

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

**MINUTES
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2006**

At 3:04 p.m., the meeting was called to order by Chair Irene O'Connell in Conference Room C of San Mateo City Hall.

Members Attending: Jim Bigelow, William Dickenson, Linda Larson, Sue Lempert, Arthur Lloyd, Karyl Matsumoto, Chairwoman Irene O'Connell, Naomi Patridge, Barbara Pierce, and Vice-Chair Sepi Richardson.

Staff/Guests Attending: Richard Napier, Sandy Wong, John Hoang (C/CAG Staff - County Public Works), Pat Dixon (Transportation Authority Citizens Advisory Committee), Christine Maley-Grubl (Peninsula Traffic Congestion Relief Alliance).

1. Public comment on items not on the agenda.

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Minutes of August 28, 2006 meeting.

Motion: To approve the Minutes as presented. Pierce/Masumoto, unanimous.

REGULAR AGENDA

3. Progress Report on the Congestion Relief Program (CRP) and Options for Reauthorization.

Richard Napier, executive director of C/CAG, reported on the accomplishments for the Congestion Relief Program since its inception.

Comments from CMAQ Members:

- Continue to pursue the idea of expanding the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) to include employment centers, beyond the current TOD program which is for housing only. It will improve the coordination between job, housing and land use. The business community would also support this.
- Ensure there is enough funding for the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) and ramp metering programs.
- Provide breakdown of the assessment amounts by cities.
- Since the renewal of the countywide Congestion Relief Plan (CRP) will absolve individual jurisdictions from the burden of preparing Deficiency Plans, it is clearly a better option.
- Adopt a range of dollar amounts for each program component.
- Support the second bullet item on page 20 of the packet.
- This is a great program and should be submitted for award.
- Coast-side needs smaller shuttles as opposed to big buses. Make sure there is money for it.

- Provide past achievements of this program to members to go to their respective councils.

Motion: Accept the report and direct staff to move ahead to develop details of the program for four years. Bigelow/Pierce, unanimous.

4. Allocation of Local Share of Funding under the C/CAG Vehicle Registration Fee (AB1546) Program. (Information)

Richard Napier gave a brief reminder on the C/CAG Vehicle Registration Fee program. Since the legislation passed in September 2004, the collection of fee started on July 1, 2005. Notices to all jurisdictions regarding submitting claims for the second cycle local share allocation of funding have been sent to City and County Managers. CMEQ members were asked to remind their city staff to submit claims to C/CAG.

5. Peninsula Gateway 2020 Project Study Update (information).

Richard Napier provided an update on the progress of the Peninsula Gateway 2020 Study. At the early phase of this study, public outreach was made to obtain input regarding potential solutions to the traffic congestion problem associated with traffic between the Dumbarton Bridge and Highway 101. Several hundred ideas on solutions were obtained. The project team, guided by a TAC and a PAC, consolidated the ideas and put into different categories of potential improvements. Some of the improvements are being studied in more detail. When the findings of the detailed study are available, anticipated in early 2007, a second round of public outreach will take place. Recommendations from involved city councils will be sought.

6. Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Event in Sonoma County (potential action).

An information flyer for the Sonoma County event was provided. Member Lempert mentioned that MTC Elderly and Disabled Advisory Committee members brought to the attention regarding this event.

7. Update on the Regional Housing Needs Allocation Process (RHNA) Kick-off (information).

Richard Napier reported 19 jurisdictions in San Mateo County attended the kick-off meeting. There will be technical committee and policy committee set up for this program. City Managers will be included in the process. In the end, each jurisdiction will have its final say. San Mateo County is the first in the Bay Area to embrace this process, in fact, first in the State. Members extended their appreciation for Mr. Napier's leadership.

8. Member comments and announcements.

- Member Patridge announced that Thursday will be the ground-breaking ceremony for the Half Moon Bay project. She thanked everyone who has worked together and made this project possible by completed the funding needs for the project.

9. Adjournment and establishment of next meeting date.

It was decided to cancel the regular meeting originally scheduled for October 30, 2006. At 4:33 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.