

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

**MINUTES
MEETING OF March 25, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Garbarino in Conference Room C at City Hall of San Mateo at 3:01 p.m. Attendance sheet is attached.

1. Public comment on items not on the agenda.

None.

2. Issues from the March 2019 C/CAG Board meeting. (Information)

Jeff Lacap, C/CAG Staff, noted the agenda listed the status of items recently addressed by the C/CAG Board, and offered to respond to any questions.

3. Approval of minutes of February 19, 2019 meeting. (Action)

Motion – Committee member Koelling/ 2nd Committee member O’Connell: To approve the minutes of the February 19, 2019 CMEQ meeting. Motion passed unanimously (8-0).

4. Receive an update on the implementation of SB 743- LOS to VMT Transition. (Information)

Jeff Lacap, C/CAG staff, provided a presentation Senate Bill 743, which requires agencies to change the significance metric used to assess the transportation impacts of land use and transportation projects under CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) from LOS (automobile delay, Level of Service) to VMT (Vehicle Miles Traveled). The presentation provided an overview of SB 743, the highlights from the Technical Advisory Guidelines issued by the Governor’s Office of Planning Research (OPR), C/CAG’s efforts to date to track the progress of SB 743 and exploring options on how to provide resources to member agencies.

Committee members had questions on the LOS mandate within the Congestion Management Program (CMP), how cities will be able to use both VMT and LOS in local policies and practices, the recommended thresholds for land use projects found in the Technical Advisory Guidelines, what constitutes a project being exempt from VMT analysis, and how strategies proposed to reduce VMT such as TDM ordinances or parking policies will fit in with other proposed legislature, such as SB 50. Committee members commented that VMT concepts will be hard for residents to grasp and requested for more information on differences between VMT and LOS. *(Staff is currently working on bringing an expert on the subject matter to make presentations to the CMEQ Committee at a future meeting).*

Committee members provided comments only. No formal action needed.

5. Review and recommend approval of the C/CAG distribution policy for fiscal year 2019/ 2020 State Transit Assistance (STA) Population- Based funds among the STA-eligible transit operators and funds that will be spent benefiting Communities of Concern for the subsequent fiscal year. (Action)

Jean Higaki, C/CAG Staff, presented on the proposed C/CAG distribution policy for State Transit Assistance (STA) population-based funds for fiscal year 2019/2020 in San Mateo County. In previous cycles, MTC assigned STA funds to each county and then split each county's share to fund a) Paratransit service and b) to fund the Lifeline Transportation Program.

On February 28, 2018, under MTC resolution 4321, MTC established the new STA County Block Grant Program policy whereby C/CAG would determine how to invest the population-based STA funds in public transit services and lifeline transportation services. C/CAG staff is proposing to continue the split based on previous averaged cycle splits of 37% for paratransit and 63% for the Lifeline program.

Committee members had questions about the formula distribution of the block grant developed by MTC.

Motion – Committee member O’Connell/ 2nd Committee member Lee: To approve the C/CAG distribution policy for fiscal year 2019/ 2020 State Transit Assistance (STA) Population- Based funds among the STA-eligible transit operators and funds that will be spent benefiting Communities of Concern for the subsequent fiscal year. Motion passed unanimously (12-0).

6. Receive an update on the Smart Corridor Project. (Information)

John Hoang, C/CAG staff, provided an update to the Smart Corridor Project, a collaborative effort between local agencies, C/CAG, and Caltrans. Phase 1, 2, and 3 have been completed. Currently, expansion into South San Francisco, Daly City, Brisbane, and Colma is underway. The presentation provided details on the number of signal equipment (cameras, fiber optic cable, trailblazer signs) installed across the entire system for incident response communication throughout the county. In future, more stakeholder meetings are planned along with a test implementation of the entire system.

Committee members had questions about the firewall security of the system, the importance of the fiber optic cables to local agencies, and if the project can interface with smart phone apps such as Waze.

Committee members provided comments only. No formal action needed.

7. Executive Director Report (Information)

Executive Director Wong reported to the committee on the well-attended US-101 Express Lane groundbreaking ceremony that occurred in March along with an update that the Joint Ad Hoc Committee formed by C/CAG and the TA is currently working on a recommendation to the two boards regarding a new JPA to manage the express lane.

Also, Sandy reported on the joint workshop between C/CAG and Home for All staff on March 22 and notified committee members that materials and notes from the workshop will be posted on the C/CAG website. (*Workshop notes and materials have since been uploaded on the website*). Finally, Sandy reported that the Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency Agency is currently making presentations to each of the jurisdictions in San Mateo County.

8. Member comments and announcements (Information)

None.

9. Adjournment and establishment of next meeting date

The meeting adjourned at 4:09 pm.

The next regular meeting was scheduled for April 29, 2019.

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Agency	Representative	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Metropolitan Transportation Commission	Gina Papan		N/A	x									
City of Redwood City	Shelly Masur		x	x									
Town of Atherton	Elizabeth Lewis		x										
City of San Bruno	Irene O'Connell			x									
City of Burlingame	Emily Beach		x	x									
Environmental Community	Lennie Roberts		x	x									
City of Pacifica	Mike O'Neill												
City of South San Francisco	Richard Garbarino		x	x									
Public	Josh Powell		x	x									
City of Millbrae	Wayne Lee		x	x									
City of San Mateo	Rick Bonilla			x									
Agencies with Transportation Interests	Adina Levin		x	x									
Business Community	Linda Koelling		x	x									
San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans)	Pete Ratto		x	x									
City of Belmont	Julia Mates		N/A	x									
<i>Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (Caltrain)</i>	<i>Vacant</i>		N/A	N/A									

Staff and guests in attendance for the March 25, 2019 meeting:
 Sandy Wong, John Hoang, Jeff Lacap, Jean Higaki, Van Ocampo- C/CAG Staff
 Public Member