

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

**MINUTES
MEETING OF JULY 30, 2007**

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

Members Attending: Judith Christensen, Tom Davis, William Dickenson, Linda Larson, Arthur Lloyd, Karyl Matsumoto, Barbara Pierce, Vice-Chair Sepi Richardson, and Lennie Roberts.

Staff/Guests Attending: Richard Napier, Sandy Wong, John Hoang, (C/CAG Staff), Richard Cook, Corinne Goodrich, and Ana Chavez (SamTrans), Joe Hurley (SMCTA), Marshall Loring (MTC EDAC).

1. Public comment on items not on the agenda.

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Minutes of May 21, 2007 meeting.

Motion: To approve the Minutes of the May 21, 2007 meeting. Pierce/Matsumoto, approved, unanimous.

REGULAR AGENDA

3. San Mateo County Transportation Authority Strategic Plan Update.

Joe Hurley, Program Director, San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA) presented the SMCTA Strategic Plan update process. The purpose of the Strategic Plan is to define policies and procedures necessary for timely, cost-effective implementation of Measure A transportation projects and programs. Guiding principles used include: Reduce congestion; Develop and improve regional connections; Enhance safety; Facilitate land use/transportation harmonization; and Meet local mobility needs. Goals and objectives of the Strategic Plan include:

- Develop evaluation criteria for prioritization of projects.
- General procedure for project sponsors to initiate projects.
- Develop an implementation schedule for project funding.

Mr. Hurley highlighted the various programs within Measure A as well as the respective funding shares. Measure A programs include: CalTrain, Local Shuttle Services, Paratransit Services, Ferry Services, SFO BART Extension, Dumbarton Corridor, Highway Key Congestion Corridor and Supplemental Roadway, Grade Separation, Local Share, Pedestrian & Bicycle, and Alternative Congestion Relief Program. Mr. Hurley's presentation was well received and appreciated by committee members. Member Lloyd commented on BART's proposal of discontinuing service from Millbrae to SFO next year, and suggested SMCTA to work with BART to reverse that direction.

4. Recommend approval on Final Housing Needs Study.

Richard Napier presented the *San Mateo County Housing Needs Study* Final Report. He highlighted the changes made in response to comments from CMEQ and the Peninsula Interfaith Action (PIA) with respect to the Draft Report. A reference to the impact of transit oriented development (TOD) on affordability and availability of housing as well as its connection to transportation has been added. Also, additional language on the industry standard for financial feasibility on linkage fee has been added. Mr. Napier and CMEQ members stated that it is clear housing supply shortage is a severe problem facing San Mateo County. The question to be addressed by CMEQ is what are the appropriate and effective actions to be taken to alleviate this shortage.

Motion: Recommend approval of the Housing Needs Study Final Report, Pierce/Larson, Unanimous.

5. Review and recommend approval of the Draft 2007 Congestion Management Program (CMP) and Monitoring Report.

John Hoang presented the Draft 2007 Congestion Management Program (CMP) and stated that it is required by law that CMP monitoring is conducted every two years. In the San Mateo county CMP roadway network, there are a total of 53 roadway segments and 16 intersections. The 2007 CMP roadway condition monitoring showed a total of two (2) roadway segments in violation of CMP level-of-service standards, compared to a total of five (5) violations in 2005. The improvement may be attributed to the turning on of US 101 ramp metering.

Motion: Recommend approval of the Draft 2007 Congestion Management Program (CMP) and Monitoring Report, Larson/Pierce, Unanimous.

6. Recommendation for approval of the AB1546 Countywide Traffic Congestion Management Program for Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) projects.

John Hoang presented a proposed funding program for traffic congestion management using the countywide share of the AB 1546 Congestion Management fund. If approved, this will be a competitive funding program and a call for projects will be issued to local agencies for Traffic Signal Control upgrade and Video Detection System upgrade projects. A total of \$1.25 million is available and the maximum grant amount is \$200,000 per jurisdiction.

Motion: Recommend approval of the AB1546 Countywide Traffic Congestion Management Program for ITS projects, Pierce/Richardson, Unanimous

7. Update on the Senior Mobility program.

Corinne Goodrich of SamTrans presented an update on the Senior Mobility Action Plan and Initiative. The need for Senior Mobility actions are: 65+ population will double in San Mateo County in the next 20 years; more seniors will live in places difficult to serve with public transportation; seniors will not be accustomed to using public transportation; and existing transportation services will not be able to meet all the needs of seniors. The Plan is a joint effort to keep older people safe and connected to their communities as problems related to aging make it harder for them to get around. The steering committee includes: SamTrans, cities, the County, Health Plan of San Mateo, Mills Peninsula Senior Focus, Adult Day Care, Paratransit Coordinating Council, California Senior Legislature, Family Services Agency, C/CAG, SMCTA, Caltrans, and MTC. The Senior Mobility Committees have developed the following seven top

strategies:

- Community Transit Services
- Encouraging Use of Transit
- Walking and Pedestrian safety
- Safe Driving and driving retirement
- Taxicabs
- Information & Assistance
- Community-based Transportation

Additionally, an idea is to create a new non-profit organization that could promote senior mobility in San Mateo County and support existing organizations that provide transportation services for older people. There is a need to improve coordination among public transportation and other transportation service providers. Ms. Goodrich also handed out copies of the “*Senior Mobility Guide*”. This booklet will be distributed to senior centers and libraries. Chair O’Connell suggested that local public broadcast system be used to further distribute senior mobility related information.

Member Pierce suggested Corinne to contact “Redwood City 2020” as an example for how to overcome some of the challenges with programs that has multiple agencies.

8. Update on C/CAG 3rd Cycle Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Incentive Program.

Sandy Wong reported on the update of C/CAG 3rd cycle TOD program. A total of 14 TOD housing projects were committed to receive funding from C/CAG in 2005. Of the 14 housing projects, eight met the first timeline requirement. The remaining six projects did not start construction in a timely manner. That includes the Millbrae Belamor project which was previously thought of being under construction. Staff will continue to work with project sponsors of the eight successful projects to fund the respective transportation projects. The eight projects are expected to build a total of 1296 bedrooms including 613 affordable bedrooms.

9. Member comments and announcements.

Chair O’Connell mentioned that member Larson will be termed out, and member Toni Stein has moved out of the county. Member Davis also stated that he will be leaving soon as well.

Marshall Loring, member of the MTC EDAC, informed the committee that MTC has a 39-minute video on Mobility for Older Drivers. He will provide the instructions on how obtain copies to Sandy Wong for CMEQ members.

10. Adjournment and establishment of next meeting date.

Chair O’Connell and Richard Napier announced MTC is seeking public input to the Draft Regional Rail Plan and will be at the next CMEQ meeting for presentation and hearing. It will be a forum for CMEQ members as well as the public to provide input to the Regional Rail Plan. Therefore, it is proposed to start the next meeting at 2:30PM (instead of the usual 3:00PM) to allow for more time. Also, the meeting will be held at the SamTrans Auditorium so that there is more space.

At 4:45 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.