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C/CAG NEWSLETTER

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A New Incentive for Carpooling: Carpool 2.0

C/CAG has partnered with Commute.org and the Bay Area Air District on a solution to improve congestion in the Bay Area: the Carpool 2.0 Program. The Program builds off the previous carpool program, known as "Carpool In San Mateo County!". The previous program was responsible for approximately 44% increase in one-way carpool trips between August 2017 and June 2018.

The Carpool 2.0 Program rewards all forms of carpooling, from matching with coworkers to using carpool apps to find carpool partners. Carpool 2.0 aims to increase local carpool ridership during peak travel periods, therefore reducing single occupancy vehicles, traffic congestion, greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and the need for parking within San Mateo County.

Carpoolers will receive up to \$100 in e-gift cards and get to choose from 70+ retailers. When carpool trips are tracked through the STAR Commute Tracker or by connecting a Scoop account to a STAR account (my.commute.org) to auto-track carpool trips, carpoolers can unlock rewards. For every 10 carpool days tracked, commuters can claim a \$25 e-gift card reward, up to 4 times. Carpool commutes must start or end in San Mateo County to qualify for this award.



To receive awards, in the Commuter Tracker app or STAR desktop (my.commute.org), click 'Join Program' under rewards. After every 10 carpool days tracked, click 'Claim' to request award. Once request is approved, an email will be sent to access reward. For Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about the Program and rewards, click [here](#).

A press release event was held to kick-off the Program at Genentech on January 24, 2019.

Statewide Gas Tax (SB 1) Helps Solve Congestion on US 101 in San Mateo

Funding from the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (Statewide Gas Tax) will help San Mateo County transportation agencies address congestion in ways that will benefit both drivers and transit users.

On May 16, 2018, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) awarded \$200 million in funding from the SB 1 (Statewide Gas Tax) Solutions for Congested Corridors Program as well as \$20 million from the SB 1 Local Partnership Program for construction of the US 101 Managed Lane project. The US 101 Managed Lane Project will provide a continuous express lane in each direction on US 101 from the terminus of the Santa Clara County Express Lanes (near Matadero Creek) to I-380 in northern San Mateo County. Express Lanes focus on passenger throughput over vehicle throughput. High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) and High Occupancy Toll (HOT or Express) Lanes are collectively known as managed lanes. Express lanes adjust the price of travel according to congestion and the number of occupants per vehicle. The US 101 Managed Lane project is nearing the end of the environmental phase and is on a very aggressive schedule to complete design in 2019. For more information about this project and how Express Lanes work see: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/d4/101managedlanes/>

In addition to funding a major portion of the US 101 Managed Lane project in San Mateo, the statewide gas tax also funded complementary transit projects in San Mateo County. The Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program awarded \$15 million towards a US 101 Express Bus pilot program to optimize use of the proposed US 101 Managed Lane and also awarded \$123 million to Caltrain towards their electrification project.

Safe Routes to School & Green Infrastructure Pilot Project Completed in Half Moon Bay

Half Moon Bay was one of 10 awardees in the county to receive funding to build multi-benefit safe routes to school and green infrastructure projects. Funding from the vehicle registration fee helped build projects that enhance the safety of intersections near schools, while also protecting local waterways from a range of pollutants.

The project is located at the intersection of Purissima Street and Correas Street, one block from Manuel F. Cunha Intermediate School, and adjacent to the newly constructed library. The project includes high visibility crosswalks, sharrows, concrete bulb-outs, and storm-water curb extensions.



The Half Moon Bay library project is the first of 10 projects funded under the C/CAG Safe Routes to School and Green Infrastructure Pilot Program, with the remaining nine slated to be built by December 2019.

C/CAG Awarded Caltrans Climate Adaptation Planning Grant

In May 2018, C/CAG was awarded \$986,300 for a Caltrans Climate Adaptation Planning Grant to develop the *Calm Before the Storm: San Mateo Countywide Sustainable Streets Master Plan*. The Master Plan aims to map out roadways throughout the county that are prime locations for green infrastructure to be integrated with other urban projects, like bike and pedestrian improvements. Local agencies will also have opportunities to develop site-specific project concepts to begin building green infrastructure and a publicly viewable web-based mapping and tracking system to visualize progress towards meeting water quality goals for the Bay.

Belmont Receives APA Award of Excellence

The City of Belmont received an Award of Excellence in the Comprehensive Plan Small Jurisdiction from the American Planning Association (APA) Northern California Chapter for the City's 2035 General Plan, Belmont Village Specific Plan, and Climate Action Plan. The Plans were adopted in November 2017 and outline potential future growth due to the proximity to public transit, facilitate a roadway for future development, and aim to create lively and attractive public spaces and a unique sense of community and social connectivity in Belmont.