

2014 TAC Roster and Attendance				
No.	Member	Agency	Feb	Mar
1	Jim Porter (Co-Chair)	San Mateo County Engineering	x	x
2	Joseph Hurley (Co-Chair)	SMCTA / PCJPB / Caltrain	x	x
3	Afshin Oskoui	Belmont Engineering	x	x
4	Randy Breault	Brisbane Engineering	x	x
5	Syed Murtuza	Burlingame Engineering	x	x
6	Bill Meeker	Burlingame Planning		
7	Lee Taubeneck	Caltrans	x	x
8	Sandy Wong	C/CAG	x	x
9	John Fuller	Daly City Engineering	x	x
10	Tatum Mothershead	Daly City Planning	x	
11	Brad Underwood	Foster City Engineering	x	x
12	Mo Sharma	Half Moon Bay Engineering	x	x
13	Paul Willis	Hillsborough Engineering	x	
14	Chip Taylor	Menlo Park Engineering	x	
15	Van Ocampo	Pacifica Engineering	x	x
16	Shobuz Ikbali	Redwood City Engineering		
17	Klara Fabry	San Bruno Engineering	x	
18	Jay Walter	San Carlos Engineering	x	x
19	Ray Towne	San Mateo Engineering	x	x
20	Steve Monowitz	San Mateo County Planning		
21	Brian McMinn	South San Francisco Engineering	x	x
22	Paul Nagengast	Woodside Engineering		x
23	Kenneth Folan	MTC		

CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (CMP) TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

March 20, 2014
MINUTES

The meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was held in the SamTrans Offices, 1250 San Carlos Avenue, 4th Floor Dining Room, San Carlos, CA. Co-chair Porter called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m. on Thursday, March 20, 2014.

TAC members attending the meeting are listed on the Roster and Attendance on the preceding page. Others attending the meeting were: Jim Bigelow - C/CAG CMEQ; Joel Slavit – TA; Jeff Hobson – Transform; Jean Higaki, Ellen Barton, Tom Madalena, Wally Abrazaldo, John Hoang – C/CAG; and others not noted

1. Public comment on items not on the agenda.

Jim Bigelow, C/CAG CMEQ committee member, notified the TAC that the Dumbarton Rail project is being tabled for now. The EIR was not certified since it did not meet certain criteria.

2. Issues from the last C/CAG Board meeting.

As noted on the agenda.

3. Approval of the Minutes from February 20, 2014.

Approved.

4. Receive information on the Measure A Pedestrian and Bicycle Program

Joel Slavit from the TA presented on the project selection process and list of 10 projects (3 – north, 3 – mid, 4 south part of the county) recommended for award totaling approximately \$5.4 million. The recommendations will be brought to the TA Board on April 3rd for final approval.

Member Wong suggested that project sponsors who were will be awarded Measure A funds as well as applicants who were not successful should consider applying for the upcoming Active Transportation Program (ATP) and MTC's regional funding program. If projects compete well at the state and regional levels and project sponsors are successful in receiving ATP and/or regional program money, Measure A funds may be preserved for other local projects. Member Murtuza stated that it is was best to keep the process we have in place and not complicate matters.

Co-chair Porter inquired about the status of the County's Mid-coast multi-modal trail project's chances of being funded. Slavit responded that staff is looking into a solution. Member Sharma stated that once the TA goes through the process and if there are funds remaining, the next projects on the priority list should be considered for funding.

5. Provide Input on a Potential Feasibility Study of Express Lanes on US 101

Sandy Wong, C/CAG Executive Director, presented that there is a PSR currently underway for adding a carpool lane on US 101 between Whipple and I-380. With interest express lanes, staff proposes the development of a feasibility study for implementing express lanes on US 101 in San Mateo County. Staff seek input from committee plans to bring back a more defined scope of work to the committee at a future meeting.

Public member Jeff Hobson commented that his firm, Transform, published a sketch report on the proposed optimization of HOT lanes which included three components: 1) convert the existing fast lane, 2) use part of HOT revenue for transit on the same corridor, and 3) mitigate impacts to low income commuters.

Discussions and comments are summarized below:

- MTC and C/CAG completed a feasibility study on HOV lanes in the county and the results indicated there would be benefits of adding HOV lanes.
- The HOV and HOT lane technical analysis are essentially the same with the more complicated issue having to do with policy.
- The HOV project will perform the technical analysis and if the express lane concepts are performance matrices should be considered.
- The express lanes should be studied and technical analysis performed. We need data.
- Level of service analysis is needed and would help with policy decisions.
- Consider cost and prioritization of the express lane relative to other projects; should not lose focus on other projects.
- Policy considerations should take into account it's better to have more people in a vehicle than single drivers which would favor HOV.
- Refer to the baseline from the previous HOV study.
- Revenue projections and occupancy levels are policy decisions.
- Price elements versus usage factors will need to be considered.
- Reducing lane widths and focusing on the right lane should be taken into consideration.

The general consensus from the committee was that the express lane should be studied to analyze operations, level of services, performance, and other parameters which would provide technical information that would help with future policy decisions associated with cost, pricing, usage, and other issues. Staff will bring a more complete scope of work framework back to the TAC next month for review.

6. Review and Recommend Approval to Allocate Unspent AB 1546 (\$4 Vehicle Registration Fee) Administration Reserves and Accumulated Interest to the Countywide Traffic Congestion Management Program - Local Match for Regionally Significant Projects Category

John Hoang presented the proposal to reallocate the unused administration reserves and interested earned, approximately \$650,000, into the Countywide Congestion Management program category to help fund the Willow Road Improvement project located in Menlo Park.

Discussions and comments are summarized below:

- A process should be defined for allocating the remaining funds to the projects.
- Considerations should be made to split the remaining funds equally between the congestion management program and the stormwater pollution prevention program or municipal regional permit compliance activities. It was recommended that staff consult with the Matt Fabry, Program Coordinator, to determine the stormwater program's needs.
- Request staff from East Palo Alto and Menlo Park to provide more information on the projects to be funded at the next TAC meeting.
- Request staff to follow up with legal counsel regarding the authority to shift funds to the congestion management program and not maintaining the 50/50 split.

It was recommended that staff bring this item back at the next TAC meeting and provide the additional information requested.

7. Update on Senate Bill 743 and Potential Changes to the Analysis of Transportation Impacts under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Wally Abrazaldo provided information on the SB 743 indicating that a working meeting was held with OPR staff on March 5th. The highlights of the meeting included: local jurisdictions may continue to analyze LOS as part of the local development processes, SB 743 should not impact any projects currently in the pipeline, VMT metric is still under considerations. Comments were that local agencies use CEQA process and if LOS is removed then there needs to be other methodologies to measure impacts. LOS analysis may still apply locally and VMT more regionally.

8. Update on the Smart Corridor Project

John Hoang provided an update of the Smart Corridor project to install fiber optics, trailblazer and arterial dynamic signs, CCTV cameras, and interconnect traffic signals. Construction is expected to be completed in the summer with system integration and development of an incident response plan expected to be completed in the September/October timeframe. C/CAG is current developing a maintenance agreement with Caltrans. There will also be a separate operations agreement between the cities and Caltrans, which will be developed as the incident response plan is more defined in the fall.

9. Regional Project and Funding Information

Jean Higaki handed out a packet and provided information on the following: Tiger 6 CFP is available; the ATP CFP will be released soon with the Regional program to follow, MTC is developing the guidelines which will include supplemental application requirements, both CFPs will follow the state/federal delivery program, cities with PTAP 14 and 15 projects underway that are not completed will need to send a letter to MTC for certification by April 30, Resolution 3606 pertaining to delivery due dates has been finalized, jurisdictions need to respond to the statewide needs assessment survey in order to be eligible to receive federal funding, development of the 2015 STIP is underway and cities need to respond to air quality analysis requirements, federal aid training will be available in June, there are new ADA compliance requirements associated with maintenance and alteration projects.

10. Executive Director Report

None

11. Member Reports

None

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.