

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

**MINUTES
MEETING OF MAY 21, 2007**

At 3:07 p.m., the meeting was called to order by Chair Irene O’Connell in Conference Room B of the San Carlos Library.

Members Attending: Jim Bigelow, Tom Davis, Linda Koelling, Linda Larson, Sue Lempert, Arthur Lloyd, Karyl Matsumoto, Barbara Pierce, Vice-Chair Sepi Richardson, Lennie Roberts, Onnolee Trapp, and ZoeKersteen-Tucker.

Staff/Guests Attending: Richard Napier, Sandy Wong, John Hoang, and Diana Shu (C/CAG Staff), Christine Maley-Grubl (Alliance), Pat Dixon (TA CAC), Richard Cook (SamTrans).

1. Public comment on items not on the agenda.

Chair O’Connell welcome Zoe Kersteen-Tucker, a member of the SamTrans Board of Directors. Ms Kersteen-Tucker is also the Executive Director of the Coastside Land Trust.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Minutes of March 26, 2007 meeting.

Member Matsumoto stated that she did not receive a copy of the PowerPoint presentation regarding Infrastructure Bond Funding Opportunities. Sandy Wong said she will resend that to all members.

Motion: To approve the Minutes of the March 26, 2007 meeting. Matsumoto/Pierce, approved, unanimous.

REGULAR AGENDA

3. AB 1546 Countywide Congestion Management Program – Traffic Congestion Mitigation Recommendation.

Action on this item was pulled because the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) did not recommend approval on this item. Instead, it was being sent back to the subcommittee for more work. Sandy Wong stated that the issues being sent back to subcommittee are 1) maximum of \$200K per jurisdiction; 2) intersection traffic volume of “TBD” needs to be pre-defined.

Chair O’Connell asked CMEQ members to provide any comments/input they may have for consideration by the subcommittee as they go back to work. CMEQ members had a short discussion on the maximum dollar amount per jurisdiction. While a lower maximum of \$100K may allow more jurisdictions to receive the grant, a higher maximum of \$200K would permit bigger projects to move forward.

4. Local Transportation (Shuttle Services).

Sandy Wong reported on this item for Tom Madalena who was on vacation. It was reported that the recommended funding amounts for all projects are the same as the requested amount except for the Redwood City project. The difference between the recommended amount and the requested amount for this project was covered by the Lifeline program funds. Sandy also reported that the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) has requested quarterly ridership reports. CMEQ members expressed appreciation in the TAC's interest in receiving ridership reports and asked that any available best practices be brought forward for sharing in the future.

Motion: Recommend approval of funding for the provisions of Congestion Relief Program Shuttle Services for a total cost not to exceed \$667,965 from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, Bigelow/Davis, Unanimous.

5. Recommend approval of staff to work with local jurisdictions and transportation agencies to provide candidate project information for the MTC Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update.

Sandy Wong reported that MTC has initiated the process to update of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for the Bay Area. MTC is working with partner agencies to develop goals for the RTP. The goals stated in the current RTP are: Safe and Well-Maintained System, Reliability, Access to Mobility, Livable Communities, Clean Air, and Efficient Freight Travel. For the RTP update, MTC will add the two new goals: Transportation Security and Emergency Management; and Managing Global Warming.

As part of the RTP update process, MTC requested each county to submit projects (via the respective Congestion Management Agencies) for performance measure modeling by July 27, 2007. For this submittal, only big projects that are not included in the current 2005 RTP need to be submitted. There will be opportunity later to submit a complete list of projects after financial projections are made.

CMEQ members raised the question of funding for BART projects in San Mateo county being taken over by BART. Richard Napier stated that San Mateo county is still responsible for its share of BART systemwide projects. He will obtain further information on this issue. CMEQ members also stated that it's important that money put in transit project will indeed increase transit ridership

Member Lempert informed the group of the Focusing Our Vision (FOCUS) effort of the Joint Policy Committee (JPC). The JPC, consists of ABAG, MTC, BCDC, and the Air District, is in the process of identifying Priority Development Areas (PDA) where development should take place. There will be funding such as bond funds associated with PDAs. However, it's unclear at this point as to what and how much funds will be available. Richard Napier added that it will be on the next C/CAG Board agenda for approval of an application for PDA be submitted for the El Camino Real corridor for the length of San Mateo County.

Motion: Recommend approval of staff to work with local jurisdictions and transportation agencies to provide candidate project information for the MTC Regional Transportation Plan update, and be cognizant of what was discussed, Bigelow/Richardson, Unanimous.

(Information: After this meeting but before the June 14th C/CAG Board meeting, MTC postponed the deadline to submit projects towards the end of this calendar year.)

6. Initial draft of the C/CAG 2007/08 Budget and fees (information).

Richard Napier, C/CAG Executive Director, reported on the 2007/08 C/CAG Budget. It will include a 5% increase in member agency dues. The increase has been sent to member agencies a few times, there should be no surprise. He then provided a brief overview and status of the various program budgets.

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

7. Support for Senate Bill (SB) 286 (Lowenthal and Dutton), Transportation Bonds: Implementation (information).

Diana Shu reported on the status of SB 286 (Lowenthal) which proposes to establish procedures for the allocation of up to \$2 billion of bond proceeds for Local Street and Road improvements from the Transportation Bond Act. This bill will authorize the allocation of funds, upon appropriation by the Legislature, in two cycles over a period of four years. The first two-year cycle will be no later than January 1, 2008 and the second cycle be no later than January 1, 2010. Further, it will authorize the allocation of 50% of the \$2 billion in the first cycle.

8. Member comments and announcements.

Member Lempert announced that Howard Goode will make a presentation on Dumbarton Rail tomorrow at the Menlo Park City Council meeting. She encouraged everyone to attend to show support.

Member Matsumoto said she will miss the June CMEQ meeting.

Richard Napier announced that Sandy Wong has been promoted to the Deputy Director position at C/CAG.

Member Bigelow thanked CMEQ members for their support on the Dumbarton Rail project.

9. Adjournment and establishment of next meeting date.

Since the C/CAG Board does not meet in July, a June or July CMEQ meeting will work equally well to get items ready for the August C/CAG Board meeting. Members decided that the next CMEQ meeting will be on June 25, 2007.

At 4:25 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.