

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

**MINUTES
MEETING OF AUGUST 27, 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, William Dickenson, Linda Koelling, Linda Larson, Sue Lempert, Arthur Lloyd, Karyl Matsumoto, Naomi Patridge, Vice-Chair Sepi Richardson, Lennie Roberts, Onnolee Trapp, and Zoe Kersteen-Tucker.

Staff/Guests Attending: Richard Napier, Sandy Wong, John Hoang, (C/CAG Staff), Richard Cook and Erik Soriano (SamTrans), Pat Dixon (SMCTA CAC), and Pat Giorni.

1. Public comment on items not on the agenda.

None.

2. Minutes of August 27, 2007 meeting.

Motion: To approve the Minutes of the August 27, 2007 meeting. Bigelow/Christensen, approved, unanimous.

3. Recommend approval of the AB1545 Countywide Traffic Congestion Management Program – ITS Project List.

John Hoang presented this item by stating that as a result of a C/CAG call for projects, a total of 65 requests were received for signal controller upgrades and 20 for video detection system. The total amount of funds requested is \$1,406,110 while the total available is \$1,250,000. All requests received within the deadline were ranked based on the C/CAG approved scoring criteria. Based on scoring and ranking, 62 signal controller projects totaling \$744,150 and 16 video detection projects totaling \$499,960 were recommended for funding.

The question was asked as to whether the economy of scale factor was considered from a cross-jurisdictional standpoint for the signal controllers and video detection units. The answer was, unfortunately, no due to time constraint.

Motion: Recommend approval of the AB1546 Countywide Traffic Congestion Management Program ITS project list for funding, Bigelow/Christensen, Unanimous

4. Recommend approval of the 2008 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for San Mateo County.

Sandy Wong presented the proposed 2008 San Mateo County State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The 2008 STIP is a 5-year program covering from fiscal year 2008/2009 through fiscal year 2012/2013. There is a total of \$26,874,000 available for programming in the last two years of the 5-year period. The proposed new projects as well as proposed changes to those projects that were previously programmed in the adopted 2006 STIP were based on recommendations from staff of C/CAG, SMCTA, and Caltrans. One of the new projects is Smart Corridor. Sandy explained that the Smart Corridor is a generic term being used to describe a

project such as the Traffic Incident Management project in the technical transportation industry. It provides arterial traffic management tools such as traffic signal controllers, cameras, message signs, and communication devices to manage local arterial traffic in coordination with adjacent freeway traffic.

The discussion quickly turned to the focus of Smart Corridor. Member Larson stated that Millbrae has many non-signalized intersections along the El Camino Real and that pedestrian crossing safety must be considered and addressed. Some CMEQ members suggested using a different name instead of “Smart Corridor” as it may be confused with “Smart Growth”. However, John Hoang stated that the “Smart Corridor” project name was suggested by Caltrans since there are other similar projects in other counties that already have the brand name recognition. Member Lempert asked if the equipment installed as part of the incident management project will be used for other purpose besides incident management. John replied affirmatively.

Motion: Recommend approval the 2008 STIP for San Mateo County, Bigelow/Larson, Unanimous

5. Recommend approval of a call for projects for the fourth cycle of the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Housing Incentive program.

Sandy Wong presented the recommendation for the 4th cycle Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Housing Incentive call for projects. C/CAG has completed the first three TOD cycles and a quick summary of this program was included. The proposed 4th cycle will follow the same requirements as those used in the 3rd cycle with one addition. That is, housing projects on a frontage parcel of the El Camino Real/Mission Street will be eligible. The recommendation of not providing bonus to affordable units as written in the staff report was recommended for removal.

Motion: Recommend approval of a call for projects for the fourth cycle of the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Housing Incentive program as presented by staff with the removal of language regarding no bonus to affordable units, Richardson/Lempert, Unanimous.

6. Recommend approval of an amendment to the Kimley-Horn Incident Management – Alternate Route Plan contract in an amount of \$155,300 for the development of a Project Study Report (PSR) for a Smart Corridor project.

Issues about Smart Corridor was discussed in item 4 above. The request for \$155,300 to prepare a Project Study Report (PSR) is to get a project ready for funding in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) as well as to compete for upcoming available funding from the Transportation Bond – Traffic Light Synchronization Program (TLSP). Member Roberts asked if the proposal will be integrated with traffic announcements such as those provided by KCBS radio. She also stated that proposed ITS and traffic incident management improvements will actually address some of the concerns raised during the Measure A reauthorization with regard to the lack of ITS improvements.

Chair O’Connell suggested that a presentation on Traffic Incident Management project be given at a future meeting to provide updates to CMEQ members.

Motion: Recommend approval of an amendment to the Kimley-Horn Incident Management – Alternate Route Plan contract in an amount of \$155,300 for the development of a Project Study Report (PSR) for a Smart Corridor project, Larson/Koelling, Unanimous

7. Response to comments on the Draft 2007 Congestion Management Program (CMP) and

recommendation to adopt the Final 2007 CMP for San Mateo County.

John Hoang reported that the Draft 2007 CMP was released for public comments on September 6, 2007 for 30 days. The only comments received were from C/CAG committees and changes have been incorporated. It is recommended that the Final CMP be adopted by C/CAG and be forwarded to MTC for consistency check.

Member Larson congratulated the County and C/CAG on helping local jurisdictions in meeting the mandates on deficiency plans. However, the traffic monitoring results are indications that traffic congestions in the county are prevalent. In addition, she pointed out that the hyphens on page 3-2 of the CMP were in the wrong place.

Member Kersteen-Tucker stated that on page 6-6, updated information on TOD and El Camino Real is missing.

Motion: recommendation to adopt the Final 2007 Congestion Management Program (CMP) for San Mateo County, Bigelow/Dickenson, Unanimous.

8. Approval of 2008 CMEQ meeting calendar.

Motion: Approval of the 2008 CMEQ meeting calendar as presented with the modification to move the November meeting to the 17th and the December meeting to the 15th, Larson/Patridge, Unanimous.

9. Member comments and announcements.

Member Bigelow congratulated member Roberts on her effort to save the California clapper whale and salt marsh harvest mouse.

Richard Napier announced that AB613 was vetoed by the Governor. However, he will likely approve it with the revision to 4 years instead of 10 years. AB 468 (Abandon Vehicles) was passed.

Member Lempert suggested to show the MTC powerpoint that was presented at the Joint MTC ABAG "Bay Area On The Move" conference at the next CMEQ meeting as well as the eastern span of the San Francisco Bay Bridge "fast-forwarded" construction simulation.

Chair O'Connell stated that traditionally, CMEQ elects its chair and vice chair in June of each year. However, the 2007 election was inadvertently omitted. The committee directed staff to put this item on the December or January agenda.

10. Adjournment and establishment of next meeting date.

At 4:00 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.