

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

**MINUTES
MEETING OF MARCH 26, 2007**

At 3:04 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, Tom Davis, William Dickenson, Linda Larson, Sue Lempert, Arthur Lloyd, Karyl Matsumoto, Barbara Pierce, Vice-Chair Sepi Richardson, Lennie Roberts, and Onnolee Trapp.

Staff/Guests Attending: Richard Napier, Sandy Wong, Tom Madalena, and Diana Shu (C/CAG Staff), Christine Maley-Grubl (Alliance), Marc Roddin (MTC), Duane Bay (SM County Dept. of Housing), Marshall Loring (MTC EDAC), Richard Silver (Rail Passenger Association of California), Howard Goode (SMCTA).

1. Public comment on items not on the agenda.

Christine Maley-Grubl of the Peninsula Traffic Congestion Relief Alliance (Alliance) spoke on the Try Transit Campaign program.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Minutes of February 26, 2007 meeting.

Member Pierce pointed out that on page 3 of the February 26, 2007 minutes, Mr. Rick Cole's last name was misspelled.

Motion: To approve the Minutes as amended. Richardson/Pierce, approved, unanimous.

REGULAR AGENDA

3. Dumbarton Rail Project Update.

Mr. Howard Goode of the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA) presented an update on the Dumbarton Rail Project description, schedule, as well as current issues on the project. The proposed project will run 6 peak hour trains, each in the AM and PM commute periods, between Union City and San Francisco/San Jose. Ridership is anticipated to be 5630 in year 2010, and 12800 in year 2030. The project is currently funded at \$300 million with a mix of MTC Regional Measure 2, Alameda County Transportation Authority, Alameda Congestion Management Agency, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Agency, San Mateo County Transportation Agency, and State funds. Project is lead by a Policy Committee, Project Development Team, and Corridor Communities. The current issues include: (1) Union Pacific Railroad unwilling to compromise on right of way and trackage rights. (2) Funding shortage due to new cost estimate of \$515 million. (3) Potential additional cost of neighborhood impact mitigation.

CMEQ members had the following comments:

- Project team must work with wildlife refuge agencies to develop the project.
- Although there is overall funding shortage, there is enough approved funding to complete the current phase of study. And that the current phase of study ought to be completed in order to inform the next step of action.

Richard Silver, Rail Passenger Association of California, commented that generally speaking, rail is less polluting than buses and cars. He stated this project will provide much benefits and urged CMEQ members to encourage speeding up the process.

Member Lempert encouraged CMEQ members to attend the next Dumbarton Rail Policy Committee meeting on April 24.

Motion: Recommend C/CAG Board to send support for this project to the Dumbarton Rail Policy Committee, Bigelow/Pierce, Unanimous.

4. Recommendation on the FY 07/08 Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) Program Expenditure.

Tom Madalena presented the proposed FY 07/08 Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) Program Expenditure. The proposed program has approximately \$1 million which will include the continuation of funding in the SamTrans, Alliance, and Menlo Park shuttle programs/projects with the same proportion as previous years.

Member Bigelow commented that by year 2009, the new Measure A will have double the funding in shuttle program. Member Pierce suggested getting periodic report/update from SamTrans and the Alliance on the local shuttle program.

Motion: Recommend approval of the FY 07/08 TFCA Program Expenditure, Bigelow/Davis, Unanimous.

5. Update on Various Infrastructure Bond Funding Opportunities.

Diana Shu gave a PowerPoint presentation on the various infrastructure bonds including Propositions 1A, 1B, 1C, 1E, and 84. She provided a summary of programs, fund administrators, contact persons/agencies, and current actions for each of the propositions. Richard Napier commented that the Dumbarton Rail project, discussed in item 3 above, is eligible for funding under the Goods Movement Transportation Bond funds.

CMEQ members appreciated the information and requested Diana for a copy of the PowerPoint.

6. Update on the Sub-Regional Housing Needs Allocation Process (RHNA).

Richard Napier, C/CAG Executive Director, reported that majority of the RHNA TAC and PAC members have agreed on the housing allocation methodology formula. However, Colma, Belmont, and Millbrae representatives disagreed. Staff will continue on refining the allocation methodology formula and work towards consensus.

Chair O'Connell thanked Richard for all his effort in providing help to cities on this item.

7. Member comments and announcements.

Member Bigelow: California High Speed Rail public hearing – check information on website <http://www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov>.

8. Adjournment and establishment of next meeting date.

At 4:48 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.