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Congestion Management & Environmental Quality (CMEQ) Committee

<p>Date: Monday August 25, 2025</p> <p>Time: 3:00 p.m.</p> <p>Location: San Mateo City Hall Conference Room C 300 W. 20TH Ave San Mateo, CA 94403</p>	<p>Join by Zoom Webinar: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87297026746?pwd=hHSqCBp68h8xOXH4eLcZzQfTnLaZ5L.1</p> <p>Join By Phone: +1 669 900 6833</p> <p>Zoom Webinar ID: 872 9702 6746</p> <p>Passcode: 512343</p>
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1. Call to Order/Roll Call	Action (Papan)	No Materials
2. Public comment on items not on the agenda	Presentations are limited to 3 mins.	No Materials
3. Issues from July 30, 2025 C/CAG Board meeting: o Discussion of SB63 Regional Measure	Information (Lacap)	No Materials
4. Approval of minutes of May 19, 2025 CMEQ Meeting.	Action (Papan)	Pages 1-4
5. Review and recommend approval of the Draft 2026 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for San Mateo County.	Action (Lacap)	Pages 5 -8
6. Executive Director Report	Information (Charpentier)	No Materials
7. Adjournment and establishment of next meeting date: September 29, 2025	Action (Papan)	No Materials

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

**MINUTES
MEETING OF May 19, 2025**

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Brown at 3:00 p.m. at San Mateo City Hall. Roll call for attendance was taken. Attendance sheet is attached.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 3:00 pm by Vice-Chair Brown

2. Public comment on items not on the agenda

There were no public comments on the agenda.

3. Issues from May 8, 2025 C/CAG Board meeting. (Information)

C/CAG staff Jeff Lacap gave the following updates:

- Approval of Reso 25-24 adopting the C/CAG distribution policy for the Fiscal Year 2025-26 State Transit Assistance (STA) Population-Based funds.
- Approval of Reso 25-25 awarding up to \$306,060 in Fiscal Year 2026 Transportation Fund for Clean Air Funds (TFCA) for Town of Hillsborough's Rapid Electric Vehicle Chargers.
- Review the initial draft of C/CAG Fiscal Year 2025-26 Program Budget

4. Approval of the minutes of the April 28, 2025 CMEQ Meeting. (Action)

Motion to approve minutes of the April 28, 2025 CMEQ Meeting. Hedges/Jimenez. Brown, McCune, Dinan, Jimenez, Nguyen, Carter and Hedges. Motion Passes 7-0.

5. Review and recommend approval of the FY 25/26 and FY 26/27 TA and C/CAG Shuttle Program funding list. (Action)

C/CAG staff Susy Kalkin presented on the FY 25/26 and FY 26/27 TA and C/CAG Shuttle Program funding list.

Member Carter asked who is responsible for providing the matching funds for the shuttle projects. Susy explained that project sponsors are required to contribute a 25% match.

Member Brown asked what factors are driving up the cost of the shuttle program and whether ridership has declined. Susy responded that the cost increases are primarily due to rising operating expenses. While ridership has recovered, it has not yet returned to pre-COVID levels, partly because some businesses have not resumed in-office operations.

Mike Swire, C/CAG BPAC Chair, emphasized that last-mile connectivity would be most effectively supported through funding for bicycle infrastructure. He also noted the importance of evaluating the cost-effectiveness and public service impact of the shuttle program.

Motion to Review and recommend approval of the FY 25/26 and FY 26/27 TA and C/CAG Shuttle Program funding list. Hedges/Brown. Brown, McCune, Dinan, Jimenez, Nguyen, Carter and Hedges. Motion Passes 7-0.

6. Review and recommend approval of an agreement between C/CAG and Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) for the San Mateo County Energy Watch (SMCEW) Program, adding approximately \$1,450,400 for a new total not to exceed \$4,235,400 and extending the agreement end date to December 31, 2027. (Action)

Susan Wright, Climate Protection Program Manager from the San Mateo County Sustainability Department presented on the San Mateo County Energy Watch (SMCEW) Program.

Member Carter asked about the emphasis on building electrification versus transportation-related electric vehicle (EV) charging within the San Mateo County Energy Watch (SMCEW) Program. Susan explained that the program primarily focuses on building electrification, including efforts to support energy efficiency and transition away from natural gas in residential and commercial buildings. She noted that while SMCEW does not directly manage EV charging infrastructure, PG&E offers EV charging programs and resources, and residents are typically referred to them. Susan further added that there is an increasing effort to take a more integrated approach by aligning building electrification, EV charging infrastructure, and transportation mode shift strategies to create a more comprehensive and sustainable energy and mobility ecosystem in the county.

Mike Swire noted that the Trump Administration is shutting down the EPA's Energy Star Program, which overlaps with the efforts of SMC Energy Watch. He urged Susan to inform building managers about the available Energy Star resources before the website is taken offline.

Motion to Review and recommend approval of an agreement between C/CAG and Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) for the San Mateo County Energy Watch (SMCEW) Program, adding approximately \$1,450,400 for a new total not to exceed \$4,235,400 and extending the agreement end date to December 31, 2027. Hedges/Jimenez. Brown, McCune, Dinan, Jimenez, Nguyen, Carter and Hedges. Motion Passes 7-0.

7. Receive a presentation on MTC's Transit Priority Policy for Roadways (TPPR). (Information).

C/CAG Staff, Jeff Lacap introduced Britt Tanner from MTC to present on the Transit Priority Policy for Roadways.

Member McCune noted that, from a safety perspective, it does not seem that the program's implementation would yield safety improvements. Britt responded that evaluations will be conducted as part of the grant program, with safety being a key criterion in the assessment process.

Member Nguyen asked what “giving up a lane” means in MTC’s Transit Priority Policy for Roadways, and what factors are prioritized when reallocating lanes. Britt explained that “giving up a lane” usually involves converting a general-purpose traffic lane into a dedicated transit lane or buffer space to enhance bus movement and reliability. The policy prioritizes person throughput over vehicle throughput, meaning it focuses on moving more people efficiently rather than just more vehicles. For example, if a corridor carries frequent bus service with high ridership, dedicating a lane for buses can significantly reduce delays. To achieve this, the policy uses strategies like Transit Signal Priority (TSP), which modifies traffic signals to give buses additional green time, minimizing stop time and improving schedule adherence. Additionally, lane reallocation considers bus frequency, passenger volumes, and overall corridor congestion to ensure that the benefits to transit users outweigh potential impacts on general traffic.

Mike Swire expressed his support for the Transit Priority Policy for Roadways program. He emphasized that with the ongoing increase in housing costs—particularly on the Peninsula—relying on single-occupancy vehicles is no longer sustainable, and a shift toward transit is essential. He recommended that Britt present the TPPR policy to the C/CAG Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC). Additionally, he highlighted that there have been two recent traffic safety tragedies along El Camino Real (ECR).

Member Dinan asked whether the program incorporates congestion pricing and noted that the City of East Palo Alto has expressed interest in the concept. Britt responded that while congestion pricing is not part of this specific program, MTC is conducting a separate effort—the Next Gen Freeway Study—to explore the use of congestion pricing as a strategy to reduce traffic congestion

8. Executive Director Report (Information)

C/CAG Executive Director gave the

- MTC is recruiting members for its Community Advisory Council; the application deadline is August 3, 2025.

9. Member comments and announcements (Information)

No member comments

10. Adjournment and establishment of next meeting date

The meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 30, 2025 at San Mateo City Hall, Conference Room C.

Name	Representing	Jan	Feb	Mar (Canc)	Apr	May	Jun	Jul (No Mtg.)	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec (No Mtg.)
Dick Brown (Woodside Town Council Member)	Elected Official	X	X		X	X							
Tom McCune (Belmont City Council Member)	Elected Official	X	X		AB 2449	X							
Mark Dinan (East Palo Alto Council Member)	Elected Official		X		X	X							
Stacy Jimenez (Foster City Council Member)	Elected Official	X	X		X	X							
Stacy Miles Holland (Atherton Council Member)	Elected Official	X			X								
Juslyn Manalo (Daly City Council Member)	Elected Official				AB 2449								
Pranita Venkatesh (San Carlos Council Member)	Elected Official		X		X								
Bob Nguyen (Millbrae Council Member)	Elected Official		X		X	X							
Vacant (Council Member)	Elected Official												
Gina Papan (MTC Commissioner)	Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)	X	R		X								
Mollie Carter	Environmental Community	X			X	X							
Richard Hedges	Public Member	X	X		Brown Act	X							
Vacant	Business Community												
Deborah Penrose	Agencies with Transportation Interests				X								
Peter Ratto	San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans)	X	X		X	X							
Pamela Herhold	Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART)	X	X			X							
Casey Fromson	<i>Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (Caltrain)</i>				R								

R - Remote attendance

Blank- Absent

Brown Act - Remote attendance via Publicly Accessible Teleconference Location

X - In person attendance

AB 2449 – Remote attendance via AB 2449

In-Person: Sean Charpentier, Eva Gaye, Jeff Lacap, Susy Kalkin- C/CAG
Theresa Vallez-Kelly (SMCOE), Sue-Ellen Atkinson (SMCTA), Susan Wright
(SMC Sustainability Department); Britt Tanner and Mika Miyasato (MTC)

Online: Kaki Cheung-C/CAG; Gillian Adams (MTC)

C/CAG AGENDA REPORT

Date: August 25, 2025

To: Congestion Management and Environmental Quality (CMEQ) Committee

From: Jeff Lacap, Program Director

Subject: Review and recommend approval of the Draft 2026 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for San Mateo County

(For further information or questions, contact Jeff Lacap at jlacap@smcgov.org)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Congestion Management and Environmental Quality (CMEQ) Committee review and recommend approval of the Draft 2026 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for San Mateo County.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is not any direct fiscal impact to C/CAG other than staff time. Upon CTC approval, the STIP funds will be allocated to project sponsors directly.

SOURCE OF FUNDS

Funding for the 2026 STIP Program will come from both state and federal funding sources.

BACKGROUND

The State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is the biennial five-year plan for future allocations of state transportation funds. It is a five-year document adopted every two years by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to program certain portions of the gas tax for transportation projects. The Program is developed in coordination with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC).

On June 27, 2025, Caltrans presented the draft STIP Fund Estimates for the upcoming five-year period (FY 2026-27 through FY 2030-31) to the California Transportation Commission (CTC). The CTC is scheduled to adopt this estimate at their August 15, 2025 meeting. MTC is scheduled to adopt regional STIP policy and procedures at the September 21, 2025 Commission meeting. MTC Staff shared detailed fund estimates for San Mateo County along with the rest of the Bay Area region on July 24, 2025. In addition to the \$36.8 carryover balance, San Mateo County is projected to receive approximately \$9.9 million from the 2026 STIP for a total target of \$46.1 million. C/CAG Staff will use this as a working estimate, which may later be adjusted by CTC upon adoption of the final STIP Fund Estimate. The 2026 STIP identifies net new capacity only in the outer two years of the 2024 STIP, FY 2029-30 and FY 2030-31. Therefore, 2026 STIP funds can typically only be programmed within those two fiscal years.

For San Mateo County, C/CAG is the designated agency responsible for developing the regional share of the STIP. STIP candidate projects must be consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan as well as the County’s Congestion Management Plan. In addition, projects must have an approved Project Study Report (PSR). A full funding plan is required for a project phase in order to program STIP funds. Also, projects in excess of \$50 million in total project cost must include a project level benefit evaluation, including lifecycle cost benefit analysis.

The last adopted cycle of the 2024 STIP covered the period between FY 2022-23 through FY 2026-27. Funds previously programmed for highway projects as adopted in the 2024 STIP are still committed; however, the timing of those funds being available is not guaranteed. CTC may also reprogram current projects into later years.

On June 24, 2025, C/CAG staff reached out to all directors of Public Works and city/county managers via e-mail, soliciting candidate projects to consider with a due date of July 11, 2025. In addition, staff has also been working with partner transportation agencies such as Caltrans and the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA) in identifying top regional projects that supports the historical policy in the San Mateo Countywide Transportation Plan of directing STIP funds towards major highway improvement projects of regional significance. This allows major projects to leverage regional and state funding programs.

By the submission deadline, C/CAG received responses from the following jurisdiction:

Project Sponsor	Project Title	Phase of Project Requesting STIP Funds (PA&ED, PS&E, R/W, CON)	Fiscal Year in Which STIP Funds Are Expected to Be Allocated or Required	Total Cost to Complete Requested Phase (in \$1,000's)	Amount of STIP Funds Requested (in \$1,000's)
Colma	El Camino Real Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement Project	CON	27/28	\$47,737	\$ 41,937
San Carlos	US-101/Holly Street Interchange Improvements and Overcrossing Project	CON	29/30	\$ 85,980	\$12,500
		PS&E	26/27	\$ 2,266	\$ 2,000
San Mateo County	Moss Beach State Route 1 Congestion and Safety Improvements Project	CON	30/31	\$ 33,800	\$ 8,500

Staff collaborated with SMCTA and Caltrans staff recommends the proposed draft 2026 STIP (Attachment 1). Staff proposes programming the following projects for the 2026 STIP:

- \$5.47M to fund the PS&E phase of the US-101 Managed Lanes Projects – North of I-380, in FY 2027-28.
- \$9.687M to fund the CON phase of the US-101 Managed Lanes Project – North of I-380, in FY 2030-31.
- \$10M to fund the CON phase of the El Camino Real Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement

Project in FY 2028-29.

- \$12.5M to fund the CON phase of the US-101/Holly Street Interchange Improvements and Overcrossing Project in FY 2029-30
- \$8.5M to fund the CON phase of the Moss Beach State Route 1 Congestion and Safety Improvements Project in FY 2030-31

In addition to the new projects recommended for STIP funding, the \$5M programmed for the CON phase of the Highway 1/Manor Drive Overcrossing Improvement Project and the \$1.7M programmed for the ROW-SUP phase of the US-101 Managed Lanes Project – North of I-380 from the 2024 STIP is also included and will carry over into the 2026 STIP.

Recommendation

The C/CAG Congestion Management Program Technical Advisory Committee (CMP TAC) recommended approval of the Draft 2026 STIP for San Mateo County at their August 21, 2025 meeting.

Following the CMEQ Committee meeting, a presentation of the draft list will be presented to the C/CAG Board at the September 11th meeting. To comply with the schedule set forth by the MTC, the C/CAG Board will need to endorse the 2026 STIP project list for San Mateo County at the October 9, 2025 Board meeting to meet MTC's anticipated October 1, 2025 project submittal deadline. As C/CAG is the project sponsor for the US-101 Managed Lanes Project – North of I-380, programming funds for construction in future fiscal years does not commit the C/CAG Board to any of the alternatives being analyzed as part of the PAED process; STIP funds are required to be programmed (or reserved) many years in advance.

Upon approval by the C/CAG Board in October, the Proposed 2026 STIP for San Mateo County will be forwarded to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for inclusion in the Bay Area regional STIP proposal. If approved by MTC, as scheduled on December 17, 2025, the proposal will be forwarded to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for approval and adoption in March 2026, at which point the funds will be formally programmed to the projects. As noted above, the CTC has the discretion to reprogram projects in different fiscal years based on available capacity of the STIP.

EQUITY IMPACTS AND CONSIDERATIONS

While STIP is a statewide program, local agencies, such as C/CAG, are responsible for identifying and prioritizing projects that align with local needs and equity goals. Funding allocated through the STIP serves to benefit all community members by prioritizing the implementation of projects of countywide significance.

ATTACHMENT

1. Summary of Proposed 2026 STIP for San Mateo County

2026 STIP - San Mateo County

	Lead Agency	Rte	PPNO	Project	Project Totals by Fiscal Year (\$1,000's)					Project Totals by Component (\$1,000's)						
					Prior Info Only	26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30	30-31	R/W	CON	E & P	PS&E	R/W Sup	Con Sup
Projects	SM C/CAG	101	658M	US 101 Managed Lane Project North of I-380			7,147			9,687		9,687		5,447	1,700	
	Pacifica	101	2091K	Highway 1/Manor Drive Overcrossing Improvement Project				5,000				5,000				
	Colma	82		El Camino Real Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement Project				10,000				10,000				
	San Carlos	101		US-101/Holly Street Interchange Improvements and Overcrossing Project					12,500			12,500				
	San Mateo County	1		Moss Beach State Route 1 Congestion and Safety Improvements Project						8,500		8,500				

2026 STIP:

- Available capacity for 2024 STIP: \$46,134
- The CTC has the discretion to the reprogram projects in different fiscal years based on available capacity of the STIP.