



## **Staff Report - Amended**

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### RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR SB 348 AND THE CITY/COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS OF SAN MATEO COUNTY (C/CAG)

Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

#### **Summary**

C/CAG has requested a letter of support for SB 348. It will help them to extend AB 1546 a \$4 motor vehicle fee in San Mateo to the year 2013.

Belmont City Council previously approved AB 1546 and SB 613. SB 613 was vetoed by the Governor because he wanted a shorter extension. Passage of SB 348 will accomplish this goal. We changed the bill number and the sunset date; everything else remains the same. An amended version of SB 713 is attached.

#### **Background/Discussion:**

Assembly Bill (AB) 1546 was sponsored by C/CAG in 2003 and was approved by the governor in 2005. However, the bill had a sunset date of January 1, 2009. C/CAG needs support to reauthorize this bill in its current form as Senate Bill (SB) 613 to extend the sunset date to January 1, 2019.

This legislation authorized the C/CAG Board to levy an assessment of up to four dollars on the motor vehicle fee to support two types of programs that address the impacts of automobiles.

- The first program deals with traffic congestion. The funding has been used for a wide range of transportation services throughout the County.
  - 25% of the total funds collected are distributed directly to the 21 jurisdictions to congestion related programs and projects such as signal timing, resurfacing, and swales.
  - Another 25% of the total fund is reserved for countywide projects such as hydrogen stations, and other countywide traffic management systems currently under consideration by the C/CAG technical committees.
  
- The second program is to address the storm water pollution that is directly the result of automobiles. The copper residue from brake pads and the condensation of mercury from vehicle exhaust are major sources of pollution in our storm drains and ultimately in the Bay, the Ocean, and our streams and creeks.
  - 25% of the total funds collected are distributed directly to the 21 jurisdictions to stormwater related projects such as inlet cleaning, and streetsweeping.
  - Another 25% of the total fund is reserved for county wide projects such as

the county wide stormwater pollution master plan.

**General Plan/Vision Statement**

No impact.

**Fiscal Impact**

The continuation of revenue for traffic calming and NPDES storm water projects. Assuming 10,500 vehicles, the fee would raise \$42,000 annually.

**Public Contact**

Posting of City Council agenda.

**Recommendation**

Review and approve the Mayor signing the letter in Attachment A.

**Alternatives**

1. Decline to support SB 348.

**Attachments**

- A. Letter of Support for SB 348
- B. Senate Bill 348
- C. Letter from C/CAG requesting support

Respectfully submitted,

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Jack R. Crist  
City Manager

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**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELMONT  
SUPPORTING SB 348 AND THE CITY/COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
OF SAN MATEO COUNTY (C/CAG)**

**WHEREAS** the City of Belmont is currently a member of the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG); and,

**WHEREAS** C/CAG has requested a letter of support for SB 348; and

**WHEREAS** the City of Belmont supports the Bill SB 348, a continuation of up to \$4 in motor vehicle fees used for the maximization of the capacity of the current transportation infrastructure and mitigation of the storm water pollution caused by debris from motor vehicles; and

**WHEREAS** SB 348 will be a financial benefit to all of the Cities and the County;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor of the City of Belmont is hereby authorized and directed to sign the attached letter of support for SB 348 for and on behalf of City of Belmont, subject to approval as to form by City of Belmont Legal Counsel.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Belmont at a regular meeting thereof held on February 26, 2008 by the following vote:

AYES, COUNCILMEMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_

NOES, COUNCILMEMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAIN, COUNCILMEMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT, COUNCILMEMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_

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CLERK of the City of Belmont

APPROVED:

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MAYOR of the City of Belmont

February 26, 2008

The Honorable Joseph S. Simitian  
State Capitol - Room 2080  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SUPPORT OF C/CAG SPONSORED SENATE BILL (SB) 348

Dear Senator Simitian:

The City of Belmont supports the C/CAG sponsored Bill SB 348 that would continue to authorize C/CAG to assess up to \$4 in motor vehicle fees. The purpose of the fee is to continue a successful program that funds congestion management activities to reduce congestion to the benefit of the driving motorist. It also provides funding for motor vehicle related programs of the state mandated (unfunded) Countywide Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program.

The first objective of SB 348 is to maximize the capacity of the current transportation infrastructure through transportation system measures. These measures include but are not limited to ramp metering, employer and local shuttles, Intelligent Transportation Systems, Real Time Information Systems on the freeway, park and ride lots, and advanced accident removal systems with automatic rerouting of traffic. Our City has received funds from this program to address potholes, resurfacing, grade sealing and other street maintenance activities. We have a member on C/CAG's Technical Advisory Committee working on countywide programs associated with the broader impacts of congestion in our county.

The second objective is to address the storm water pollution that flows to San Francisco Bay as a result of the debris from motor vehicles and its infrastructure. The stormwater program is an unfunded State mandate. Some of the programs it will support include but are not limited to Countywide public education, grants to local jurisdictions, Countywide monitoring and studies, and training for City and County staffs to meet permit requirements. This will provide an on-going source of funding for capital and operating expenses for the storm water pollution prevention programs that are mandated under the Clean Water Act but not funded by the State. Our City has received funds from this program to address streetsweeping, storm water pollution clean up, storm inlet cleanup, swales and other storm water improvement programs.

SB 348 will be a financial beneficial to all the Cities and the County. Your carrying this bill is appreciated and we look forward to working with you to gain passage of this piece of legislation. Please feel free to contact Jack Crist, City Manager, at (650) 595-7410 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Warren Lieberman  
Mayor

cc: Richard Napier