

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

**MINUTES  
MEETING OF JANUARY 28, 2007**

At 3:01 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, Judith Christensen, Linda Koelling, Sue Lempert, Arthur Lloyd, Karyl Matsumoto, Barbara Pierce, Vice-Chair Sepi Richardson, Lennie Roberts, Onnolee Trapp, and Zoe Kersteen-Tucker.

Staff/Guests Attending: Sandy Wong, John Hoang, Tom Madalena (C/CAG Staff), Richard Cook (SamTrans), Pat Dixon (SMCTA CAC), Christine Maley-Grubl (Alliance), and Pat Giorni.

**1. Public comment on items not on the agenda.**

The public speaker deferred her comment to Item 5.

**2. Minutes of October 29, 2007 meeting.**

*Motion: To approve the Minutes of the October 29, 2007 meeting, with spelling corrections. Bigelow/Pierce, approved, unanimous.*

**3. Nomination/Election of Chair and Vice Chair.**

*Member Lempert made the motion to nominate and elect Irene O'Connell as the CMEQ Chair and Sepi Richardson the Vice Chair. Member Bigelow seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.*

**4. Government Energy Baseline Incentive Program (Information Item).**

Sandy Wong reported on this informational item. At its December 2007 meeting, the C/CAG Board adopted a resolution to establish a Government Energy Baseline Incentive Program. This incentive program provides a 50% in matching fund to all jurisdictions in San Mateo County willing to conduct a government energy inventory as negotiated by Joint Venture Silicon Valley Network at a group-price of \$13,000 per jurisdiction. Moreover, jurisdictions with special needs can get up to 100% (as opposed to 50%) funding from C/CAG by talking to the C/CAG Chair. In order to participate in this program, agencies that are not already members of the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) or Sustainable Silicon Valley will need to become members of those organizations. For jurisdictions that have already conducted their baseline inventory, the C/CAG incentive program will provide an equivalent amount of funds toward action plans or implementation plans.

CMEQ members had the following concerns:

- There is a requirement of minimum 20 or more agencies sign up in order to get the \$13,000 group price. Members asked staff to get clarification on this requirement. *(Subsequent to the CMEQ meeting, Sandy has received confirmation from Mr. Napier and emailed members that*

*the 20 or more agencies requirement has already been met, since agencies in Santa Clara County are included).*

- The membership costs to join ICLEI and Sustainable Silicon Valley might be a concern for some jurisdictions.
- Sustainable San Mateo County has outreached to local jurisdictions looking for projects. CMEQ members were concerned with potential duplicative or overlapping efforts between Sustainable San Mateo County and Sustainable Silicon Valley.
- Although this Energy Baseline Inventory program is with Sustainable Silicon Valley, it should be encouraged that, to the extent possible, Sustainable San Mateo County be involved in future efforts in climate protection.
- Should strike for consistent approach across jurisdictions on the baseline inventory. It should also be recognized that it is important to get this work done, regardless by who.

**9. MTC “Bay Area On The Move” Summit PowerPoint (Information Item).**

*(This item was moved up due to presenter’s time constraint).* Member Lempert presented a PowerPoint on the *MTC Transportation 2035: Vision Investment Policies & Strategies Discussion*. MTC and ABAG sponsored the “Bay Area On The Move” Summit in October 2007. MTC commissioners subsequently held workshops in the Bay Area to discuss transportation visions and investment policies. Topics included in the discussions include: Performance targets for emissions reduction, congestion reduction, and affordability in terms of transportation and housing; Congestion pricing and High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes; Focused growth and Priority Development Areas; and Freeway Performance Initiatives.

**5. Recommendation on a list of projects for initial submittal to MTC for consideration in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update.**

Public Comment: Public member Pat Giorni of Burlingame provided lengthy comments on this item and criticized the list of project for not listing bicycle projects individually. She also provided staff with the list of San Mateo County Bike Plan projects as well as the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) projects. *(These materials were later email to CMEQ members.)*

Sandy Wong presented the list of projects for initial submittal to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) of consideration in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update. Sandy explained that per MTC direction, bicycle and pedestrian improvement projects are “bundled” in a programmatic category, instead of listing each bike/ped project individually. That is because from a regional air quality standpoint, bike/ped projects are consider air quality exempt. C/CAG staff also recommended this “bundled” approach because it will allow any future bike/ped projects to be considered “covered” in the RTP. Otherwise, bike/ped projects not currently identified, and hence not listed in the RTP, cannot be moved forward during the 4-year period of this RTP.

CMEQ members had the following comments:

- \* Consolidate projects such as the Grade Separations.
- \* The South San Francisco CalTrain Station relocation and improvement should be included.
- \* Measure A funding for ferry services should be \$15 million each for South San Francisco and Redwood City.
- \* The Bayshore CalTrain Station should be renamed as Brisbane Station.
- \* If projects are “bundled”, how will MTC decide on which project within the bundle to get funded? The response was funding decisions are made during programming processes, for example, when MTC provides a defined amount of Bike/Ped funds to the County, C/CAG will have a Call for Projects and all eligible projects will compete at that time.

*Motion: To approve this list of projects as a Draft and directed staff to work with project sponsors to get clarifications on projects. Also, provide a copy of the revised list as submitted to C/CAG in February. Bigelow/Richardson, approved, unanimous.*

**6. Update on the Traffic Incident Management-Alternative Routes Plan and San Mateo County Smart Corridors projects (Information Item).**

John Hoang presented a summary of the Traffic Incident Management Alternate Route Plan. This plan was developed under the guidance of the Incident Management Committee with representatives from County OES, police, fire, and traffic engineers from local cities, Caltrans, CHP, San Mateo County Transportation Authority. John also stated that upon presentation to the C/CAG Board on February 14, this Draft Plan will be distributed to all involved agencies for comments. CMEQ commented on the preference to include emergency evacuation in case of wild fire.

**7. Review of shuttle ridership statistics for the first quarter of FY 2007/08.**

Tom Madalena presented the shuttle ridership statistics for the first quarter of FY 07/08. CMEQ members were concerned with the high average cost of \$23 per rider for the East Palo Alto shuttle. Richard Cook of SamTrans, member of the public, commented that sometimes the high cost is due to special services provided to senior citizens who don't quite qualify for Redi-Wheel but are mobility-challenged. The number of recipients for this service is small, and the resulting per rider cost is therefore even higher. Pat Dixon, member of the public, also commented that this service might be expensive, but it is important and needed. CMEQ members suggested sharing knowledge with the Brisbane/Daly City door-to-door service. CMEQ also requested staff to express concerns to East Palo Alto and provide an opportunity to the city (project sponsor) to come up with potential solutions. The question was also raised as to whether the Alliance can provide this service.

**8. Report on Partnerships for Water Reuse Workshop October 29, 2007 (Information Item).**

This item was deferred to the next regular meeting due to time constraint.

**9. Member comments and announcements.**

None.

**10. Adjournment and establishment of next meeting date.**

At 4:59 p.m., the meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be on February 25, 2008.