

C/CAG NEWSLETTER

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Carpool Incentive Program Available For San Mateo County Commuters

The Carpool in San Mateo County! Program, released on August 1, 2017, utilizes mobile carpooling apps to increase local carpool ridership during



peak travel periods, therefore reducing single occupancy vehicles, traffic congestion, greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and the need for parking within San Mateo County. Commuters are able to save time, money, and the environment through the program. Drivers and riders will receive a \$2 incentive per person for each trip that begins or ends in San Mateo County during the peak commute periods (5:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.), with a maximum of \$4 per rider and driver each day. Carpool In San Mateo County! incentives are available now on Scoop and will launch at a later date on Waze Carpool. The Scoop app is available for download on iTunes and Google Play







Safe Routes to School and Green Streets **Infrastructure Call for Projects**

In July, C/CAG announced a call for projects to integrate Safe Routes to School pedestrian improvements with green infrastructure to capture and treat stormwater. C/CAG's Safe Routes to School and Green Streets Infrastructure Pilot Program will award up to \$2 million to fund local projects that make walking and biking to school safer, while reducing vehicle related water quality impacts to San Mateo creeks, San Francisco Bay, and the ocean. This builds on C/CAG's existing Green Streets and Parking Lots Program, which includes the Sustainable Green Streets and Parking Lots Design Guidebook and green street and parking lot demonstration projects. C/CAG's current stormwater planning efforts are supporting C/CAG's member agencies as they work towards adopting Green Infrastructure Plans by September 2019, in accordance with regional stormwater mandates. These plans must result in significant green infrastructure implementation in the coming decades in order to meet pollutant reduction requirements.

Countywide Stormwater Resource Plan

C/CAG adopted the San Mateo County Stormwater Resource Plan in February 2017, which prioritizes opportunities for utilizing green infrastructure to better manage stormwater as a resource instead of a waste. Included in the plan are 22 project concepts that have already helped C/CAG member agencies secure grant funds for implementation. Four green street and parking lot concepts in the Cities of Redwood City and San Mateo were awarded \$1.2 million in Proposition 1 stormwater grants, and Caltrans is funding regional stormwater retention concepts in the Town of Atherton and City of South San Francisco for over \$22 million. C/CAG's current stormwater planning efforts are supporting C/CAG's member agencies as they work towards adopting Green Infrastructure Plans by September 2019, in accordance with regional stormwater mandates. These plans must result in significant green infrastructure implementation in the coming decades in order to meet pollutant reduction requirements for San Francisco Bay

C/CAG Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee **Elected Official Vacancy**

C/CAG's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) currently has one (1) vacant elected official seat on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC). For more information, please visit

US-101 Managed Lanes Project Update

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), as owner and operator of U.S. Highway 101 (US-101) and Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act and National Environmental Policy Act, has prepared a draft environmental document for the Managed Lane project from Matadero Creek, in Santa Clara County, to the I-380 Interchange (PM 20.8), in San Mateo County. The project sponsor is a multi-jurisdictional partnership of the San Mateo County Transportation Authority, C/CAG and the State of Caltrans. The term Managed Lane is an umbrella term that describes an operational practice used to address congestion by controlling traffic movements on the highway. High-Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes and Express Lanes, or High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes, are all terms that can be used to describe Managed Lanes. Express Lanes are designated lanes that allow Single Occupancy Vehicles (SOV) the use of available capacity in the HOV lane for a toll during specified times. The toll changes dynamically in response to existing congestion levels and available capacity in the Express Lane. The Draft Environmental Document for the San Mateo US-101 Managed Lanes Project is available for public comment until late January 2018. The draft environmental document and more information is available on the project website. Two public meetings will be held on the report on Wednesday, December 6, 6pm—8pm at Redwood City's City Hall, 1071 Middlefield Road, Redwood City; and Monday, December 11, 6pm—8pm at San Mateo City Hall, 330 West 20th Street, San Mateo.

San Mateo County Energy Watch Municipal Energy **Efficiency Call for Projects**

San Mateo County Energy Watch and C/CAG are pleased to release the Municipal Energy Efficiency Call for Projects - to assist local governments in San Mateo County in identifying and implementing energy efficiency retrofits at their facilities. Cities, towns and County government in San Mateo County are eligible for up to \$50,000 to fund staff time spent on activities related to energy efficiency project implementation. There are two tiers of funding available and jurisdictions are limited to one application per agency. The deadline to apply is December 15, 2017.

San Mateo County Recognized for Leadership in Addressing Climate Change

The Institute for Local Government and the Statewide Energy Efficiency Collaborative honored the County of San Mateo on September 14th in Sacramento with a <u>2017 Beacon Spotlight Award</u> for achieving a 22 percent reduction in community greenhouse gas emissions. The county's achievements will be recognized as a part of its participation in the sustainability recognition program, the Beacon Program. San Carlos, Foster City, Daly City, Redwood City, and South San Francisco also received awards last month.