

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

**MINUTES  
MEETING OF JULY 28, 2008**

At 3:03 p.m., the meeting was called to order by Chair O'Connell in Conference Room C at the City Hall of San Mateo.

Members Attending: Judith Christensen, Linda Koelling, Arthur Lloyd, Karyl Matsumoto, Barbara Pierce, Vice Chair Sepi Richardson, Lennie Roberts, Onnolee Trapp, Zoe Kersteen-Tucker, Daniel Quigg, and Steve Dworetsky.

Staff/Guests Attending: Richard Napier, Sandy Wong, Tom Madalena, Jean Higaki, (C/CAG Staff), Pat Giorni (Burlingame resident).

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

Pat Giorni, a Burlingame resident, advocated for support for more bicycle carrying capacity on CalTrain in its Bicycle Master Plan. Members requested Richard Napier, Executive Director of C/CAG, to contact CalTrain and convey the support for more bike carrying capacity.

Sandy Wong introduced Jean Higaki, a new C/CAG staff who came with extensive background in Federal funding process and project management.

Chair O'Connell introduced and welcome new member Steve Dworetsky to the CMEQ committee.

**2. Minutes of May 19, 2008 meeting.**

Member Pierce noted that the minutes omitted to list her attendance of the May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

*Motion: To approve the Minutes of the May 19, 2008 meeting, as corrected. Motion was approved unanimously.*

**3. Draft San Mateo County Energy Strategy (Information item).**

Richard Napier provided a presentation on the Executive Summary of the Draft San Mateo County Energy Strategy report. CMEQ members had the following comments:

- \* Biotech companies are on board with the energy conservation objective.
- \* AB 811 allows cities/county to give loans to low income families for solar installation.
- \* The report did not include a specific target for energy conservation.
- \* The document format is easy to read. As time goes on, the goals stated in the document will be modified as a living document.
- \* Energy use is projected to go up. We must make people understand the importance of cutting down on energy usage.
- \* Create a website to show best practices.
- \* Linking transportation and land use is missing. A suggestion was made to add land use to the document.

**4. Report on C/CAG and PG&E Local Government Partnership (San Mateo County Energy Watch) (information item).**

Richard Napier reported on a \$3.5 million grant from PG&E for business, communities, and residential energy conservation outreach and improvement. It's a partnership program and will also fund a county staff position. The program will likely be in place by January next year.

**5. Review and recommend approval of the funding recommendation for the provision of Congest Relief Program shuttle services for a total cost of \$738,803.**

Tom Madalena presented the recommendation on funding for the Congestion Relief Program shuttle services for fiscal year 2008/09. CMEQ members requested to look at actual riderships for these shuttles at a future meeting.

*Motion: To recommend approval of the funding recommendation for the provision of Congestion Relief Program shuttle services for a total cost of \$738,803. Quigg/Keolling, approved, unanimously.*

**6. Receive the performance report on the Hydrogen Shuttle (information).**

Richard Napier provided an update on Hydrogen Shuttle. In terms of cost, it is not as competitive as traditional shuttles, but it reduced 4000 tons of carbon dioxide. The shuttle operation has been under budget due to better mileage consumption. It operates in the morning only from East Palo Alto to the Palo Alto train station. Reliability is less than regular gas vehicle, but it's up and running more than 90% of the time which is considered good. It met its intended program goals. Member Matsumoto would like to know the cost per mile to operate.

**7. Proposed feasibility study on carpool lanes along US 101.**

In 1999, there was a study on US 101 for carpool lanes and auxiliary lanes. Findings in that study indicated it would be difficult to convert an existing mixed-flow lane to a carpool lane. Richard Napier stated that his recent observation: south of Whipple, US 101 has 3 mixed-flow lanes plus one carpool lane. But north of Whipple, it has 4 mixed-flow lanes. Mr. Napier asked CMEQ members if it would make sense to partner with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) to study the feasibility of converting one of the four existing mixed-flow lanes into a carpool lane between Whipple and San Francisco County line. CMEQ members' general reaction was that it would be worthwhile looking into in terms of the number of vehicles and carpool users. Will having a carpool lane encourage drivers to carpool? Carpooling will conserve energy.

**8. Executive Director Report.**

Rich Napier reported that AB348 clear the Assembly, will go to Senate for confirmation, and then to the Governor. He mentioned that Assembly member Ruskin has done a wonderful job to champion this bill.

**9. Member comments and announcements.**

None.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. The next meeting was scheduled for August 25, 2008.