

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

**MINUTES
MEETING OF November 26, 2012**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Barbara Pierce in Conference Room A at City Hall of San Mateo at 3:01 pm. Attendance sheet is attached.

1. Public comment on items not on the agenda.

None.

2. Approval of Minutes of September 24, 2012 meeting.

*Motion: To approve the Minutes of the September 24, 2012 meeting, Richardson/Lloyd.
Motion carried unanimously.*

3. Review and approval of CMEQ meeting calendar for 2013.

Motion: To approve the CMEQ meeting calendar for 2013 with the correction of November meeting on 25, Richardson/Kersteen-Tucker. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Review and recommend approval of the AB 1546 (\$4 Vehicle Registration Fee) Countywide Traffic Congestion Management Fund Expenditure Plan

John Hoang presented the staff recommendation based on input from the CMP Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). CMEQ members questioned why the electric vehicle charging station component was removed. Robust discussion ensued. Some of the pros and cons mentioned included:

Should build more charging stations to encourage more people to drive electric cars.
Should encourage night-time (at-home) charging instead of day-time public charging stations.
Lack of supporting data to make sound decisions (lack of data on: supply of charging station versus demand; cost to operate and maintain charging stations; air quality benefits; uncertainty of future State/Federal mandates.)

Member Holober requested to see the original formula used for distribution of the \$4 to local jurisdictions. A question was asked if C/CAG should decision to fund electric vehicle charging stations, can the \$10 vehicle license fee be used for such program. Staff will research on that issue. CMEQ members requested staff to bring back more information on electric vehicle charging stations and the possibility of funding from the \$10 Vehicle Registration Fee.

Motion: To recommend approval staff recommendation of the AB 1546 (\$4 Vehicle Registration Fee) Countywide Traffic Congestion Management Fund Expenditure Plan, Richardson/Patridge, members Olbert and Holober opposed. Motion carried.

5. Review and recommend approval of an agreement with SCI Consulting Group to provide technical services in support of a countywide funding initiative for stormwater

compliance activities and authorization for the Executive Director to negotiate the scope of the work prior to execution.

Matt Fabry presented a brief background and the process resulting in the recommendation of the selection of SCI Consulting Group. Staff recommendation is to only authorize phase 1 of the work at this time. The decision to authorize phase 2 will be based on the result of opinion survey and analysis.

CMEQ members cautioned the importance of timing of putting any tax and fee before voters. Member Partridge thanked Matt for his good work.

Motion: To recommend approval of an agreement with SCI Consulting Group to provide technical services in support of a countywide funding initiative for stormwater compliance activities and authorization for the Executive Director to negotiate the scope of the work prior to execution, Lloyd/Bigelow; Motion carried unanimously.

6. Receive an update on the single-use bag ban (Information).

Dean Peterson of the San Mateo County Environmental Health Department provided a brief update on this matter. The County Board of Supervisors passed the ordinance to ban single use plastic bags, require minimum of 10 cent charge on paper bags, will apply to all retail businesses except restaurants. Protective bags (such as those used for meat) are excluded. It will be in effect April 22, 2013. Many of the cities such as SSF, Pacifica, Belmont are already on their way to adopt the same ordinance. The Environmental Health will host a workshop on December 7, 2012 to share more detail information with city staff. Mr. Peterson also stated if any chambers of commerce or cities would need help, they will be happy to offer assistance such as videos and other tools available.

7. Support of the San Mateo County Green Business Program Re-launch.

Kim Springer provided an update on the Green Business program. One year ago, CMEQ directed staff to keep this program going at a minimum level of funding while cities sort out budget issues due to poor economic condition. Since the program has been suspended, there have been requests from businesses to reactivate the program because they want to be more competitive. The current proposal is to request each jurisdiction to contribute \$5000 annually to operate this program at a countywide level. A draft letter to City Manager was attached to the staff report, however, that is being revised. It will also require businesses requesting for certification to pay a nominal certification fee of \$150 to \$200. In addition, 25% of this program funding will come from the County (AB 939).

Joe La Mariano of the San Mateo County Public Works emphasized the importance and value of this program, and that the current proposal will demand minimal to no staff time from cities. It will help cities to address some Climate Action.

Questions raised: 1) What if a city opt out? 2) How about a sliding scale of city contribution based on size of the city? 3) What about cities that do not have business?

CMEQ members recognize that this is a valuable program and it should be collaborated at a countywide level, however, members requested to continue this item at the next meeting so that members will have more time to confer with their city staff.

8. Executive Director Report.

Sandy Wong reported that the C/CAG Executive Director Rich Napier's effective retirement date is December 1, 2012. There was a nice Reception to honor his retirement on November 15th.

C/CAG hosted the Smart Corridor Ground Breaking Ceremony with Caltrans and SMCTA on November 6, 2012.

Member Richardson asked Sandy to provide information on the \$20 million PDA Planning fund. Sandy explained that at the October MTC Commission meeting, a motion was passed by 9 vs. 5 to direct \$20 million of the total \$40 PDA Planning fund to the nine county CMA for administration. That action was different from the original MTC staff recommendation. Member Richardson allude that some CMAs in the Bay Area are trying to take that money instead of further allocating the money to local jurisdictions. She urged members to support MTC's decision to cap CMA share at 5% administration.

9. Member comments and announcements.

None.

11. Adjournment and establishment of next meeting date.

The next regular meeting was scheduled for January 28, 2013. Meeting was adjourned at 4:52 pm.