

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

**MINUTES
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 22, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair O'Neill at 3:01 p.m. via Zoom Videoconference. Roll call for attendance was taken. Attendance sheet is attached.

1. Brief Overview of Teleconference Meeting Procedures

Jeff Lacap, C/CAG Staff, provided an overview of the teleconference meeting procedures.

2. Public comment on items not on the agenda

None.

3. Issues from the February 2021 C/CAG Board meeting. (Information)

Jeff Lacap, C/CAG Staff, noted the agenda listed the status of items recently addressed by the C/CAG Board, and offered to respond to any questions.

4. Approval of minutes of the January 25, 2021 meeting. (Action)

Motion – To approve the minutes of the January 25, 2021 CMEQ meeting, Beach/Alba. Beach, Mates, O'Neill, Reddy, Brown, Holober, Papan, Koelling, and Alba approved. McCune abstained. Motion passed 9-0-1.

5. Receive an update on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Safe and Seamless Mobility Quick Strike Program development and provide direction regarding the draft project list. (Action)

Sean Charpentier, C/CAG Program Director, provided an update to the MTC Safe and Seamless Mobility Quick Strike Program since the last C/CAG CMEQ meeting in January. Sean stated that the Call for Project nominations had been extended through 2/18 at 5 PM. Between 2/19 and 2/22, C/CAG staff reviewed 14 project nominations, requesting approximately \$9.3 million. Sean explained the process of developing two tiers of recommended projects. He added that C/CAG also recommended setting aside \$200,000 to plan and implement programs listed in the Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.

Committee members had the following questions/comments:

- Committee members generally agreed that if MTC cannot fund the entire Tier 1 program of projects, that the South San Francisco project be scaled down in order to fiscally constrain the list due to the project's large funding request.
- Member Papan stressed the importance of project readiness
- Member Reddy had a question on letters of support as part of the nomination letter to MTC

Motion –To recommend approval of staff recommendation for the MTC Safe and Seamless Mobility Quick Strike Program with further recommendation that if reductions were to be made, the project submitted by the City of South San Francisco be scaled down in order to fiscally constrain the list, Reddy/Bonilla. Beach, Mates, O’Neill, Reddy, Brown, Holober, McCune, Papan, Koelling, and Alba approved. Motion passed 10-0.

6. Receive information on current transportation and transit trends during the COVID-19 pandemic. (Information)

Jeff Lacap, C/CAG staff, provided the committee with various data sources from agencies in the Bay Area that are tracking the observed trends in transportation and transit during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Committee members had the following questions/comments:

- In response to Member Brown’s question, Jeff responded that staff is actively researching any available studies within San Mateo County that will provide any projections on the future of transportation and transit trends.
- Vice Chair Alba shared information from a Stanford University professor that has studied possible scenarios of the future of working from home as more people become vaccinated (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bUByJJgPIAo>)
- John Ford, Executive Director of Commute.org, provided an update to the ridership on their shuttle program and feedback from recent employee surveys indicating a return to workplaces may occur in the fall.
- Member Papan provided updates from the MTC Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force reporting that the committee is working with Bay Area transit agencies, such as BART and Caltrain, to improve schedule coordination for transit riders.

Committee members provided comments only. No formal action needed.

7. Executive Director Report (Information)

None.

8. Member comments and announcements (Information)

Member Beach thanked C/CAG and SMCTA staff on the current work being done on the US-101 Express Lanes Project, particularly on the equity component of the project and that more information is continuing to be developed.

9. Adjournment and establishment of next meeting date

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm.

The next regular meeting was scheduled for March 29, 2021.

2021 C/CAG Congestion Management & Environmental Quality (CMEQ) Committee Attendance Report													
Name	Representing	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul (No Mtg.)	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec (No Mtg.)
Emily Beach (Burlingame City Council Member)	Elected Official	X	X										
Rick Bonilla (San Mateo City Council Member)	Elected Official	X											
Julia Mates (Belmont City Council Member)	Elected Official		X										
Mike O'Neill (Pacifica City Council Member)	Elected Official	X	X										
Diana Reddy (Redwood City Council Member)	Elected Official		X										
Dick Brown (Woodside Town Council Member)	Elected Official	X	X										
Reuben Holoher (Millbrae City Council Member)	Elected Official	X	X										
Tom McCune (Belmont City Council Member)	Elected Official		X										
Patrick Sullivan (Foster City Council Member)	Elected Official	X											
Gina Papan (MTC Commissioner)	Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)	X	X										
Lennie Roberts	Environmental Community	X											
Adina Levin	Agencies with Transportation Interests		N/A										
Linda Koelling	Business Community	X	X										
Peter Ratto	San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans)		X										
Jessica Alba	Public Member	X	X										
<i>Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (Caltrain)</i>	<i>Vacant</i>												

Staff and Guests in attendance for the February 22, 2021 Meeting

Sandy Wong, Sean Charpentier, Kaki Cheung, Mikaela Hiatt, Jeff Lacap - C/CAG Staff

Sue-Ellen Atkinson – City of San Mateo, John Ford – Commute.org,
Matthew Ruble – City of South San Francisco