

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

November 20, 2014

MINUTES

The meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was held in the SamTrans Offices, 1250 San Carlos Avenue, 2nd Floor Auditorium, San Carlos, CA. Co-chair Hurley called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. on Thursday, November 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 Slavitt – TA; Joel Slavitt – TA; Pete Rasmussen – TA; Theresa Romell – MTC; Ashley Henderson – LCA; Ellen Barton – San Mateo County; Jean Higaki, Wally Abrazaldo – C/CAG; and others not noted

1. Public comment on items not on the agenda.

None

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

As noted on Agenda.

3. Approval of the Minutes from September 18, 2014.

Approved.

4. Receive an update on the TA Strategic Plan

Joel Slavitt, SMCTA Manager, provided an informational update on the planning efforts for the Measure A Strategic Plan 2014-2019. Since presenting to the TAC in July and separate discussions in August, The TA presented the draft framework to the TA Board in October and subsequently released the draft for public comments on October 10th with the final adoption is planned for December 4th.

In summary, many TAC members commented that there should not be any additional complete streets related requirement on the money that is allocated to the cities. Cities primarily use the funds for street maintenance. Cities should be able to apply funds to complete streets if they choose to but there should not be any additional restrictions. Also, there should be provisions to use the money where it is most needed within the parameters of the Strategic Plan.

5. Provide input on the framework of the Alternative Fuel Readiness Plan for San Mateo County

Ashley Henderson from Life Cycle Associates presented the development of the Alternative Fuel Readiness Plan. Inputs and comments were as follows:

- Member Murtuza asked about the end product of the Plan, whether it would be a document that is a resource for the cities or would it be a document that needs to be adopted by the cities. Response was that the document will be a resource for cities and cities are not required to adopt the Plan.
- Member Breault indicated that it would be helpful to engage with the CEC and PGE to ascertain utility providers' concerns regarding impacts to system and time of day power

- usage. The ability to add a second utility meter in residential homes will be needed. It was requested that staff work with CPUC to develop time of day usage rates for electric vehicles.
- Member Walter request that the plan identify potential opportunities for cities to partner with the private sector and other cities and public agencies. Also consider siting factors of potential charging facilities.
 - Member McMinn inquired about the timing of the project and also whether carbon footprints for the vehicle fleet or operational costs will be taken into consideration. Response was that this may be outside scope of project.
 - Member Underwood mentioned that San Mateo received a \$2.45 million grant from the CEC to construct a CNG fueling facility.
 - Member Nagengast indicated that the CEC sited a hydrogen fueling station to be located in Woodside. Currently Woodside does not currently have codes to address construction of alternate fuel facilities.
 - Member Sharma request engaging users that have large fleets, and getting inputs.
 - It was also requested that staff consider reaching out to SamTrans.
 - A questions was raised was about an Executive Order had a goal of 1 million vehicles by 2020. Do we know how many fuel cell vehicles are currently in operation? Response was that there was about 100,000 BAV.

6. Receive information on Pavement Condition Index (PCI) Score

Theresa Romell, Principal Analyst for MTC, presented information on the MTC PCI Report for San Mateo County Jurisdictions, pointing out that Half Moon Bay had the most improved PCI score for 2013. Romell also presented on regional pavement quality and statewide needs assessment efforts. Comments and discussions were as follows:

- Member Walter asked about MTC's awareness of competing interest (complete streets, bike/ped, etc.) for funds designated for streets and roads. Also, what about green streets? Co-chair Hurley added that MTC staff that deal with complete streets are not responsive to cities requests. Response is that the MTC LS&R group is aware of the issues but need help and support from the cities to advocate for local streets and roads issues.
- Member Willis inquired about the status of regarding requirement of incorporating complete streets element in the general plan. Member Wong added that MTC had requested a general plan update status for all cities in San Mateo County.
- Member Sharma indicated that we need more effort in advocating for a State gas tax increase to provide more funds for local streets maintenance.
- MTC is working on analyzing PCIs and needs within a PDA.
- Member Breault indicated that MTC is not adequately addressing the LSR needs

7. Provide input on C/CAG's comment letter to OPR on the Preliminary Discussion Draft of Updates to the CEQA Guidelines Implementing Senate Bill 743

Wally Abrazaldo presented on the draft comment letter. Comments were as follows:

- Member Taylor asked whether thresholds of significance were identified and whether mitigation measures are precluded.
- Member Murtuza requested to add a comment to address correcting existing deficiencies and obtain exemptions for operational correction from VMT.
- Member Walter asked whether comments from the ITE letter were incorporated in the CCAG letter and also suggested that cities should also send in letters on their own.

8. Receive an update on the US 101 Ramp Metering Project

Jean Higaki reported that ramp meters on northbound US 101 between SR 92 and the SF County Line were turned on as follows: November 4th - constant green; Nov. 12th – begin cycling during the PM peak period from 3 to 8 p.m.; Nov. 18th – begin cycling during the AM peak period from 6 to 10 p.m.. TAC runs performed on the 1st day of the PM peak period shows a travel time savings of 3 to 4 minutes.

9. Receive information on the US 101 Express Lanes Feasibility Study

This item was removed from the agenda.

10. Regional Project and Funding Information

Jean Higaki provided handouts including information on the MTC delivery plan and list of inactive projects.

11. Executive Director Report

Sandy Wong, Executive Director, reported that based on State adopted definition, the only cities in San Mateo that has community of concerns in the context of cap and trade dollars is Daly City and East Palo Alto. Wong indicated that she and Jean Higaki attended a post ATP workshop to discuss improvements to the program and that there will be another round of funding. Wong mentioned that she and Co-chair Hurley attended Focus on the Future meeting with the Bay Area Council and there were interest in the 101 corridor.

12. Member Reports

Member Sharma reported that there is now a Class IV Bike Track alternative for bicycles.

Meeting adjourned.