

**CITY/COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
COMMITTEE ON CONGESTION MANAGEMENT
AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ)**

**MINUTES
MEETING OF APRIL 28, 2003**

At 3:04 p.m., Chairman Marland Townsend, in Conference Room C of San Mateo City Hall, called the meeting to order.

Members Attending: Deberah Bringelson, Tom Davids, Linda Larson, Sue Lempert, Arthur Lloyd, Karyl Matsumoto, Irene O'Connell, Sepi Richardson, Lennie Roberts, Antoinette Stein, Marland Townsend, and Onnalee Trapp.

Staff/Guests Attending: Richard Napier, Nancy Church, Geoff Kline, and Mark Duino (C/CAG staff), Pat Dixon (Transportation Authority Citizen's Advisory Committee) Richard Cook and Corinne, Goodrich (SamTrans), Sylvia Gregory (Bay Rail Alliance), and Kevin Aguigui (DKS Associates).

1. Public comment on items not on the agenda.

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Minutes of February 24, 2003 meeting.

Motion: To approve the Minutes as written. Lempert/O'Connell - unanimous.

REGULAR AGENDA

3. Update on legislation.

Walter Martone was in Sacramento, California at the time of this meeting to testify regarding Assembly Bill (AB) 1546. Advocation, the legislative consultant, thought the bill was well written. Richard Napier asked for letters of support for the bill, which would add an additional \$4.00 in vehicle registration fees to be used for both congestion and stormwater management. Member Lempert asked who has not written to provide support.

Discussion of AB 1221 - swap of sales and property taxes: San Carlos opposes the bill, as does the League of California Cities.

The next Legislative Committee meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2003.

Information only.

4. Recommendation for “Local Transportation Services” of San Mateo County Congestion Relief Plan.

Corinne Goodrich gave an overview of the program and stressed that it is very difficult to compare projects. Richard Napier pointed out that the next funding cycle will come at the beginning of the State fiscal year. The priority of funding will be continuing projects over new projects. There is only \$500,000 available for the program, although it is expected that \$1 million in total projects will be submitted.

There were a number of questions regarding the scoring system. Matching funds are not considered, and the range of scores varies between a maximum of 130 points to a minimum of 50 points. The question of weighing short-term versus overall service was asked, and Member O’Connell addressed reduced project funds. Richard Napier stated that project funds are not usually reduced.

Member Stein asked for a modification to the scoring in that bonus points should be awarded to CALTRAIN. Richard Cook stated that it should be an “increase to existing transit”.

Motion: To approve the staff recommendation with Member Larson’s amendment that bonus points should be included in the scoring. O’Connell/Lempert - unanimous.

5. Recommendation for a Scope of Work for the Intelligent Transportation System Study.

Geoff Kline gave an overview of the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS), which includes items such as freeway message signs, cameras and pavement loop detectors, a tow truck location system, communications systems - wireless or fiber optics - throughout the roadway network, and transit traveler information. ITS allows you to do more with less, especially from the standpoint of having greater capital dollars with a lessening of operating costs.

Member Lempert insisted that the scope of work produce no duplication of effort with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) ITS program before any money is spent locally. Richard Napier stated that C/CAG has worked with MTC staff, but could add language to the proposed contract to check with MTC. The scope of work must be consistent with Federal requirements in order to secure Federal funds. He continued by saying that ITS will provide short and long-term investments over ten (10) years.

Member Larson stated that GPS (Geographical Positioning System) might be a collaborative effort of the cities. Directions for cities to develop a collaborative effort should be encouraged. Member Davids asked if ITS was tied to ramp metering. It is tied to ramp metering but does not duplicate the ongoing ramp metering study.

Member Lempert stated that an ITS inventory of what C/CAG is doing currently should be made. CALTRANS should be asked what it is also doing. Richard Napier said the study was not to exceed \$400,000. There are many ITS program packages from which to choose what makes the most sense in San Mateo County. Member Larson discussed a “power point” presentation showing ITS work in San Antonio, Texas, and Los Angeles. She would like a presentation of ITS. Richard Napier speculated how in twenty (20) years the present work would probably be obsolete. Member Townsend stated this was difficult to predict.

Member Stein wanted an amendment to the approval motion to have the consultant look at the state of the art of ITS in other cities and regions. This applies to ITS elements, needs, and opportunities (Sections IV, V, and VI). This item should be entered under the project approach for the consultant.

Motion: To approve scope of work with Member Stein's amendment. Stein/O'Connell - unanimous.

6. Housing Needs Assessment.

Mark Duino provided an overview of the housing needs assessment. The staff was directed to look for potential opportunities to use transit corridors and not to take away the land use prerogative of the cities. During the presentation, much discussion centered on land use versus transportation.

Member Lempert asked if there will be an oversupply of housing. Because the answer is "possibly", she stated that each jurisdiction's Planning Department should provide what is being built now, what is expected, and how close to transportation corridors it will be located. Member Stein spoke that Duane Bay's committee is collating some of that data. Mark Duino will provide updates on the program.

The CMAQ Committee accepted the report.

7. C/CAG Transportation Budget (Fiscal Year 2003/2004).

Richard Napier gave an overview of the budget. He stated that the local fee assessment will remain the same as previous years and that the Transportation Congestion Relief Plan (TCRP) will be in effect for four (4) years.

He answered many questions regarding specific issues with the budget and spoke of the value of the legislative consultants. The lobbyist is recommended to be continued.

Motion: To approve the C/CAG budget. Stein/Davids - unanimous.

8. Measure A Status Report.

Richard Napier spoke about a special committee that has been authorized to secure funding to promote the sales tax reauthorization. Ed McGovern is the Chair. Nothing happened at the recent meeting of the Steering Committee.

Member Bringelson brought up a reauthorization workshop to be held at the Oracle complex at 7:30 a.m. on May 22, 2003. Members were encouraged to attend.

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is to issue a call for projects in parallel with political actions. People can be working with the appropriate advisory committees. Everything will come together next spring.

Regarding the prospect of having a favorable vote of the electorate, both State Constitutional

Amendment (SCA) 2 and Assembly Constitutional Amendment (ACA) 10 were discussed. SCA 2 would require a 50% approval vote, and ACA 10 would require a 55% approval vote. Both constitutional amendments are not looking good for passage.

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9. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.