

**CITY/COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
COMMITTEE ON CONGESTION MANAGEMENT  
AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (CMEQ)**

**MINUTES  
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 26, 2007**

At 3:05 p.m., the meeting was called to order by Chair Irene O'Connell in Conference Room C of San Mateo City Hall.

Members Attending: Jim Bigelow, Judith Christensen, William Dickenson, Linda Larson, Sue Lempert, Arthur Lloyd, Karyl Matsumoto, Chairwoman Irene O'Connell, Naomi Patridge, Barbara Pierce, Vice-Chair Sepi Richardson, Lennie Roberts, and Onnolee Trapp.

Staff/Guests Attending: Richard Napier, Sandy Wong, John Hoang, and Diana Shu (C/CAG Staff), Pat Dixon (Transportation Authority Citizens Advisory Committee), Marshall Loring (MTC EDAC), Joe La Mariana and Kim Springer (San Mateo County Recycle Work).

**1. Public comment on items not on the agenda.**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**2. Minutes of January 29, 2007 meeting.**

Member Trapp pointed out that on page 4 of the January 29, 2007 minutes, it should state that member Trapp attended the League of Women Voters conference.

*Motion: To approve the Minutes as amended. Trapp/Bigelow, approved, unanimous.*

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**3. Progress Report & Recommended Actions on Utilities and Sustainability Task Force (USTF).**

Member Pierce introduced this item by providing the background of the energy study as well as the Utilities and Sustainability Task Force (USTF). The USTF membership includes elected officials: Bill Dickenson, Deborah Gordon, Jerry Hill, Terry nagel, Barbara Pierce, Sepi Richardson, as well as stakeholders such as Bruce Chamberlain, Nicole Sandkulla, Kathy Lavezzo, Robert Cormia, Mario Panoringan, and county staff support. Member Pierce stated that the USTF deals with climate issues as they relate to energy. She then introduced Ms. Gina Blus of EcoAdvantage who gave a detail presentation on the progress report and recommendation made by the USTF regarding energy and the environment.

The recommendations from the USTF to the CMEQ include:

- Approval of the report and submit it to the C/CAG Board for discussion and approval;
- Request that C/CAG share this report with the cities and the Board of Supervisors, and encourage each jurisdiction to pass the Resolution and participate in the development of

- the Energy Strategy;
- Suggest that each jurisdiction identify one or more officials (preferably one elected official and one staff member) to take the lead on energy, water and climate issues, since these issues are expected to increase in importance going forward, and
  - Begin to consider whether a permanent entity is needed within the C/CAG structure to address energy, water, climate and other utility issues.

CMEQ members had the following comments relating to the energy issue:

- City of San Mateo implemented many strategies such as the “Light Out” program and the “green” police station. It is the City Council that needs to make these types of decisions.
- When we must print material, it should be printed on both sides of the paper.
- What are the legislations in place that can help local government to encourage the reduction of energy use?
- The green building concept ought to be implemented.
- There will be real benefit in getting a legislation pass on net metering.
- Richard Napier mentioned that it would be much easier for people to understand from the money saving standpoint than the green house gas numbers.
- The USTF should flush out issues such as what will give the biggest payback, what solutions will be best implemented within city government, and what solutions will be best implemented by residential units, etc.
- The next steps for the USTF work should show some concrete examples of what’s been done by businesses and governments.
- At some point in time, CMEQ will explore what its role should be in the next step of energy conservation and green house gas. It is important that we all agree that in terms of energy strategy, we should include green house gas emissions as information in the decision about energy choices.

*Motion: Approval of the recommendations as presented. Pierce/Larson, unanimous.*

**4. Recommendation on approval of Kimley-Horn and Associates as the consultant for the Incident Management – Alternative Route Plan Project.**

John Hoang presented the recommendation on approval of Kimley-Horn and Associates as the consultant for the Traffic Incident Management project. John stated that back in June 2006, the CMEQ approved to pursue the traffic incident management program. It has been decided that a consultant is needed to assist in this program. C/CAG sent out an RFP and received 4 responses. They are from DKS Associates, Kimley-Horn Associates, Telvent Farradyne, and URS Corporation. A panel consisted of one representative from the Foster City police department, Belmont public works, Caltrans, and C/CAG staff was formed to evaluate the consultant proposals. The panel recommended Kimley-Horns and Associates.

Chair O’Connell had a question as to whether there will be mechanism to train replacement staff in relation to the training program presented on page 23 of the packet. (Page 23 discussed training program for key field personnel that documents inter-agency communication and roles in responding to non-recurring traffic incidents). John responded affirmatively.

*Motion: Recommend approval of Kimley-Horn and Associates as the consultant for the Incident Management Alternative Route Plan Project, Bigelow/Pierce, Unanimous.*

**5. Update on State Infrastructure Bonds.**

Richard Napier, C/CAG Executive Director, reported C/CAG received \$60 million in State funds from the Transportation Bond (Corridor Mobility Improvement Account CMIA), with the support from San Mateo County elected officials and agencies such as San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA), the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), Caltrans, and local cities and the business communities. Special thanks to Assemblyman Gene Mullin who testified at the CTC Hearing in support of the San Mateo County project. Also, the following support letters were sent to the CTC: a joint letter from the five state legislators: Senators Joe Simitian and Leland Yee, Assemblymembers Gene Mullin, Ira Ruskin, and Fiona Ma; letters from Mayor Pierce of Redwood City, Redwood City Chamber of Commerce, Menlo Park Chamber of Commerce, Silicon Valley Leadership Group, SAMCEDA. Member Lempert gave thanks to a number of individuals who helped out and suggested CMEQ members to make some thank you phone calls to the state legislators. CMEQ members requested staff to email contact information for the thank you calls/letters.

**6. Member comments and announcements.**

Member Pierce: next Wednesday at 6pm at the Little Fox Theatre, Rick Co will have a presentation on Smart Growth, \$10, it will have great information.

Member Bigelow: The Dumbarton Rail project needs support since there are forces out there trying to derail the project. Support letters from councils and staff will be helpful.

**7. Adjournment and establishment of next meeting date.**

At 4:37 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.