## CITY/COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS COMMITTEE ON CONGESTION MANAGEMENTAND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (CMEQ)

### MINUTES MEETING OF APRIL 28, 2008

At 3:02 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, Sue Lempert, Arthur Lloyd, Karyl Matsumoto, Barbara Pierce, Vice-Chair Sepi Richardson, Lennie Roberts, Zoe Kersteen-Tucker, and Daniel Quigg.

Staff/Guests Attending: Richard Napier, Sandy Wong, John Hoang, and Tom Madalena (C/CAG Staff), Pat Dixon (SMCTA CAC), Pat Giorni (Burlingame resident), Tyler Hammer (Sustainable San Mateo County).

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

Chair O'Connell welcome new CMEQ member Dan Quigg, Councilmember of Millbrae.

Pat Giorni, resident of Burlingame, spoke on the North-South Bicycle Route. Copy of speech was also handed out at the meeting.

#### 2. Minutes of February 25, 2008 meeting.

Motion: To approve the Minutes of the February 25, 2008 meeting. Bigelow/Kersteen-Tucker, approved, members Quigg and Roberts obstained.

#### 3. Update on the 2020 Peninsula Gateway Corridor Study.

John Hoang presented an update on the 2020 Peninsula Gateway Corridor study. He also provided an additional handout at the meeting titled "Comparison of Benefits, Costs and Impacts for Alternatives Studied in Detail". John acknowledged that members Lempert and Bigelow are participants on the 2020 Gateway study committees. The study is guided by a PAC and a TAC.

The study goals and objectives are:

- -Facilitate access;
- -Enhance economic opportunities;
- -Optimize use of existing infrastructure;
- -Reduce congestion and local community impacts; and
- -Minimize environmental impacts on sensitive resources.

The study team developed a series of themes and their corresponding issues within the corridor. Then, potential solutions relating to each theme were identified. Some of the solutions were studied in detail. Although not all solutions can be studied to the same level of detail due to limited budget, all potential solutions were evaluated and put into one of the following five categories by members of the PAC and TAC:

- 1. Refer to specific agency
- 2. Proceed to project development
- 3. Study further in Phase 2
- 4. Study lower priority projects further
- 5. Project does not address study goals

CMEQ members had the following comments:

- Many of these projects are high cost, i.e., in hundreds of millions of dollars. The Gateway 2020 Study has helped both San Mateo and Santa Clara counties in successfully securing CMIA Bond funds. We need to have projects ready in case future funding opportunities arise.
- Many of the problems and solutions involve East Palo Alto (EPA). It's important to have formal representations from EPA on the PAC and TAC.
- A Study Session at city council is recommended.

# 4. Fiscal Year 2008/09 Expenditure Program for the Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) Program for San Mateo County (information).

Tom Madalena presented this informational item. Tom stated that due to time constraint, the FY 2008/09 TFCA Expenditure Program was reviewed and approved by the C/CAG Board at its April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. This item is being presented to CMEQ to keep the committee apprised of the program. The proposed 2008/09 TFCA Expenditure Program is similar to the last year program, in that the funding recipients are SamTrans and the Alliance. The Menlo Pare shuttle project will be funded through the C/CAG Congestion Relief Program, swapping funds with the Alliance.

# 5. Recommendation for the 4<sup>th</sup> Cycle of the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Housing Incentive Program.

Tom Madalena presented the 4<sup>th</sup> Cycle Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Housing Incentive Program. The objective of this program is to encourage high-density housing near a rail station or along the El Camino Real. C/CAG issued a call for projects and received 11 applications. One application did not qualify, and 10 projects were recommended for approval. These 10 projects will commit to build a total of 2,446 bedroom units, of which 481 bedroom units will be affordable units.

Motion: To recommend approval of the 4<sup>th</sup> cycle Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Housing Incentive Program. Bigelow/Lloyd, approved, unanimously.

# 6. Draft C/CAG Budget for FY 2008/09 (Information)

Richard Napier, Executive Director of C/CAG, presented the draft C/CAG budget. Copies were provided at the meeting

7. Member comments and announcements. None.

## 8. Adjournment and establishment of next meeting date.

The next meeting will be on May 19, 2008 at the San Carlos Library due to Memorial Holiday.