

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

**MINUTES  
MEETING OF JUNE 27, 2011**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Pierce in Conference Room A at City Hall of San Mateo at 3:00 pm.

Attendance sheet is attached.

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

Pat Giorni announced the good news of first piece of Sharro is put on El Camino Real between Millbrae Ave and Silva Ave. Thanks to the City of Millbrae and Caltrans' approval.

**2. Minutes of April 25, 2011 meeting.**

*Motion: To approve the Minutes of the April 25, 2011 meeting, Richardson/Bigelow.  
Motion carried unanimously.*

**3. Presentation on PG&E and BAAQMD Grant, Climate Action Plan Template Project, Scope of Work and Timeline (Information).**

Kim Springer of San Mateo County presented information on the Climate Action Plan Template project. This project is funded by grants from PG&E, BAAQMD, and C/CAG. The project will design a template to be used by all cities and the county. The project aims to simplify cities/county's Climate Action efforts, reduce staff time/cost, create a regional approach to Climate Action, address CEQA guidelines and provide technical support.

The CAP Template "package" will include elements of CAP forecasting, calculation, and tracking tool.

Member Richardson pointed out the potential of hiring staff to perform the work versus consultant. Member Kersteen-Tucker suggested to be mindful of consistency between counties, in light of other counties having similar on-going efforts. Member Papan would like to see the County taking on an EIR study to banning plastic bags. Member Bigelow suggested credits should be given to SamTrans new buses with lower emissions.

**4. Update on the San Mateo County Energy Watch, Local Government Partnership with PG&E (Information).**

Kim Springer introduced this item and handed over to Susan Wright, a new staff in Kim's unit who took the position vacated by Aleix Petru, for specific presentation. Susan presented the San Mateo County Energy Watch project savings achieved as well as savings on "pipeline" projects. Susan mentioned a presentation will be made to City Manager Association. Susan also pointed out the graphics in the meeting packet contains errors.

**5. Review and recommend approval of the funding recommendations for the provision**

**of Congestion Relief Program shuttle services from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.**

Tom Madalena presented the staff recommendation on the Fiscal Year 2011/2012 local shuttle funding. There is a total of \$800,000 available through C/CAG for the local shuttle program, including matching fund from the San Mateo County Transportation Authority. A Call for Projects was issued and a total of 8 applications were received that encompass 8 jurisdictions/cities. Each of the applications for the shuttles are for the continuation of existing service. Two shuttles that we have provided funding for in the past decided not to continue or request funds this year.

Tom also handed out graphic charts showing past performance with regard to shuttle cost effectiveness for each of the shuttle projects, measured against the benchmarks established in 2005. CMEQ members noticed the East Palo Alto door to door shuttle's high cost per rider. Tom said it's true that the East Palo Alto shuttle shows poor performance, but it has shown some improvement from the past.

Since San Mateo County Sales Tax (Measure A) also has a shuttle funding program, Tom mentioned for the next cycle, staff will be working with the Transportation Authority to further coordinate the two funding source.

Pat Giorni, member of the public suggested to develop Joint policy with Transportation Authority.

***Motion: To recommend approval of the funding for the provision of Congestion Relief Program shuttle services from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.***

**6. Update on the One Bay Area and San Mateo County's Response to ABAG on Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS) Initial Vision Scenario.**

Sandy Wong reported that at the Bay Area regional level, both the MTC and ABAG have been very busy with developing the Bay Area Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS). The Initial Vision Scenario (IVS) for land use was unveiled in March and was outreach around the bay in April. Presentation was made to C/CAG Board in April by MTC/ABAG staff. Comments from many local jurisdictions were submitted to ABAG. What's happening now is that MTC/ABAG staff are developing five alternative land use scenarios to test their performance against greenhouse gas reduction, equity, health, and other targets. The five scenarios include more concentrated growth, more dispersed growth, as well as development pattern based on local input.

Richard Napier stated the IVS contains unrealistic growth in housing. Based on historic housing growth data, the IVS growth far exceeded what can be achieved historically. A letter from C/CAG voicing this opinion has been submitted. Several months down the line, the allocation of RHNA number for the Bay Area will come from the State. In the Bay Area, there are three RHNA Sub-regions. They are: San Mateo, Napa, and Solano counties. The remaining 6 counties did not form a sub-region. The sub-regions will have flexibility in the internal distribution of housing units within the county.

Member Mullin, also a MTC Commissioner, informed the CMEQ that there will be robust discussions in the region regarding SCS land use patterns. In the end, the region will likely land on a land use pattern that is a composite of the five alternatives being analyzed, that will move us in the right direction in achieving GHG reduction and addressing the concern that Richard stated in terms of unrealistic growth. Member Mullin also mentioned he would not be supportive of a dispersed growth pattern.

Member Richardson mentioned at the ABAG level, she has warned folks regarding the challenges in changing General Plans.

Member Bigelow, who attended the MTC Committee meeting where the alternative land use scenarios were discussed, shared with the CMEQ his observation of that meeting. The social equity option generated much debate.

## **7. Executive Director Report.**

Richard Napier, Executive Director, thanked everyone and the C/CAG Board members' support on getting the C/CAG JPA reauthorized. Richard also announced that the C/CAG office will be moving, still in the same building but one floor down.

## **8. Member comments and announcements.**

Member Bigelow said he attended the Dumbarton Rail meeting last Friday. North Fair Oaks, Menlo Park, and East Palo Alto are being considered as potential sites for a future Dumbarton rail station. Additionally, it is being considered to expand Dumbarton bus service into the West Bay business campuses. Member Bigelow spoke at that meeting pointing out that public agency buses may have difficulty in operating inside some of the business campuses such as Sun Microsystem and Tyco because they may not have the proper turn radius.

## **9. Adjournment and establishment of next meeting date.**

The next regular meeting was scheduled for August 29, 2011.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm.