC President for 2023-24

6 2. Nominations for MCCMC Vice President for 2023-24  
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8 President Colbert announced that Melissa Blaustein, Sausalito, has indicated interest  
9 in appointment as President for 2023-24 and has submitted a letter of interest, and  
10 that Eli Hill, San Rafael, has indicated interest in appointment as Vice President for  
11 2023-24 and has submitted a letter of interest. There were no other nominations from  
12 the floor at this time.  
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14 President Colbert noted that nominations will be accepted from the floor and a vote to  
15 elect the Executive Committee for 2023-24 will be held at the June 28, 2023 regular  
16 meeting.  
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20 4.c. Review of Draft Agenda for the June 28, 2023 MCCMC Meeting, in person, to be  
21 hosted by the City of Sausalito  
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23 There were no comments on the draft agenda, which will be held in person and hosted by the  
24 City of Sausalito.  
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26 4.d. Consideration and Possible Approval of the Draft Minutes of the March 22, 2023  
27 MCCMC Meeting  
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29 President Colbert called for a vote to approve the draft minutes for March 22, 2023  
30 There was a motion and second (Coler / Lee) to approve the draft minutes for March 22,  
31 2023. The motion was approved by roll call vote of the cities/towns present, 10-0-1 (Tiburon  
32 absent)  
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35 **Adjournment**  
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37 The meeting was adjourned at 5:56pm to the next regular meeting scheduled for June 28,  
38 2023 to be held in person and hosted by the City of Sausalito.  
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VIA E-MAIL

May 20, 2023

Rebecca Vaughn, Secretary  
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SUBJECT: Letter Of Interest to serve as MCCMC Vice President 2023-2024

Dear Mayors and Councilmembers,

This letter expresses my interest in serving as MCCMC Vice President for the 2023-2024 term. I am presently a member of the San Rafael City Council.

I have over 20 years of professional work experience as a strategy and technology consultant with public sector agencies at the local, state, and federal levels. As a San Rafael resident, I was appointed to the Fire Commission in 2019 and to the Planning Commission in 2020. In 2021, I was appointed to the San Rafael City Council to serve the remainder of Mayor Kate Colin's City Council seat through November 2022 and was elected to serve as Councilmember for District 2 for a four year term through November 2026. I have served as a member of the MCCMC Ad Hoc Water Policy Committee as well as Alternate to Pat Eklund on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission Executive Board.

As MCCMC Vice President, I would dedicate my energy to supporting the tenets of MCCMC including promotion of cooperation and good relationships among towns and cities, districts, County, State, and Federal governments as well as supporting the MCCMC President.

I would be honored to serve as Vice President for MCCMC for the coming term. Please feel free to contact me at 415-484-5978 if you have any questions.

Thank you for your consideration,

Eli Hill

Councilmember, City of San Rafael



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May 24, 2022  
Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers  
300 Tamalpais Drive  
Corte Madera, CA 94925

Dear Mayors and Councilmembers,

I would like to formally submit my name for consideration as MCCMC President for Fiscal Year 2023/2024. It has been my honor to serve as your Vice President for the past year, under the leadership of President Brian Colbert I have enjoyed strengthening my understanding of the purpose and goals of MCCMC. We are a thriving group of dedicated elected officials passionate about improving our communities. We each face the same challenges of addressing housing, mitigating climate change, prioritizing social justice, planning for disaster preparedness, and serving our constituents.

MCCMC is a valuable place for us to work together to share ideas and best practices together, and I look forward to an opportunity to continue to make our convenings valuable for each of us in the year ahead. I hope to hear from all of you about your priorities for our group and how we can best use our time together to share best practices, learn from one another and build a strong network.

Born and raised in Marin, it is an honor and privilege to be among such a distinguished group serving our County as we tackle these critical issues together. Since my tenure as Vice President, I have been selected by my fellow council members to serve as Mayor of Sausalito. This new leadership position has made me keenly prepared to take on the role of President at MCCMC and I hope to have your support.

Please reach out to me directly if you have any questions or simply just to catch up. Thank you for your consideration.

Warmly,  
Melissa Blaustein  
Mayor, Sausalito