

REPORT

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council
From the City Manager

December 15, 2003

Subject

San Mateo County's Draft 2003 Congestion Management Program

Recommendation

Review and comment on C/CAG's Draft 2003 Congestion Management Program.

Background

Staff has reviewed the City/County Association of Governments (C/CAG) of San Mateo County's Draft Congestion Management Program (CMP) for 2003, a copy of which is available for review at the City Clerk's office. State legislation requires urban counties to develop, adopt, and biennially update a CMP. The stated purpose of CMPs is to develop a procedure to alleviate or control anticipated increases in roadway congestion and to ensure that government agencies join with transit districts, business, private and environmental interests to develop and implement comprehensive strategies needed to develop appropriate responses to transportation needs.

The following summary highlights the changes C/CAG includes in the Draft 2003 CMP:

- The Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvement performance measure will be increased to encourage more incorporation of pedestrian and bicycle travel in new transportation improvement projects.
- A comprehensive list of the transportation demand management (TDM) programs offered through the Peninsula Traffic Congestion Relief Alliance, in response to trip reduction requirements under Measure A, is provided.
- San Francisco International Airport's transportation system management (TSM) program, required as part of the mitigation measures to reduce the significant transportation impacts of the airport's master plan expansion, is described in detail.
- Under "Current Deficiencies," four of the 53 CMP Roadway System segments are in violation of the level of service (LOS) standards (one of the CMP's Performance Measures), with none in immediate proximity to Redwood City. However, five roadway segments that violated the LOS standard in 2001 were found not to be in violation in 2003, including two segments of State Route (SR) 84 immediately bordering Redwood City: Woodside Road from I-280 to Alameda de las Pulgas, and the Bayfront Expressway from US 101 to Willow Street. The draft states that "the observed decrease in traffic volumes due to the economic downturn may have contributed to the improved levels of service at these locations."

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- To address these and future deficiencies, the C/CAG Board approved the Countywide Congestion Relief Plan, a countywide deficiency plan that will relieve all jurisdictions in the county from having to develop and implement individual deficiency plans for LOS changes. An executive summary of this Plan is provided, outlining the following elements that are intended to make a measurable impact on current congestion and slow the pace of future congestion:
1. Expand the Countywide Employer-Based Shuttle Program
 2. Create a network of Local Transportation Services
 3. Expand the Provision of Countywide TDM Program
 4. Creation of a Countywide "Try Transit" Campaign
 5. Develop a Countywide Intelligent Transportation Study and Plan
 6. Develop a countywide Ramp Metering Study and Plan for U.S. 101 Corridor Expansion of the Transit-Oriented Development Program

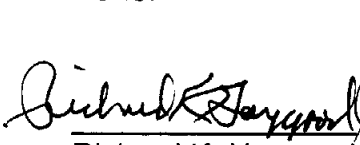


The cities and the County will be assessed a total of \$1.3 million annually for the four-year period of the Plan, starting July 1, 2002, with each jurisdiction's share of the cost based on its percent of automobile trips generated and attracted Countywide.

Staff has submitted a written comment on the Draft CMP to C/CAG, as shown on the attached letter. In summary, staff suggests establishing a "clearinghouse" of the valuable information and useful data that many cities in the county are collecting through their operations of local shuttle services. The clearinghouse should be accessible to public officials of all C/CAG jurisdictions, to share that information readily, to use to explore and make informed decisions about implementing such services.

Because C/CAG's deadline for written comments on the Draft CMP was November 21, staff proceeded with timely submittal of the attached comment letter. The C/CAG public hearing to consider adoption of the final CMP is scheduled for January 8, 2004. Staff will arrange to submit any comments from the City Council on the Draft CMP for consideration at the C/CAG hearing.

Fiscal Impact

None.

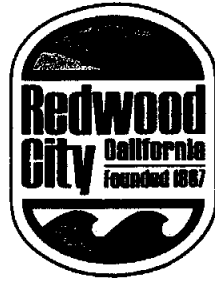
		
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RE: REVIEW OF DRAFT 2003 CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (CMP)

Dear Ms. Wong:

City of Redwood City staff has reviewed the City/County Association of Governments (C/CAG) of San Mateo County's Draft Congestion Management Program (CMP) for 2003, and would like to provide the following comment.

Many cities in the county are operating or subsidizing various shuttle services, thereby obtaining valuable experience and collecting useful data on the operation of such services. Unfortunately, this important information, whether positive or negative regarding the costs and benefits of such service (within its local setting), is not readily shared or available to other jurisdictions to use to explore and make informed decisions about implementing such services. We suggest that a "clearinghouse" of information on local shuttle service experiences in the county, accessible to public officials of all C/CAG jurisdictions, should be established to share that information easily. The clearinghouse would contribute to two elements of the County Congestion Relief Plan (Deficiency Plan), "Expand the Countywide Employer-Based Shuttle Program," and "Create a network of Local Transportation Services." Perhaps the clearinghouse could be developed, maintained, and/or hosted by the Peninsula Traffic Congestion Relief Alliance, which currently manages many of the employer-based shuttle programs.

Staff expects to present a report on the Draft 2003 CMP to the City Council sometime prior to the C/CAG public hearing on its adoption scheduled for January 8, 2004. We would appreciate the opportunity to submit any comments from the City Council that we may obtain between now and January 8 for consideration at the C/CAG hearing; please let me know what we could do to facilitate this.

Very truly yours,

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December 1, 2003

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Subject: **RESPONSE TO REVIEW COMMENTS ON DRAFT 2003 CONGESTION
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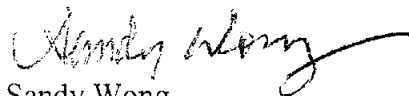
Dear Mr. Patterson:

Thank you for your review of the Draft 2003 Congestion Management Program (CMP). In your November 20, 2003 letter, you suggested that operating data for shuttle services operated by various agencies including costs and benefits be captured and made available to other jurisdictions. We are in the process of implementing something very similar to what you have suggested, and we will incorporate your suggestion.

You also indicated that you would like to continue to submit comments prior to C/CAG adoption of the 2003 CMP in January 2004. Please submit any additional comments you may have as soon as possible. As you would understand, if substantial comments that require additional staff analysis are received close the adoption date, it may not be performed in time for inclusion in the CMP prior to its adoption and must be considered for its future amendment.

Again, thank you for your response. Please feel free to contact me at (650) 599-1409 regarding the Draft 2003 CMP.

Sincerely,



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CMP Manager

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