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# 2011 Congestion Management Program for San Mateo County

## Executive Summary

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The City/County Association of Governments (C/CAG), as the Congestion Management Agency for San Mateo County, is required to prepare and adopt a Congestion Management Program (CMP) on a biennial basis. The purpose of the CMP is to identify strategies to respond to future transportation needs, develop procedures to alleviate and control congestion, and promote countywide solutions. The CMP is required to be consistent with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) planning process that includes regional goals, policies, and projects for the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP). The 2011 CMP, which is developed to be consistent with MTC's Transportation 2035 Plan, provides updated program information and performance monitoring results for the CMP roadway system.

The CMP roadway system comprises of 53 roadway segments and 16 intersections. The roadway network includes all of the State highways within the County in addition to Mission Street, Geneva Avenue, and Bayshore Boulevard. The intersections are located mostly along El Camino Real. (Chapter 2) Baseline Level of Service (LOS) Standards were adopted for each of the roadway segments and intersections on the system wherein five roadway segments and four intersections were designated LOS F (F designated as the worse possible congestion). (Chapter 3)

In addition to the roadway system LOS, the CMP also includes other elements to evaluate the performance of the roadway and transit network such as travel time to traverse the length of the County by single-occupant vehicle, carpool, and transit in addition to transit ridership during the peak periods (Chapter 4). Monitoring is completed every two years to determine compliance with the adopted LOS standards and changes to the performance elements are measured.

The results of the 2011 Monitoring indicate that one (1) roadway segment exceeded its LOS Standard. The segment, which is operating at LOS F, is located at SR 92 from I-280 to US 101. Two roadway segments exceeded their LOS Standards in 2009. Regarding intersections, all intersection locations are in compliance with their LOS Standards. Nine intersection locations improved and five worsened when compared to 2009 results. Two intersections are operating at their LOS Standards and 14 intersections are operating better than their LOS Standards.

The 2011 travel times for single-occupancy auto and carpool, when compared to 2009 figures, increased by up to eleven (11) minutes in the southbound direction in the P.M. peak period and decreased by two minute in the northbound direction in either peak period.

Travel times for bus and passenger rail modes were estimated based on SamTrans and Caltrain published schedules for travel between County lines during peak commute periods. The 2011 travel times for Caltrain service remained the same as in 2009 and SamTrans travel time have decreased by up to eleven minutes as compared to 2009 figures. The 2011 transit ridership data indicates annual and average weekday ridership for SamTrans has decreased 10% whereas Caltrain ridership has remained relatively the same when compared to FY 2009. Data for BART indicates a slight decrease for the Colma and Daly City stations and an increase of 2% for the SFO Extension stations. Total transit ridership indicates a decrease of about 3% (annually and average weekday) when compared with FY 2009. (The complete 2011 Monitoring results are included in Appendix F)

The CMP includes C/CAG's programs and policies regarding transportation systems management (TSM) and transportation demand management (TDM), which address efforts to increase efficiency of the existing system and encourage utilization of alternative modes of transportation. The TSM/TDM programs under Measure A, the Alliance, TFCA, local cities, and C/CAG are updated in the 2011 CMP to reflect the current status. (Chapter 5)

Also included in the CMP is the C/CAG Land Use Impact Analysis Program policy, which address long-range planning, individual large developments (generating 100 or more net peak period trips on the CMP network), and cumulative developments. The Policy provides procedures for local jurisdictions to analyze and mitigate potential impacts to the CMP network resulting from land use decisions. (Chapter 6 and Appendix I)

The Countywide Congestion Relief Plan (CRP), reauthorized through June 2015, was developed to address the roadway system deficiencies (or violations of LOS Standards) on a countywide basis. The CRP relieves individual jurisdictions from the need to develop individual deficiency plans to mitigate (or reduce) existing congestion on specific locations. Elements contained in the enhanced CRP includes revised provisions for Countywide programs such as Employer-based shuttle program and local transportation services, Travel Demand Management, Countywide Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) program and traffic operational improvement strategies, Ramp Metering, and other programs Linking Transportation and Land Use. (Chapter 7)

The seven-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) consists of projects programmed in the updated 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) in Chapter 8, Table 8-1.

This year, C/CAG transitioned to a new C/CAG CMP Transportation Model and database. New information is added to the CMP to describe the new CCAG model, which is based on the Santa Clara VTA Countywide model. The C/CAG model includes additional zone and network detail improvements based on the MTC regional models for San Mateo County. (Chapter 9)

Other elements included in the 2011 CMP are updates to the \$4 Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) Program. The VRF Program, initially adopted in 2005 and continues until December 31, 2012, provides San Mateo County jurisdictions funding for the management of traffic congestion and stormwater pollution prevention. Measure M, an additional VRF which was approved by the voters in November 2010, imposes an annual fee of ten dollars (\$10) on motor vehicles registered in San Mateo County enabling C/CAG to generate an estimated \$6.7 million annually over the next 25 years to help fund transportation-related congestion mitigation and water pollution mitigation programs. (Chapter 11)

The Measure M VRF Implementation Plan is added to the 2011 CMP in Appendix M.

The Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) Policy, which provides uniformed procedures to analyze traffic impacts on the CMP network, was added to the 2009 CMP. The TIA Policy applies to all General Plan updates, Specific Area Plans, and modifications to the CMP roadway network. (Chapter 12 and Appendix L)

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# CHAPTER 1

## Introduction

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In the summer of 1989, the California Legislature approved and Governor Deukmejian signed legislation enacting a comprehensive reform of the Gann spending limit and an \$18.5 billion Transportation Financing Program. That financing program and accompanying transportation planning and development measures were presented to the voters as Propositions 111 and 108. Both propositions were approved by California's voters in June of 1990.

The funding package associated with Propositions 111 and 108 included a requirement that every urban county within California designate a Congestion Management Agency (CMA) that would prepare, implement, and biennially update a Congestion Management Program (CMP). In San Mateo County, the City/County Association of Governments (C/CAG) was designated as the CMA. Subsequent legislation (AB 2419) allowed existing Congestion Management Agencies to discontinue participation in the Program. San Mateo County C/CAG voted to continue to participate in and adopt a CMP.

In 1997, SB 45 was passed, significantly revising State transportation funding policies. These changes included reducing the duration of the State Transportation Improvement Program (from 7 years to 4 years), giving Regional Transportation Planning Agencies more responsibility for project selection through the Regional Transportation Improvement Program, and creating the Interregional Improvement Program.

Congressional Reauthorization of ISTEA in 1998, known as the Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (TEA-21), preserved funding flexibility, increased funding levels, and established several new planning considerations (access to jobs, consistency with the Intelligent Transportation System national architecture, etc.).

According to the state legislation (AB 471, AB 1791, AB 1963, AB 2419 and SB 45) that calls for Congestion Management Programs to be prepared, the purpose of CMPs is to develop a procedure to alleviate or control anticipated increases in roadway congestion and to ensure that “ federal, state, and local agencies join with transit districts, business, private and environmental interests to develop and implement comprehensive strategies needed to develop appropriate responses to transportation needs.” <sup>1</sup> The first CMP for San Mateo County was adopted by

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<sup>1</sup>California Government Code Section 65088(e).

C/CAG in 1991. It has been updated and amended on a biennial basis. The last CMP update was in 2009. This is the eleventh CMP for San Mateo County. It describes the decisions adopted by C/CAG in previous CMPs to comply with the applicable sections of AB 471, AB 1791, AB 1963, SB1636 and to include new provisions required by SB 45 and TEA-21.

When the California Legislature defined the requirements for Congestion Management Programs, they set in motion the following actions:

1. A political process that encourages local jurisdictions (cities and the County) to discuss and seek resolution of anticipated transportation supply problems.
2. A political process that requires that all types of measures, including the possibility of implementing land use changes, creating travel demand management actions, and providing transit, ridesharing, and other modal alternatives to driving, be considered in conjunction with building or widening roadways as effective ways to address future urban transportation needs.
3. A technical process to provide consistent and timely information to elected officials about the possible consequences of planned or proposed land developments, and of the costs and benefits of optional ways to resolve anticipated congestion problems.

This CMP describes the framework for the ongoing process that will be followed by the County of San Mateo and the cities in San Mateo County to implement the requirements of AB 471, AB 1791, AB 1963, SB 1636, SB 45, and TEA-21. The decisions made by the City/County Association of Governments are intended to clearly describe the intent of C/CAG to make this process work by adopting CMP elements that emphasize communication and cooperation and provide a flexible approach to resolving issues. The overall goal of this CMP is to help C/CAG promote countywide solutions to transportation problems based upon cooperation and mutual support.

### **Elements of the CMP**

Each Congestion Management Agency is charged with developing, adopting and updating a Congestion Management Program.<sup>2</sup> The following elements must be included in a congestion management program:

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<sup>2</sup>California Government Code Section 65089(a). By State statute, CMPs need not be changed every year, but must be formally amended and readopted every two years.

- **Roadway System**

The Congestion Management Agency must specify a system of highways and roadways for which traffic level of service standards shall be established. The CMP's Roadway System shall include at a minimum all state highways and principal arterials. No highway or roadway designated as a part of the CMP Roadway System shall be removed from the system (in future CMPs).<sup>3</sup>

- **Traffic Level of Service (LOS) Standards**

Level of Service Standards intended to measure roadway congestion must be established for all state highways and principal arterials included in the CMP's Roadway System.<sup>4</sup> Level of service is a qualitative description of roadway operations ranging from LOS A, or free flow conditions, to LOS F, or completely jammed conditions. The Congestion Management Program may not establish any standard below Level of Service E unless the level of service was F at the time that the standard was established.

- **Performance Element**

The Performance Element was added by AB 1963. This element includes performance measures to evaluate current and future multimodal system performance for the movement of people and goods in San Mateo County.<sup>5</sup>

- **Trip Reduction and Travel Demand Element**

The Congestion Management Program must contain an element promoting the use of alternative transportation modes and ways to reduce future travel demand. Improving a county's jobs/housing balance and implementing travel demand management strategies are specifically mentioned as ways of attaining the objectives of this element of the CMP.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>3</sup>California Government Code Section 65089(b)(1)(A).

<sup>4</sup>Ibid.

<sup>5</sup>California Government Code Section 65089(b)(2).

<sup>6</sup>California Government Code Section 65089(b)(3).

- **Land Use Impact Analysis Program**

The purpose of this element of the CMP is to create and implement a program to analyze the impacts of land use decisions made by local jurisdictions on regional transportation systems.<sup>7</sup> Estimates of the costs associated with mitigating the projected impacts must be included in the CMP, with some exceptions.<sup>8</sup>

- **Seven-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP)**

The CMP must contain a seven-year program of projects expected to maintain or improve traffic levels of service and transit performance, and to mitigate the impacts of local land use decisions. Projects contained in the CIP must also conform to transportation-related air quality mitigation measures.<sup>9</sup>

In addition to these elements, a CMP must also include a uniform database and a computer-based transportation model that will be used to determine the quantitative impacts of proposed or planned land developments on a county's transportation systems. Finally, the Congestion Management Agency (C/CAG in San Mateo County) is charged with monitoring the implementation of all elements of the CMP and determining conformance with the CMP's requirements and recommendations.

### **Organization of this CMP**

This report, which describes the 2011 Congestion Management Program for San Mateo County, is divided into the following chapters that correspond to the listing of CMP requirements included in AB 1791 and AB 1963:

1. The roadways and intersections that comprise San Mateo County's CMP Roadway System to be monitored for traffic operating conditions are described in Chapter 2.
2. The Level of Service Standards for the CMP's roadway segments, which were designated in the 1991 CMP (one additional segment was added in the 1999 CMP), and the standards for the intersections, which were designated in the 1993 CMP, are presented in Chapter 3.
3. The measures adopted by C/CAG to evaluate San Mateo County's multimodal system performance for the movement of people and goods are described in Chapter 4.

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<sup>7</sup>California Government Code Section 65089(b)(4).

<sup>8</sup>According to statute, interregional trips will be excluded from this cost estimate. Credit will also be given to local, public, and private contributions for improvement to the roadway system.

<sup>9</sup>California Government Code Section 65089(b)(5).

4. The key features of San Mateo County's efforts to encourage commuters to use alternatives to driving alone -- carpools, vanpools or transit -- are explained in Chapter 5.
5. The process to be used to analyze and mitigate the impacts on San Mateo County's transportation systems of potential or planned land use changes is presented in Chapter 6.
6. The guidelines for deficiency plans, should those need to be prepared in the future, are explained in Chapter 7. Also included in this Chapter is a listing of the deficiencies that were identified during the monitoring of the 2011 CMP.
7. The process for projects to be considered for funding as part of this CMP's Capital Improvement Program is presented in Chapter 8. This chapter also includes the transportation goals adopted in the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) *Transportation 2035 Plan for the San Francisco Bay Area*.
8. The features of the new C/CAG CMP Transportation Model are described in Chapter 9.
9. The procedures that C/CAG will use to monitor conformance with the CMP are described in Chapter 10.
10. The Vehicle Registration Fee Program includes the \$4 fee on motor vehicles registered in San Mateo County for the management of traffic congestion and stormwater pollution and the new Measure M - \$10 vehicle registration fee are updated in Chapter 11.
11. The Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) Policy is included in Chapter 12 and the complete TIA Policy is included in Appendix L.
12. The results of the 2011 Monitoring Report are presented in Appendix F.

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## CHAPTER 2

### CMP Roadway System

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#### Legislative Requirements

California Government Code Section 65089 (b)(1)(A) requires that the Congestion Management Agency specify a system of roadways for which level of service standards will be set and monitored. All state highways and principal arterials are to be included in the Congestion Management Program's (CMP's) Roadway System. However, this statute does not specifically define what constitutes a principal arterial. Once a roadway is included in the CMP's Roadway System, the roadway cannot be removed (in a future CMP).

#### Discussion

Designating the CMP system of roadways is one of the key decisions affecting the CMP, because this action by C/CAG defines which roadways in San Mateo County will have their traffic level of service monitored. In effect, the C/CAG's adoption of a system (network) of roadways establishes the following framework for the subsequent, but related actions taken by C/CAG:

1. The C/CAG has identified which freeways, streets, highways,<sup>10</sup> and intersections in San Mateo County it has deemed to be important enough to have their existing and future traffic operating conditions monitored. The roadways incorporated into the CMP Roadway System serve the vast majority of trips made by driving from, to or through San Mateo County.
2. C/CAG has indicated which freeways, streets, highways, and intersections in San Mateo County the C/CAG will be expecting to receive nominations of actions or will help formulate actions intended to maintain or attain traffic flow standards designated for those roadways. Possible actions that could be defined to mitigate potential operational or capacity problems on specific roadways include new roadway construction, transit

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<sup>10</sup>Freeways (e.g., U.S. 101 and I-280) are roadways that are completely grade separated from other highways and that do not permit access directly from abutting land uses. Streets (e.g., El Camino Real), also called arterials in this CMP, allow access directly from abutting land uses and are almost never grade-separated from other roadways, (except freeways). Highways, as used in this CMP, refer to roads located in rural areas (e.g., Highway 1 south of Half Moon Bay).

improvements related to the travel origins and destinations served by that roadway, travel demand management actions, or land use changes.<sup>11</sup>

### **CMP Roadway System**

The CMP Roadway System incorporates the CMP Roadway System adopted in 1991 plus the 16 intersections adopted in 1993 and the one additional roadway segment adopted in 1999. The roadways adopted by C/CAG to be part of the CMP's Roadway System are roadways in San Mateo County that fulfill at least one of the following requirements:

1. They are routes that are part of the California State Highway System. (Some of the State Highways in San Mateo County serve as Principal Arterials.)
2. They extend from the San Mateo County/San Francisco County line to the San Mateo County/Santa Clara County line.
3. They extend from San Francisco Bay to the Pacific Ocean and/or connect two major north/south routes.
4. They connect directly with the roadways included in the CMP networks of adjacent counties.
5. They are Principal Arterials, which in San Mateo County were defined as those roadways that are not freeways containing six or more lanes for a length of at least one mile and carrying average daily traffic (ADT) volumes of at least 30,000 vehicles.

The specific roadways included in the CMP Roadway System and the reasons why these roadways were included are as follows:

1. State Route (SR) 1, SR 35, SR 82, SR 84, SR 92, U.S. 101, SR 109, SR 114, I-280, and I-380 are part of the California State Highway System. These are all the State Highways in San Mateo County.

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<sup>11</sup>Each of those kinds of actions are discussed in the chapters that follow.



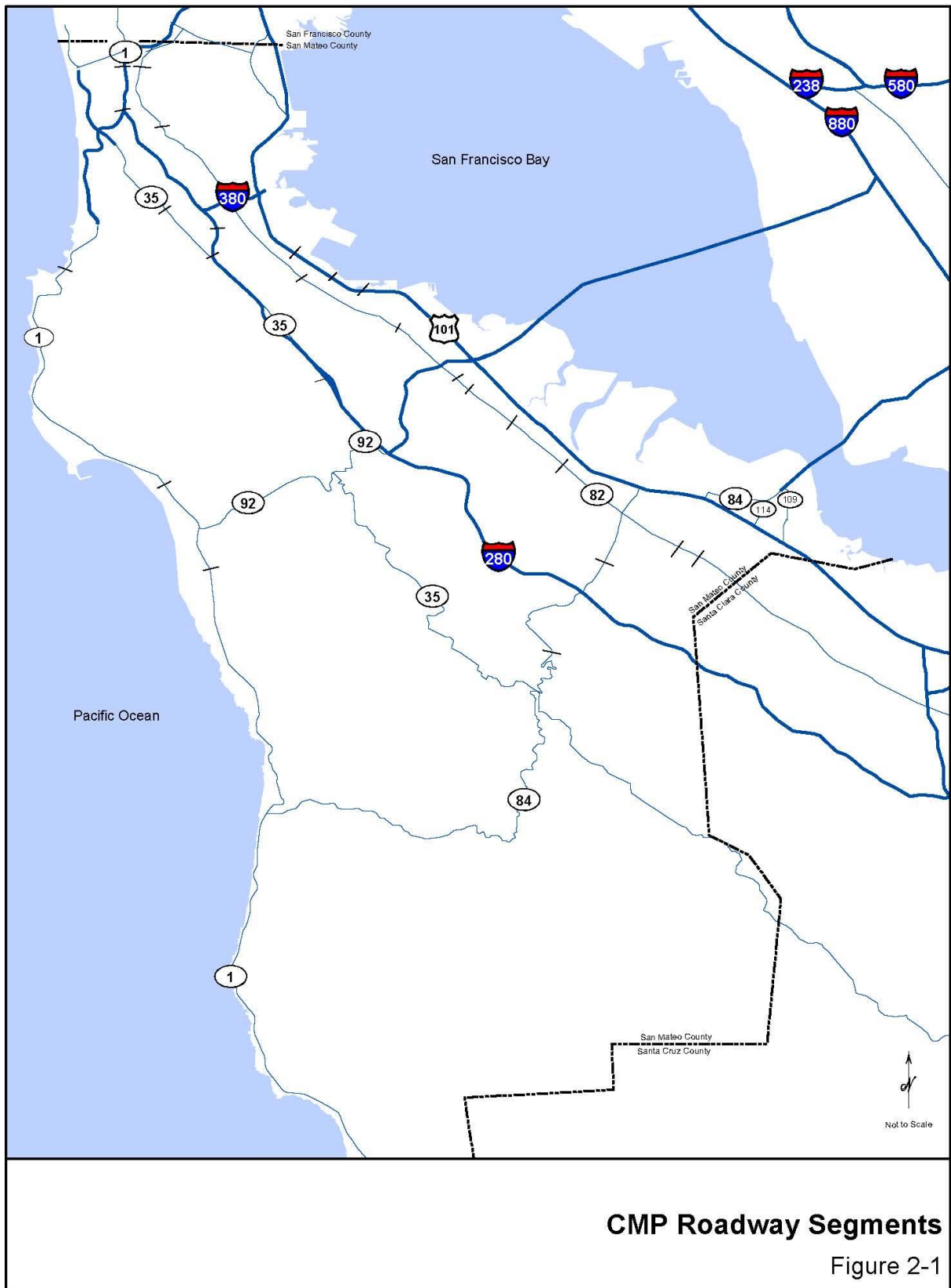
2. SR 1, SR 35, SR 82, U.S. 101, and I-280 extend from the San Francisco County line in the north to the Santa Clara County line in the south. These are the only roadways in San Mateo County to meet this requirement.
3. SR 84 and SR 92 extend east/west from San Francisco Bay to (SR 1 near) the Pacific Ocean. These roadways in addition to I-380 also connect two (or more) major north/south routes.
4. Geneva Avenue, Mission Street and Bayshore Boulevard are the only roadways that are not State Highways that connect to roadways included in the CMP of an adjacent county. These roadways had to be included in San Mateo County's CMP Roadway System to be consistent with San Francisco County's CMP Roadway System. (No roadways, in addition to the State Highways already mentioned, needed to be added to be consistent with the CMP Roadway Systems of Alameda, Santa Clara, and Santa Cruz Counties).
5. Portions of El Camino Real (SR 82) are the only roadway segments in San Mateo County that qualify for inclusion in the CMP's Roadway System based on this CMP's definition of a Principal Arterial. (All of El Camino Real was included in the CMP's roadway system because this street is part of the California State Highway System-SR 82).

The following intersections were added to the CMP Roadway System adopted in 1993 so as to have their levels of service monitored.

- Geneva Avenue and Bayshore Boulevard
- SR 35 and John Daly Boulevard
- SR 82 (Mission Street) and John Daly Boulevard/Hillside Boulevard
- SR 82 (El Camino Real) and San Bruno Avenue
- SR 82 and Millbrae Avenue
- SR 82 and Broadway
- SR 82 and Peninsula Avenue
- SR 82 and Ralston Avenue
- SR 82 and Holly Street
- SR 82 and Whipple Avenue
- SR 84 (Bayfront Expressway) and SR 109 (University Avenue)
- SR 84 and Willow Road
- SR 84 and Marsh Road

- SR 84 (Woodside Road) and Middlefield Road
- SR 92 and SR 1
- SR 92 and Main Street.

The roadways and intersections in San Mateo County whose traffic levels of service will have to be monitored because they are now part of the CMP Roadway System are shown on Figure 2-1 and Figure 2-2, respectively. Detailed descriptions of the roadways included in this CMP's Roadway System are presented in Appendix A. The 1999 CMP included the division of one of the segments on State Route 1 into two separate segments for the purposes of monitoring. This division will occur at Sharp Park Boulevard in Pacifica. The results of the 2009 CMP Monitoring Report with the current levels of service are contained in Appendix F.





## CHAPTER 3

### Traffic Level of Service Standards

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#### Legislative Requirements

California Government Code Sections 65089.1 (A) and (B) requires that level of service standards be established by, in this case, C/CAG for the roadways and intersections designated to be in the CMP Roadway System. Furthermore, roadway levels of service (LOS) are to be measured by methods described in one of the following documents: the Transportation Research Board's *Circular 212*, the latest version of the *Highway Capacity Manual*, or an uniform methodology adopted by the CMA that is consistent with the *Highway Capacity Manual*. The CMA (C/CAG in San Mateo) is responsible for selecting the LOS methodology to be used.

The CMP legislation stipulates that the CMP's Level of Service Standards can be set at any level of service - A through F. However, only roadway segments or intersections currently operating at Level of Service F may have an LOS F standard set for them.

#### Discussion

*Level of service* (LOS) is a qualitative term used to describe a roadway's operating condition. The level of service of a road or street is designated by a letter grade ranging from A to F, with LOS A representing free-flow conditions with little or no delay and LOS F representing forced flow with excessive delays. Verbal descriptions of the levels of service for the five types of facilities in San Mateo County's CMP Roadway System-freeways, multilane highways, two-lane highways, arterials, and intersections-are presented in Table 3-1. Graphical illustrations of the LOS designations are presented on Figure 3-1.

**Table 3-1**

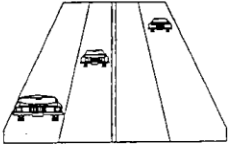
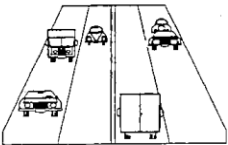
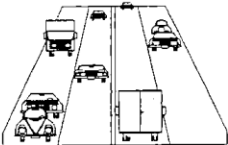
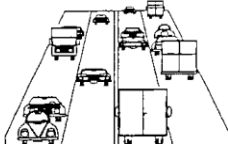


**Level of Service Descriptions**

<b>Level of Service</b>	<b>Freeways and Multilane Highways</b>	<b>Two-Lane Highways</b>
A	Highest quality of service with free-flow conditions and a high level of maneuverability.	Free-flow conditions with a high level of maneuverability. Passing is easy to accomplish.
B	Free-flow conditions, but presence of other vehicles is noticeable. Minor disruptions easily absorbed.	Stable operations with passing demand approaching passing capacity.
C	Stable operations, but minor disruptions cause significant local congestion.	Stable operations, but with noticeable increases in passing difficulty.
D	Borders on unstable flow with ability to maneuver severely restricted due to congestion.	Approaching unstable traffic flow. Passing demand is high while passing capacity approaches zero.
E	Unstable operations with conditions at or near capacity. Disruptions cannot be dissipated and cause bottlenecks to form.	Unstable operations. Passing is virtually impossible and platooning becomes intense.
F	Forced or breakdown flow with bottlenecks forming at locations where demand exceeds capacity. Speeds may drop to zero.	Heavily congested flow with traffic demand exceeding capacity. Speeds may drop to zero.

Level of Service	Arterials	Intersections
A	Free-flow conditions with a high level of maneuverability. Minimal stopped delays at signalized intersections.	Free-flow conditions with insignificant delays. No approach phase is fully utilized by traffic and no vehicle waits longer than one red indication.
B	Reasonably unimpeded operations with slightly restricted maneuverability. Stopped delays are not bothersome.	Stable operations with minimal delays. An occasional approach phase is fully utilized. Many drivers begin to feel somewhat restricted within platoons of vehicles.
C	Stable operations with somewhat more restrictions in making mid-block lane changes than LOS B. Motorists will experience appreciable tension while driving.	Stable operations with acceptable delays. Major approach phase may become fully utilized. Most drivers feel somewhat restricted.
D	Approaching unstable operations where small increases in volume produce substantial increases in delay and decreases in speed.	Approaching unstable conditions. Delays are tolerable. Drivers may have to wait through more than one red signal indication. Queues may develop but dissipate rapidly, without excessive delay.
E	Unstable operations with significant intersection approach delays and low average speeds.	Unstable operations with significant delays. Volumes at or near capacity. Vehicles may have to wait through several signal cycles. Long queues form upstream from intersection.

Figure 3-1 Level of Service Definitions

Level of Service Definitions

LEVEL OF SERVICE	FLOW CONDITIONS	DELAY	SERVICE RATING
<p>A</p> 	Highest quality of service. Free traffic flow with low volumes. Little or no restriction on maneuverability or speed.	None	Good
<p>B</p> 	Stable traffic flow, speed becoming slightly restricted. Low restriction on maneuverability.	None	Good
<p>C</p> 	Stable traffic flow, but less freedom to select speed or to change lanes.	Minimal	Adequate
<p>D</p> 	Approaching unstable flow. Speeds tolerable but subject to sudden and considerable variation. Less maneuverability and driver comfort.	Minimal	Adequate
<p>E</p> 	Unstable traffic flow and rapidly fluctuating speeds and flow rates. Low maneuverability and low driver comfort.	Significant	Poor
<p>F</p> 	Forced traffic flow. Speed and flow may drop to zero.	Considerable	Poor



The purpose of setting LOS standards is to evaluate changes in congestion. Congestion is to be measured on the designated system of CMP roadways via level of service calculations. Existing levels of service are to be calculated every two years as part of the CMP's traffic operations monitoring program. (The results of the monitoring of existing levels of service in 2011 for the CMP roadway segments and intersections are presented in Appendix F.) Future (or anticipated) levels of service are expected to be calculated as part of the program to evaluate the impacts of planned (or anticipated) land use changes.<sup>12</sup>

The methods used in this CMP to analyze existing and future levels of service on the CMP Roadway System were selected after reviewing the methods used by local jurisdictions and Caltrans. A survey conducted in 1991 revealed that most of the cities that responded used standard level of service methods for signalized intersections with half using the *Highway Capacity Manual* method and half using the Transportation Research Board's *Circular 212* method. About a third of the responding cities used a reserve capacity method to evaluate un-signalized intersections. The volume-to-capacity method was used to evaluate arterials in half of the responding cities. Most cities indicated that they did not use a standard level of service calculation method for the remaining facilities-freeways, multilane highways, and two-lane highways. Of those cities that had previously selected a method, the volume-to-capacity ratio method was preferred. Caltrans uses a floating car method to determine travel speeds as a measure of congestion on freeways.

The original methods selected to calculate the levels of service are described in Appendix B. These methods are consistent with the Transportation Research Board's *Circular 212* and the *Highway Capacity Manual*, as required by the CMP legislation. For the 2005 CMP, LOS for intersections was performed utilizing both the Circular 212 Methodology (based on a volume-to-capacity ratio of the critical movements) and the 2000 HCM Methodology (calculated based on an average control delays, expressed in seconds per vehicle). The LOS ratings using the 2000 HCM method are one to two grades lower than the ratings based on Circular 212 methodology. In addition, calculated LOS ratings using the 2000 HCM methodology are more consistent with field observations than the calculated ratings based on the Circular 212 methodology. For comparison purposes, the 2007 CMP also included both methodologies for calculating intersection LOS. Based on the observation that the 2000 HCM LOS results are more reflective of actual conditions, it was determined that the 2009 CMP and subsequent updates only include the 2000 HCM methodology for calculating intersection LOS.

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<sup>12</sup>See Chapter 6 for further discussion of the program that will analyze the potential countywide impacts of land use changes on San Mateo County's transportation system.

When monitoring conformance with this CMP's recommendations, a significant increase in congestion is defined as a change in the measured level of service to any level worse than the specified LOS standard. Therefore, nonattainment of the CMP's Roadway LOS Standards would occur whenever the LOS for a roadway segment or intersection included in the CMP Roadway System is monitored as falling below the LOS standard established for that roadway facility. With one exception, this would occur regardless of the LOS standard set by C/CAG for a roadway. The exception would be that for a roadway where the standard was set to be LOS F, further decreases in their LOS would not be measured as falling below this CMP's standards.

Projected violations of the LOS standards may be identified as a result of the Land Use Impact Analysis Program. These projected violations will not trigger preparation of deficiency plans.

### **Possible Options**

In general, there are two basic options that can be selected to develop level of service standards. When presented to C/CAG in 1991, these options were defined as follows:

Option 1: C/CAG could select LOS E as the standard for all roadways, with the exception of LOS F for roadways currently operating at LOS F.

Option 2: C/CAG could select LOS standards that vary by specific roadway segment.

Option 1 would provide the greatest flexibility to modify the LOS standards when future CMPs are prepared and the lowest risk of having to change standards later based on more refined analyses. However, this approach does not differentiate among acceptable levels of congestion on various types of roadways, such as freeways versus arterials and urban settings versus rural settings. Option 2 does allow for different standards to be selected for various types of roadway segments, but does so at the risk that some standards may be set too high in relation to information about traffic volumes developed in subsequent CMPs. Nevertheless, the second option would establish a direction for San Mateo County's CMPs more in keeping with the intent of AB 471.

### **Process of Selecting LOS Standards for Roadway Segments**

The LOS standards for roadway segments were selected during development of the 1991 CMP.

Analyses of existing (1990/91) levels of service and projections of future (year 2000) levels of service were used to develop the LOS standards for San Mateo County's CMP Roadway System. The process used to develop the standards followed these steps:

1. Limits of roadway segments were selected based on facility type and number of lanes.
2. Existing (1990/91) peak-hour volumes were identified. Traffic volumes for the morning commute period (6:00 AM to 10:00 AM) and the evening commute period (3:00 PM to 7:00 PM), obtained from Caltrans, the cities, and new traffic counts, were reviewed. (The process of compiling and analyzing feasible traffic counts is described in Appendix C of the 1991 CMP.)
3. Existing (1990/91) volume-to-capacity (V/C) ratios and levels of service were evaluated.
4. After the highest hourly volumes were identified, their corresponding V/C ratios and LOS were selected to represent existing (1990/91) conditions for each roadway segment.
5. Future volumes (for the year 2000) were projected by applying growth factors obtained by comparing the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC's) (simulated) traffic assignments for the years 1987 and 2000. (The traffic volumes simulated by MTC to represent traffic conditions presumed to exist in 1987 were very similar to actual counts recorded in 1990 and 1991.)
6. Locations projected to have changes in capacity, due to roadway widening projects, were identified. Future V/C ratios (projected for the year 2000) and corresponding LOSs were evaluated for the AM and PM peak hours selected earlier.

## Roadway Segment Level of Service Standards

The following LOS standards were selected for the roadway segments.

- If the existing (1990/91) level of service was F, then the standard was set to be LOS F.
- If the existing or future level of service was or will be E, then the standard was set to be LOS E.
- The standard for roadway segments near the San Francisco, Santa Clara, and Alameda County borders, with one exception,<sup>13</sup> was set to be LOS E to be consistent with the recommendations in those counties' 1991 CMPs. (This standard would apply unless those roadway segments were already operating at LOS F.)
- On SR 82 (El Camino Real), the standard was set to be LOS E.
- For the remaining roadway segments, the standard was set to be one letter designation worse than the LOS projected for the year 2000.

The LOS standards adopted by C/CAG for the roadway segments included in this CMP are presented in Table 3-2 and on Figure 3-2.

The roadway segment Level of Service Standards adopted by the C/CAG to monitor attainment of the CMP support the following objective:

*The LOS Standards established for San Mateo County vary by roadway segment. By adopting LOS standards based on geographic differences, the C/CAG signaled that it intends to use the CMP process to prevent future congestion levels in San Mateo County from getting worse than currently anticipated. At the same time, the variations in LOS standards by geographic area conform to current land use plans and development differences between the Coastside and Bayside, between older downtowns near CalTrain stations and other areas of San Mateo County.*

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<sup>13</sup>For I-280 south of SR 84, the adopted standard is LOS D.

Table 3-2

## Level of Service Standards for CMP Roadway

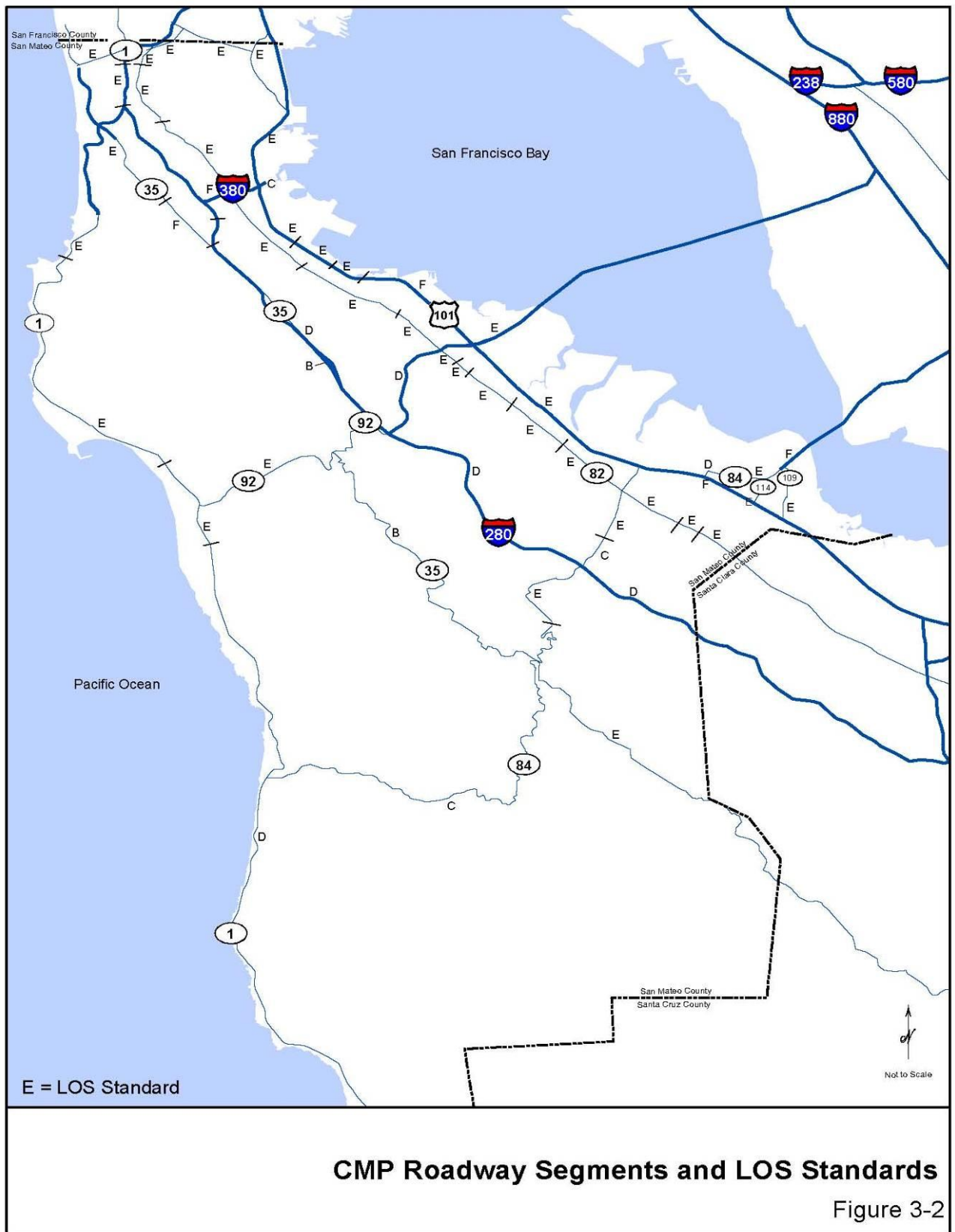
Segments<sup>a</sup>

Route	Roadway Segment	Baseline (1990-91) LOS	LOS Standard
1	San Francisco County Line to Linda Mar Boulevard	D	E
1	Linda Mar Boulevard to Frenchmans Creek Road	D	E
1	Frenchmans Creek Road to Miramontes Road	E	E
1	Miramontes Road to Santa Cruz County Line	C	D
35	San Francisco County Line to Sneath Lane	C	E
35	Sneath Lane to I-280	E	F <sup>b</sup>
35	I-280 to SR 92	A	B
35	SR 92 to SR 84	A	B
35	SR 84 to Santa Clara County Line	A	E
82	San Francisco County Line to John Daly Boulevard	A	E
82	John Daly Boulevard to Hickey Boulevard	A	E
82	Hickey Boulevard to I-380	A	E
82	I-380 to Trousdale Drive	A	E
82	Trousdale Drive to 3rd Avenue	B	E
82	3rd Avenue to SR 92	B	E
82	SR 92 to Hillsdale Avenue	A	E
82	Hillsdale Avenue to 42nd Avenue	A	E
82	42nd Avenue to Holly Street	B	E
82	Holly Street to Whipple Avenue	A	E
82	Whipple Avenue to SR 84	D	E
82	SR 84 to Glenwood Avenue	B	E
82	Glenwood Avenue to Santa Cruz Avenue	D	E
82	Santa Cruz Avenue to Santa Clara County Line	D	E
84	SR 1 to Portola Road	B	C
84	Portola Road to I-280	D	E
84	I-280 to Alameda de las Pulgas	B	C
84	Alameda de las Pulgas to U.S. 101	C	E
84	U.S. 101 to Willow Road	D	D
84	Willow Road to University Avenue	E	E
84	University Avenue to Alameda County Line	F	F

Route	Roadway Segment	Baseline (1990-91) LOS	LOS Standard
92	SR 1 to I-280	E	E
92	I-280 to U.S. 101	C	D
92	U.S. 101 to Alameda County Line (Bridge Causeway)	D	E
101	San Francisco County Line to I-380	E	E
101	I-380 to Millbrae Avenue	D	E
101	Millbrae Avenue to Broadway	D	E
101	Broadway to Peninsula Avenue	E	E
101	Peninsula Avenue to SR 92	F	F
101	SR 92 to Whipple Avenue	D	E
101	Whipple Avenue to Santa Clara County Line	F	F
109	Kavanaugh Drive to SR 84 (Bayfront Expressway)	E	E
114	U.S. 101 to SR 84 (Bayfront Expressway)	D	E
280	San Francisco County Line to SR 1 (north)	N/A	E
280	SR 1 (north) to SR 1 (south)	D	E
280	SR 1 (south) to San Bruno Avenue	C	D
280	San Bruno Avenue to SR 92	C	D
280	SR 92 to SR 84	C	D
280	SR 84 to Santa Clara County Line	C	D
380	I-280 to U.S. 101	F	F
380	U.S. 101 to Airport Access Road	A	C
Mission Street	San Francisco County Line to SR 82	A	E
Geneva Avenue	San Francisco County Line to Bayshore Boulevard	A	E
Bayshore Boulevard	San Francisco County Line to Geneva Avenue	A	E

<sup>a</sup> Levels of Service calculated based on volume-to-capacity ratios.

<sup>b</sup> The LOS Standard has been changed from LOS E to LOS F based on the evaluation of additional traffic count data.



The standards established the direction for subsequent CMPs. With the adoption of those standards, the C/CAG started the technical and political processes of respecting small area or city-based differentiations, while requiring that information on operating conditions be collected throughout San Mateo County to monitor changes in levels of service on roadways considered to be of importance to more than one jurisdiction.

The standards created the initial linkage between planned or anticipated land use changes and the analysis of the impacts that those changes would be projected to have on San Mateo County's roadway system. (Additional discussion of the Land Use Impact Analysis Program is presented in Chapter 6.)

### **Intersection Level of Service Standards**

Sixteen intersections were added to the CMP Roadway System first adopted in 1991. A process similar to the process used to develop the standards for the roadway segments was used to develop the standards for the intersections.

As with the CMP's roadway segments, intersection levels of service were calculated by using volume-to-capacity ratios. The *Transportation Research Board's Circular 212* Planning method was used, and capacity adjustments were made to reflect traffic operations in San Mateo County. The method used to calculate intersection levels of service is described in detail in Appendix B.

The following process was used to develop the level of service standards for intersections:

1. Existing (1993) peak-hour intersection turning-movement volumes were obtained from manual counts conducted during the morning commute period (7:00 AM to 9:00 AM) and the evening commute period (4:00 PM to 6:00 PM).
2. Existing volume-to-capacity ratios were calculated and levels of service were evaluated for the AM and PM peak hours.
3. Future intersection volumes were projected by applying growth factors obtained by comparing MTC's traffic assignments for roadway segments adjacent to each intersection for the years 1987 and 2000.
4. Future (year 2000) V/Cs were calculated and LOSs were evaluated for the AM and PM peak hours.
5. Intersection Level of Service Standards were selected based on the following considerations:
  - a) If the existing level of service is F, then the standard is set to be LOS F.



- b) If the existing or future level of service is or will be E, then the standard is also set to be E.
- c) The standard of the intersections near the San Francisco, Santa Clara, and Alameda Counties will be LOS E to be consistent with the LOS standards adopted in those counties.
- d) On SR 82 (El Camino Real), the standard is set to be LOS E to be consistent with the roadway segment standards.
- e) For the remaining intersections, the standard is set to be LOS E to correspond to the standard established for the adjacent roadway segment. (All of the segments on which these intersections are located have standards set to LOS E.)

The LOS standards adopted by C/CAG for the 16 designated intersections are presented in Table 3-3 and Figure 3-3.

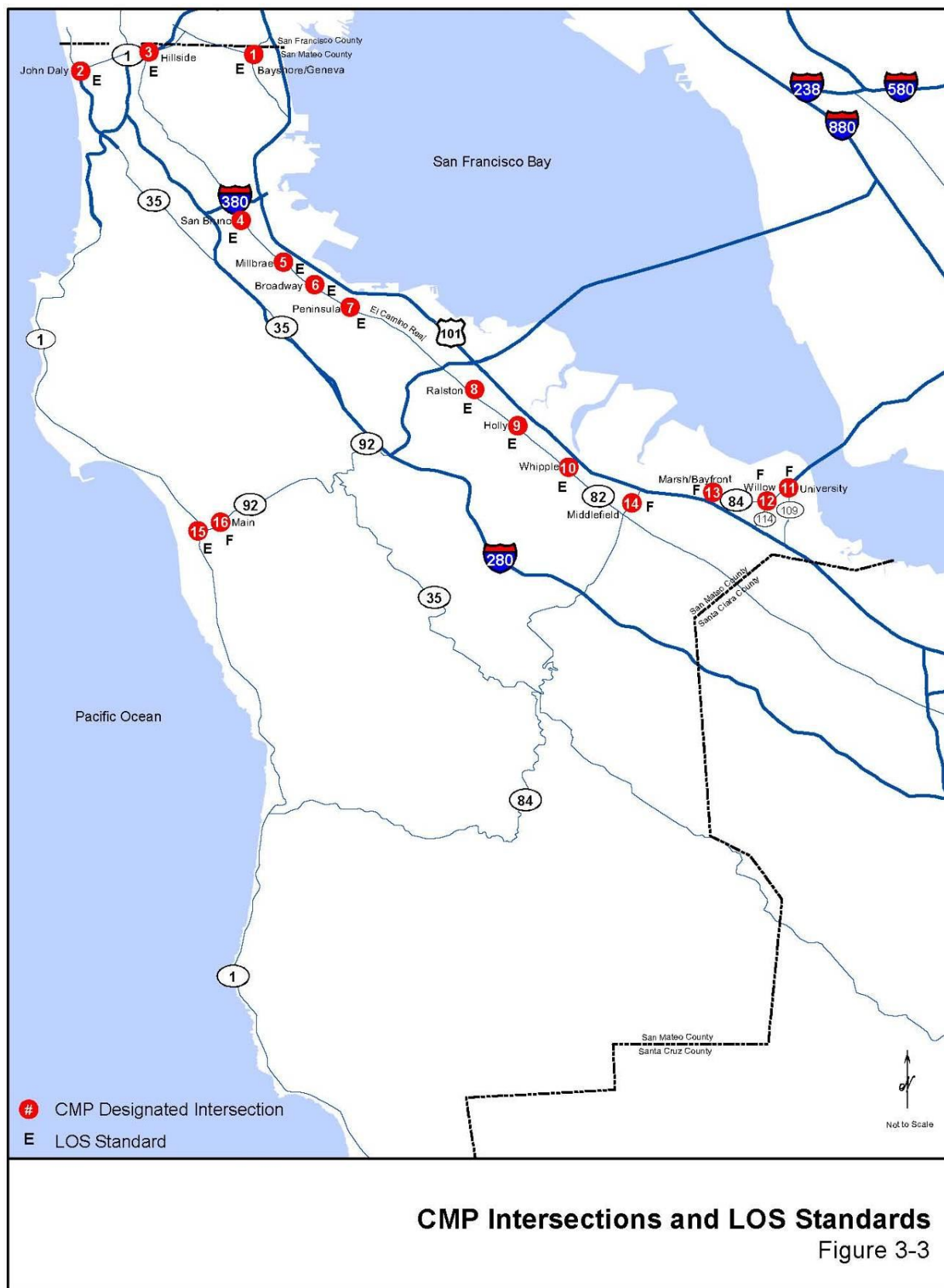
Table 3-3

## Intersection Level of Service Standards

Intersection	Peak Hour	Baseline (1993) LOS	LOS Standard
Geneva Avenue/Bayshore Boulevard	AM	A	E
	PM	A	
Skyline Boulevard (SR 35)/ John Daly Boulevard	AM	A	E
	PM	A	
Mission Street (SR 82)/John Daly Boulevard- Hillside Boulevard	AM	A	E
	PM	A	
El Camino Real (SR 82)/San Bruno Avenue	AM	A	E
	PM	C	
El Camino Real (SR 82)/Millbrae Avenue	AM	C	E
	PM	B	
El Camino Real (SR 82)/Broadway	AM	A	E
	PM	A	
El Camino Real (SR 82)/ Park-Peninsula Avenue	AM	A	E
	PM	A	
El Camino Real (SR 82)/Ralston Avenue	AM	A	E
	PM	C	
El Camino Real (SR 82)/Holly Street	AM	A	E
	PM	B	

El Camino Real (SR 82)/Whipple Avenue	AM	A	E
	PM	B	
Bayfront Expressway (SR 84)/ University Avenue (SR 109)	AM	D	F
	PM	F	
Bayfront Expressway (SR 84)/ Willow Road (SR 114)	AM	F	F
	PM	C	
Bayfront Expressway (SR 84)/Marsh Road	AM	E	F
	PM	F	
Woodside Road (SR 84)/Middlefield Road	AM	D	E
	PM	E	
SR 92/SR 1	AM	B	E
	PM	A	
SR 92/Main Street	AM	F	F
	PM	D	

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### **Level of Service Standards and Monitoring the CMP**

The LOS standards presented in this CMP are all based on analyzing existing traffic counts or projections of local and regional traffic. That is, the calculations of existing and projected weekday levels of service do not exclude some types of trips, such as those associated with interregional travel or low-income housing. For purposes of determining deficiencies, however, as required by law, the impacts of the following will be excluded: (1) interregional travel, (2) construction, rehabilitation, or maintenance of facilities that impact the system, (3) freeway ramp metering, (4) traffic signal coordination by the state for multi-jurisdictional agencies, (5) traffic generated by the provision of low- and very low-income housing, (6) traffic generated by high-density residential development located within one-fourth mile of a rail passenger station, and (7) traffic generated by any mixed-use development located within one-fourth mile of a fixed rail passenger station, if more than half of the land area, or floor area, of the mixed-use development is used for high-density residential housing, as determined by the agency. Levels of service associated with traffic occurring on weekends or at times when special events occur have not been analyzed in this CMP.

### **Level of Service Issues for Future CMPs**

Although the C/CAG has adopted level of service standards for the roadway segments and intersections that are part of the CMP Roadway System, future resolution of the following issues could affect the definition of LOS standards in future CMPs:

1. The Level of Service Standards presented in Tables 3-2 and 3-3 apply to *continuous roadway segments and specific intersections*. The adopted standards do not require measuring congestion at other specific sites, such as other intersections, freeway ramps or freeway weaving areas. If the measurement and analysis of operating conditions for those types of facilities are to be added to future CMPs, the LOS standards would be set for them at that time.
2. The level of service standards were based on calculated volume-to-capacity ratios. This measure of performance was selected due to the types of available data. The level of service calculation methods may be modified in future CMPs and the resulting levels of service may be different. For example, for roadway segments, it is possible that levels of service measured by conducting travel time runs could be different from those levels of service measured by volume-to-capacity ratios as described in this CMP. Similarly, for intersections, it is possible that levels of service measured by delay times could be different from those levels of service measured by volume-to-capacity ratios. This is one reason

why the LOS standards for this CMP are one to two levels worse than the levels of service projected for the year 2000.

3. Limited amounts of data were available to evaluate existing levels of service. For example, the counts provided by Caltrans were listed in one-hour increments (i.e., 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM, 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM). These one-hour increments do not necessarily reflect when the highest peak-hour volumes occur (e.g., those could have occurred from 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM).
4. The Level of Service Standards may be refined by using the Countywide Travel Demand Forecasting Model. That model is described in Chapter 9. It will allow C/CAG to more accurately forecast the performance of the CMP's Roadway System in future years. As a result, C/CAG could identify additional roadway segments and intersections operating at LOS F. The C/CAG would then amend this CMP's LOS Standards to reflect the new information.
5. For roadways and intersections with a LOS Standard F, if the monitoring results indicate a LOS F, determine the level (seconds of delay) that exceeds the upper threshold limits defined for LOS F. This will help identify and breakdown the different severity levels within the LOS F designation.
6. The most recently adopted 2010 Highway Capacity Manual (HCM2010), which updates 2000 HCM, will significantly enhance how engineers and planners assess the traffic and environmental effects of highway projects. The HCM2010 will be considered in the future as a regionally consistent option for analysis of level of services. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) encourages the use of HCM2010, especially for the integrated multimodal approach to analysis of streets for various users.

## CHAPTER 4

### Performance Element

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#### Legislative Requirements

One of the changes imposed by AB 1963 is to rename the “ Transit Level of Service Standards” element to the “ Performance” element. According to California Government Code section 65089(b)(2), this element includes performance measures to evaluate current and future multimodal system performance for the movement of people and goods. At a minimum, these performance measures shall incorporate highway and roadway system performance, and measures established for the frequency and routing of public transit, and for the coordination of transit services provided by separate operators. These performance measures shall support mobility, air quality, land use, and economic objectives, and shall be used in the development of the capital improvement program, deficiency plans, and the land use impact analysis program.

#### Discussion

One of the key phrases in AB 1963 regarding this element is “ multimodal system performance” . The purpose of this element is to identify measures that, either individually or taken as a group, evaluate how the *countywide transportation system (including all modes)* is performing, and to present the results of the evaluation. The Traffic Level of Service Standards element and the monitoring of that element provides C/CAG with information regarding the performance of the roadway system. This element will provide information regarding the transportation system as a whole.

The performance measures will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of projects proposed for inclusion in the CMP Capital Improvement Program. They will also be used to evaluate the effectiveness of proposed actions in deficiency plans to determine whether they are appropriate and acceptable. In the Land Use Impact Analysis Program, the performance measures can be used to evaluate proposed mitigation measures.

### **Possible Performance Measures**

There is a myriad of performance measures that can be selected for the CMP. The 12 transportation system performance measures, listed in the Statewide CMP/Air Quality Study, are:

1. Level of Service (Volume-to-Capacity)
2. Hours of Delay
3. Travel Time (Vehicle Only)
4. Travel Time (All Motorized Modes)
5. Modal Split
6. Average Vehicle Occupancy
7. Average Vehicle Ridership
8. Vehicles Miles of Travel
9. Vehicles Miles of Travel Per Person Trip
10. Person Throughput (Person Trips Per Hour Per Mile of Facility)
11. Accessibility Percent Employees Within X Minutes
12. Accessibility Percent Employees Within X Miles

These 12 measures were used as the springboard for discussion and selection of the performance measures for San Mateo County.

### **Selection Criteria**

The selection process included a discussion of the performance measure options, an identification of available data, and an identification of information that could be developed using the San Mateo Countywide Travel Demand Forecasting model. The selection criteria included measurability (Can they be measured in the field or be easily ascertained from available data?), forecastability (Can changes in the measure be predicted using the countywide travel demand forecasting model or other tool?), multimodality (Does the measure include a variety of modes?), and clarity (Can the measure be understood by lay people?).



## San Mateo County Performance Measures

Four performance measures were selected for the 1997 CMP and retained for subsequent CMPs. Beginning with the 2003 CMP, the Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvement performance measure was increased to encourage more improvements in new projects. These measures will be evaluated for peak commute periods, when congestion levels are at their highest. The four measures are:

1. Level of Service. This performance measure provides an overview of the operating level of the roadway system in San Mateo County. It is already included in the CMP and Level of Service Standards have been set for selected roadway segments and intersections. Roadway level of service will be measured with either vehicle counts, to determine volume-to-capacity ratios, or floating car runs, to determine travel speeds. In addition, the duration of the peak period will be reviewed.
2. Travel Times for Single-Occupant Automobiles, Carpools, and Transit. This performance measure will determine the amount of time required to traverse selected corridors on a variety of modes. The corridors will be selected so that comparable distances can be measured. (One example would be the U.S. 101/CalTrain corridor from the northern county border to the southern county border. Travel times would be measured for travelers on CalTrain, in single-occupant automobiles on U.S. 101, and in a SamTrans bus on El Camino Real.) Field measurements would be used to determine the travel times for single-occupant automobiles. Transit schedules would be used to determine travel times via bus and CalTrain. Transit travel times could also be field checked. The travel times could be compared among the modes and as they vary over time. Travel times for peak periods would be compared to travel times for off-peak periods to determine the amount of peak-period delay on each mode.
3. Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements. The purpose of this measure is to ensure that pedestrian and bicycle travel is being incorporated in new transportation improvement projects. This measure will be accomplished by considering pedestrian and bicycle facilities in the design for all transportation projects in the CMP's Capital Improvement Program. If a new transportation improvement project does not incorporate pedestrian and bicycle travel, it must explain provide justification for such.
4. Ridership/Person Throughput for Transit. This measure will evaluate the numbers of individuals that use transit during peak periods. It will be measured by accumulating available ridership data from transit agencies that provide service in San Mateo County. It

will be used to determine whether transit ridership is growing, how the ridership compares to the capacity, and how the various transit modes (bus, CalTrain, BART) compare among themselves.

Monitoring will be done biennially. The results will be used for planning purposes and to identify where additional measures may be needed in order to better assess the degree to which congestion is improving or worsening.

## CHAPTER 5

### Trip Reduction and Travel Demand Element

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#### **Legislative Requirements**

California Government Code 65089.a.3 requires that a Trip Reduction and Travel Demand Element be part of the CMP. As stated in that legislation, and amended by AB 1963, this element should promote alternative transportation methods (carpools, vanpools, transit, bicycles, park-and-ride lots, etc.), improve the balance between jobs and housing, and promote other strategies to reduce traffic congestion such as flexible work hours, telecommuting, and parking management programs. Also stated is that the agency shall consider parking cash-out programs.

The agency and air quality management district are to coordinate the development of trip reduction responsibilities and shall avoid duplication. A multiple site employer shall have the option of complying with a district employer trip reduction rule, or a similar rule proposed pursuant to a federal implementation plan, and reporting directly to the district or a federal or state agency. A multiple site employer that exercises this option shall be exempt from an employer-based trip reduction requirement imposed pursuant to the trip reduction and travel demand element. As per Health and Welfare Code 40929, the Congestion Management Agency shall not require an employer to implement an employee trip reduction program unless the program is expressly required by federal law and the elimination of the program will result in the imposition of federal sanctions, including, but not limited to, the loss of federal funds for transportation purposes. This does not however, prohibit local jurisdictions from requiring trip reduction and other transportation demand management programs as a condition for the approval of development permits.

Measure A, adopted by the San Mateo County voters on June 7, 1988, and reauthorized for extension in November 2004, authorized the imposition of a one-half cent increase in the sales tax to support transportation improvements contained in the Transportation Expenditure Plan adopted by the Board of Supervisors and a majority of the cities representing a majority of the population. This Plan requires that the Transportation Authority adopt in conjunction with the County and the Cities, a Transportation Systems/Demand Management (TSM/TDM) Plan, and that no Measure A project (excluding Paratransit, Local Entities, TSM, Bicycle Program, and Administration) shall be allocated funds unless the project is found to be in conformity with the TSM/TDM Plan. Each jurisdiction in San Mateo County must have a TSM/TDM plan/program in order to be eligible to receive Measure A funds.

## Discussion

The purpose of this CMP element is to describe San Mateo County's ongoing efforts to reduce congestion and attain the Traffic Level of Service Standards, presented in Chapter 3, through a variety of actions. One of the ways to reduce congestion would be to increase the people-carrying capacity of the CMP Roadway System by promoting the use of travel modes other than the single-occupant automobile, such as carpools, vanpools, transit, and bicycles. The implementation of congestion reduction strategies such as staggered work hours, telecommuting, and parking management are also expected to be pursued at the local level. Data for mode of transportation to work by San Mateo County employed residents from the census are presented in Table 5-1.

**Table 5-1**

**San Mateo County Employed Residents (Mode of Transportation to Work)**

Mode	1990	% of Total	2000	% of Total	2010	% of Total
Drive Alone	251,218	72%	256,066	72%	248,192	70%
Carpool	45,104	13%	45,367	13%	39,750	11%
Public Transportation	25,788	7%	26,029	7%	28,430	8%
Walked	8,868	3%	7,609	2%	11,023	3%
Motorcycle	1,333	0%	878	0%		
Bicycle	2,606	1%	2,896	1%	7,567*	2%
Other Means	6,059	2%	2,406	1%		
Work at Home	9,532	3%	12,845	4%	17,722	5%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>350,508</b>		<b>354,096</b>		<b>352,684</b>	

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Total Population	649,623	707,161	718,451
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*Source: 1990 and 2000 Census; 2010 American Community Survey 1-Year*

*\* Available data provided combined Motorcycle, Bicycle, and Other Means*

Most county employed residents are driving alone to work. In 2010, solo automobile drivers accounted for 70 percent of the county employed residents' commute trips, compared to 72 percent in 1990 and 2000. In 2010, 8 percent traveled to work by transit and 11 percent by carpool compared to 7 percent and 13 percent in 1990 and 2000 respectively.

Another of the actions recommended in AB 471 to reduce roadway congestion is to try to improve an area's (in this case, San Mateo County's) balance between available jobs and housing opportunities. The intent of this legislative requirement is to reduce the number of long-distance commute trips that have to be made when individual jurisdictions or groups of jurisdictions offer more employment opportunities than affordably priced housing to accommodate the work force.

The Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) projected, as shown in Table 5-2, the number of jobs to be located in San Mateo County will grow faster than the number of county residents seeking employment. An ideal “Employment-to-Employed Residents” ratio is 1.0, which indicates that every resident seeking a job can find one within the community. An “Employment-to-Employed Residents” ratio greater than 1.0 indicates that the community provides more jobs than it has residents seeking jobs. Conversely, a ratio of less than 1.0 indicates a community has fewer jobs than Employed Residents demanding employment. Out of balance conditions in either scenarios would likely result in traffic congestion associated with either more people coming to jobs from outside the County or more residents needing to commute outside the County for employment.

**Table 5-2**

**San Mateo County's Employment and Employed Residents**

	2010	2015	2020	2030	2035
Employment (Total Jobs)	346,320	373,370	404,400	473,290	505,860
Employed Residents	330,700	344,700	379,300	437,200	467,200
Ratio of Employment to Employed Residents	1.05	1.08	1.07	1.08	1.08

*Source: ABAG Projections 2009*

Not all of San Mateo County's employed residents work in San Mateo County and not all of the jobs in San Mateo County are filled by San Mateo County residents. As shown in Table 5-3, 59 percent of the jobs in San Mateo County are filled by San Mateo County residents in year 2000. The remaining jobs are filled by employees who reside in the neighboring counties in relatively equal parts. Similarly, approximately 59 percent of the employed residents work within San Mateo County. Other residents work in San Francisco County, Santa Clara County, and Alameda County in descending order. ABAG has projected that by Year 2020, San Mateo County jobs filled by employees residing in San Mateo County will to grow to 63 percent, while 61 percent of the employed residents are expected to work within San Mateo County.

**Table 5-3****Origins and Destinations of Home-to-Work Trips**

	San Mateo County Jobs Filled by Employees Residing in Each County		San Mateo County Employed Resident Who Commute to Each County	
	2000	2020	2000	2020
San Mateo	206,093	252,555	206,093	252,555
San Francisco	43,306	50,071	71,702	83,367
Santa Clara	40,666	53,313	55,473	61,887
Alameda	33,501	47,134	14,783	16,489
Rest of Region	23,334	N/A	4,209	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>346,900</b>	<b>403,073</b>	<b>352,260</b>	<b>414,298</b>

*Source reflects Census 2000 journey-to-work data and adjusted using work trip increases forecast from ABAG Projections 2003.*

**Current TSM/TDM Programs in San Mateo County**

Measures that reduce the number of vehicles on the roadway system are referred to as Transportation Demand Management (TDM) measures. Measures that improve the efficiency of the system are referred to as Transportation System Management (TSM) measures. TSM measures include traffic signal synchronization, ramp metering, and high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes (also known as diamond or carpool lanes). Both TDM and TSM are addressed in this element.

Measure A mandated that every jurisdiction in San Mateo County have a TSM/TDM plan/program in order to be eligible to receive Measure A funds. The Measure A TSM Plan is the mandated TSM/TDM program for San Mateo County and the primary funding source for this effort. It requires that local jurisdictions implement TSM/TDM programs in order to be eligible to receive Measure A funding.

***Measure A TSM Plan***

In June 1988, voters in San Mateo County approved Measure A that created the San Mateo County Transportation Authority and authorized a half-cent increase in the local sales tax for a period of 20 years to finance specified transportation improvements. The improvements, including transit and highway projects, were listed in the Transportation Expenditure Plan and were incorporated into the ballot measure. Measure A also required the Authority to adopt, in conjunction with the cities and the County of San Mateo, a Transportation System Management (TSM) Plan. The San Mateo County Transportation System Management Plan was developed and adopted in 1990.

In November 2004, voters in San Mateo County approved the continuation of Measure A to be in effect from 2009 to 2033. The continuation of Measure A includes the Bicycles and Pedestrians Program (\$45 million over

25 years) which will provide safe paths for bicyclists and pedestrians and the Alternative Congestion Relief Program (\$15 million over 25 years) which allocates one percent of the total revenue to fund traffic management projects and creative congestion relief programs.

The three primary goals of San Mateo County's TSM plan are as follows:

**Goal 1:** To develop a coordinated countywide TSM program that: (1) examines the nature and cause of growing peak-hour traffic congestion in the county; (2) reviews available TSM techniques and implementation methods; (3) identifies TSM measures that would be effective in the county; and (4) recommends implementation of a plan by local governments and employers.

**Goal 2:** To increase the efficiency of the existing transportation system in San Mateo County during peak-commute periods by: (1) reducing single-occupant auto work-trips; (2) increasing the use of public transit and other alternative modes of transportation; and (3) reducing the rate of increase in roadway usage. An initial target is to achieve a 25-percent rate of participation by employees in alternatives to single-occupant auto work-trips during peak hours within five years. In addition to relieving congestion, implementation of the recommended TSM measures would also help attain State and Federal air quality standards, and conserve energy.

**Goal 3:** To establish an ongoing planning process for evaluating and refining the countywide TSM plan that: (1) evaluates the effectiveness of traffic mitigation programs; (2) recommends adjustments to existing programs where needed; and (3) promotes local and regional planning to achieve a balance between land use decisions and the demand for transportation facilities.

Measures to implement the goals of the Measure A TSM effort and to encourage more efficient use of existing transportation networks were identified in the plan. These included promoting ridesharing (car and vanpools), flexible work hours, and countywide long-range planning leading to growth targets and a jobs/housing balance.

In the current Measure A, annually, 0.7 percent of the total sales tax revenue is allocated to fund projects that further these goals. Local agencies, including cities, towns, joint powers agencies, SamTrans, and school districts, can nominate projects to receive these funds.

The San Mateo County's Measure A transportation sales tax Expenditure Plan (2004) states that a 3% share of sales tax revenues, an estimated \$45 million (over the next 25-year period) will be allocated towards pedestrian and bicycle projects including paths, trails and bridges over roads and highways. In addition, the Expenditure Plan also states that a 4% share of sales tax revenues, an estimated \$60 million (over the next 25-year period) will be allocated to local shuttle services. Priority will be given to those shuttle service

programs that include a portion of the funding from businesses, employers and other private parties. Priority will be given to service that connects with Caltrain, BART and future ferry terminals.

### ***Local TSM/TDM Programs That Have Been Implemented In Direct Response To The Requirements Under Measure A***

Local governments in San Mateo County continue to implement trip reduction programs in response to the requirements under Measure A to, among other things, maintain eligibility for Measure A funds. A variety of methods are used. Some cities have formed joint powers agencies to implement a common program and to take advantage of the cost effectiveness of consolidated efforts. The Cities of Burlingame, Foster City, San Mateo, Redwood City, San Carlos, and Belmont had operated as the Inter-City TSM Agency (ITSMA). The Cities of Daly City, South San Francisco, San Bruno, Pacifica, Brisbane, Millbrae, Half Moon Bay, and Colma, had formed the Multi-City TSM Agency (MTSMA). Many of the cities in ITSMA and MTSMA are large employers themselves and have programs for their own employees. In May 2000, these two agencies joined forces in order to provide a comprehensive program of services for the entire County. The new agency is the Peninsula Traffic Congestion Relief Alliance. The cities of Atherton, Hillsborough and the County of San Mateo have also joined the new agency. The City of Menlo Park operates independent programs, some of which preceded Measure A. The San Francisco International Airport, the largest employer in San Mateo County, has a TSM/TDM program that includes all tenants with 20 or more onsite employees.

### ***Peninsula Traffic Congestion Relief Alliance Programs***

The Peninsula Traffic Congestion Relief Alliance, (the Alliance) is San Mateo County's Transportation Demand Management Agency. Established in May 2000, as a result of the merger of the Multi-City Transportation Systems Management Agency and the Inter-City Transportation Systems Management Agency, the primary mission of the Alliance is " Working Together to Improve Our San Mateo County Commute." The Alliance does this by working with employers to develop and manage innovative partnerships to reduce peak period commute trips; with commuters to explore and utilize alternative transportation, and with public and private partners to collaboratively develop new resources and tools to expand transportation alternatives.

These TDM programs promote use of alternative modes of transportation including taking public transit such as SamTrans, Caltrain and BART, express employer shuttle bus connections from public transit, vanpools, carpools, residential shuttle buses, bicycling, and walking. The Alliance also provides for transit complementary programs such as the Emergency Ride Home Program and Downtown Dasher, a mid-day, on-demand taxi program.



Specific programs offered through the Alliance include the following:

Emergency Ride Home Program: Employers can provide their employees with the assurance that if the employee takes an alternative type of commute to work (other than their car) the employee can be provided a ride home if an emergency arises during the work day. The Alliance pays for 75% of the ride home either by taxi or 24-hour rental car and the employer pays the other 25%.

Vanpool Incentive Program: Employees who agree to drive a new vanpool for six months consecutively will receive a \$500 cash incentive. Other employees who agree to become passengers of the new vanpool for three months consecutively will be reimbursed half of their vanpool costs (maximum of \$100 per month). This is a one-time incentive program.

Carpool Incentive Program: Employees and residents of San Mateo County who commit to carpooling together at least 2 days per week for 8 consecutive weeks receive a \$60 gas card (per passenger) as an incentive, \$80 is provided per passenger for those in a hybrid or clean air fuel vehicle. This is a one-time incentive to encourage solo drivers to carpool.

Carpool to College and School Pool Program: Students who commit to carpooling together at least 2 days per week for 4 weeks receive a \$25 gas card (per passenger) as an incentive. While parents who agree to take their children to school with another parent and child of another family at least 2 days per week for 4 weeks during a semester of school will also receive a \$25 gas card (per participating parent) as a one-time incentive.

Try Transit Program: Employees and residents of San Mateo County can try transit for free. Many of the local public transit agencies including Caltrain, SamTrans, BART, AC Transit and VTA provide tickets to get people who have not taken public transit, to try transit as a one-time incentive.

Bicycle Parking Incentive and Safety Program: Employers can provide accommodation for employees interested in bicycling to and from work by installing bicycle racks or lockers at their business. The Alliance provides 50% of the cost of the bicycle parking from basic bike racks to high security bike lockers, up to a maximum of \$500 per unit.

The Alliance can also provide complimentary bicycle safety sessions for employees and for local residents who are commuting by bicycle. A certified bicycle safety instructor provides rules of the road information and bicycle repair and maintenance tips.

Shuttle Program: The Alliance offers complimentary shuttle services to employees from BART and Caltrain stations through employer participation in shuttle consortium groups in addition to management of community

shuttle services. This is a cooperative effort between the Alliance, with financial assistance from SamTrans, Caltrain, San Mateo County Transportation Authority, C/CAG of San Mateo County, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the cities that are sponsoring the program and local employers. This partnership has fostered eighteen sponsored shuttles operating in the cities of Brisbane, Burlingame, Foster City, Redwood City, San Carlos, San Mateo and South San Francisco. These shuttles transported a combined 537,000 riders in 2008.

Commuter Benefits Consulting: The Alliance assists employers with setting up a commuter subsidy program for employers utilizing \$230 per employee per month as a pre-tax payroll benefit or as a fully subsidized program for commuter checks to be used for employees who take public transit.

Downtown Dasher: An on-demand taxi service in South San Francisco, providing employees of companies East of Highway 101 with access to downtown South San Francisco during mid-day. This service promotes downtown businesses in South San Francisco and also assists in alleviating drivers of single occupant automobiles to utilize a taxi service as an alternative during the lunch hour.

Commute.org Internet Site: The Alliance's website, commute.org, provides detailed information on all Alliance programs including: forming vanpools, utilizing the 511.org ridermatching tool, receiving vanpool incentives; starting a carpool and receiving the carpool incentive; the emergency ride home program; the try transit program; bicycle parking incentive and safety classes; shuttle routes and schedules; transit schedules and information. Commute.org also provides rider alerts to advise shuttle riders of changes to schedules or other pertinent information that riders may need.

### ***City of Menlo Park Programs***

The City of Menlo Park has always strived to enhance the quality of life for its residents, employees and visitors by encouraging commute alternatives. Menlo Park was the first city along the Peninsula to establish a shuttle program, which transports employees from the Caltrain station to business parks. It was also the first city to launch a midday shuttle program, which has become a popular local service for many.

The City of Menlo Park manages two Caltrain shuttles bus routes- the Willow and Marsh shuttles which operate during the AM and PM peak hours taking passengers from Caltrain to their businesses, schools, shopping or appointments. The Willow and Marsh bus routes carried 51,000 passengers in 2010. This program is funded by a combination of City and County Association of Governments Local Services grant, business contributions, and the San Mateo County Joint Powers Board.

The City also manages a Midday shuttle service which is a community service route open to the general public but focuses on the senior community. In 2010, the Midday shuttle carried 29,000 passengers. The Shopper's

shuttle, which is a door-to-door service that now operates twice a week, carried 700 passengers during the same time period (when for the most part it only operated once per week). Smaller minibuses provide a community feel; buses are easily identified with the City of Menlo Park logo and other design elements. The small buses are able to drive into major activity centers such as the senior centers and popular shopping destinations. In addition, stops are made at the library in downtown Menlo Park, the Veterans Hospital, Stanford Hospital, and JobTrain. For those residents who do not live within an easy walking distance of a SamTrans stop or the Midday shuttle service stop, Menlo Park offers a shuttle service that picks up passengers at their homes provides rides to specific shopping areas. These programs are funded by a combination of City and County Association of Governments Local Services grant and new office development fees.

### ***City of East Palo Alto Programs***

The City of East Palo Alto Mobility Program is summarized as follows:

Weekend Community Shuttle: The weekend Community Shuttle is a free community service designed to link East Palo Alto neighborhoods with the Palo Alto Transit Center.

Shopper Shuttle: Provides East Palo Alto residents with shopping opportunities to destinations in Mountain View, Palo Alto/Stanford, and Redwood City.

Low Income Subsidy Program: Under this program up to 75 SamTrans monthly transit passes are sold to eligible low-income residents of East Palo Alto, on average each month. The program implements a recommendation of the East Palo Alto Community Based Transportation Plan. It is a partnership among City of East Palo Alto, SamTrans, El Concilio, and Human Services of San Mateo County. El Concilio and Human Services of San Mateo County ensure that recipients are low-income residents. Subsidized passes are sold to eligible residents at \$25 for a monthly pass, a \$31 monthly subsidy.

Weekday Community Shuttle: C/CAG is currently funding the hydrogen shuttle as the second shuttle on the weekday community shuttle in the mornings, a free community shuttle designed to link East Palo Alto neighborhoods with the Palo Alto Transit Center.

### ***Other Local TSM/TDM Programs***

#### ***C/CAG Local Transportation Services Component of the Countywide Congestion Relief Plan***

In 2002, the C/CAG Board approved the Countywide Congestion Relief Plan that includes the creation of a Local Transportation Services element. The intent of Local Transportation Services element is to increase the use of public transit by the residents of each local community, thereby reducing local congestion. Local jurisdictions are encouraged to participate in experimental efforts to provide transportation services for its residents that meet the unique characteristics and needs of that jurisdiction. It will be up to each jurisdiction to determine how these services will be organized, the type of service to be provided, and the amount of contribution that the jurisdiction wishes to make. The benefit to the jurisdiction will be the creation or expansion of local transportation services that focus primarily on connecting that jurisdiction's residential areas with downtown, employment centers, schools, and transit stations.

Funding for the Local Transportation Services program comes from the C/CAG Member assessments that were adopted under the Countywide Congestion Relief Plan combined with dollar for dollar matching funds from the San Mateo County Transportation Authority. All projects must also match these funds dollar for dollar from funds coming from the local jurisdiction.

On August 11, 2011, the C/CAG Board adopted an extension to the Local Transportation Services program for FY 2011/12 and awarded funds to the following jurisdictions:

<b>CITY</b>	<b>FY 11/12</b>
Burlingame	\$ 58,215
East Palo Alto	\$ 127,965
Foster City	\$ 65,080
Menlo Park	\$ 107,937
Brisbane / Daly City	\$ 99,050
Brisbane Crocker Park	\$15,000
South San Francisco	\$ 120,000
Redwood City	\$ 67,735
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 660,982</b>

### ***San Francisco International Airport's Program***

San Francisco International Airport (SFO) initiated a successful BART discount program for Airport employees in October 2010. The Airport is working closely with tenants, BART, the San Francisco Department of the Environment, and the Peninsula Traffic Congestion Relief Alliance to monitor and enhance participation of tenants in the mandated SFO Commuter Benefits Program offering employers a choice of paying employees' transit or vanpool costs, or offering employees a pretax savings through payroll deduction. The Airport will be looking closely at new social media initiatives that may allow employees to share rides on an impromptu basis.

### ***South San Francisco's Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Ordinance***

The City of South San Francisco has adopted a comprehensive and enforceable TDM ordinance. C/CAG recognizes the value of the City of South San Francisco's efforts and has recently begun to examine the City of South San Francisco's TDM ordinance for use in the next update of the guidelines for the land use component of the Congestion Management Program.

### ***AB 434, Transportation Fund for Clean Air and Its Relationship to TSM/TDM***

AB 434 provides authority for the Bay Area Air Quality Management District to impose a surcharge of up to \$4 on motor vehicle registration fees. The surcharge provides funding specifically for projects that reduce air pollution from the use of motor vehicles. Funds generated by the fee are referred to as the Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA). Projects funded by TFCA funds often have a positive impact on the TSM and TDM effort. This impact however, is incidental to the purpose of the funds - which is to improve air quality.

TFCA funds raised through the surcharge are distributed by the District through two processes. Sixty (60) percent, referred to as the Regional Fund, are first used to fund certain District programs. These funds are distributed throughout the nine-county Bay Area on a competitive basis. The remaining 40 percent of the funds generated in each county are returned to the Program Manager(s) of that county. C/CAG has been designated as the overall Program Manager to receive the funds in San Mateo County. For the past years, C/CAG has allocated the Program Manager Funds to shuttle programs.

### ***Shuttle Service in San Mateo County***<sup>14</sup>

San Mateo County overall has a total of forty (40) shuttle services offered by a various service providers and operators, including SamTrans, the Alliance, and individual cities. This total also includes shuttles funded by private employers but operated by public entities. The shuttles can be categorized within the following groups: Commuter Caltrain Shuttles, Commuter Caltrain/BART Shuttles, Commuter BART Shuttles, and Community Shuttles. Caltrain serves as the lead organization for 40 percent of the shuttles with the cities lead for 24

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<sup>14</sup> *San Mateo County Shuttle Inventory and Analysis* by SMCTA (2010)

percent, Alliance for 22 percent, and private sector at 14 percent. With regards to administration and management, the Alliance manages 53 percent of the shuttles, Caltrain manages 26%, cities manage 12 percent, and the private sector entities manage 9 percent.

As indicated previously, funds to operate shuttle services come from a variety of sources including SMCTA, C/CAG, BAAQMD, Caltrain, and SamTrans. Fifty-two percent of the shuttles receive funding from employers whereas 41 percent receives funding from individual cities.

### **TSM/TDM and Other Elements of the CMP**

Under the Land Use Impact Analysis Program (Chapter 6), C/CAG requires that a plan to mitigate all new peak hour trips be included as a condition of the approval of development agreements. A copy of this new policy and implementation guidelines is included in Appendix I. TDM measures can be used to satisfy this requirement. C/CAG strongly encourages existing developments to adopt these same measures on a voluntary basis. TSM and TDM measures also comprise BAAQMD's Deficiency List of Programs, actions, and improvements to be included in Deficiency Plans.

### ***Other Programs for Future Consideration***

#### **Parking Cash-Out**

Section 43845 of the Health and Safety Code states the following: in any air basin designated as a nonattainment area pursuant to Section 39608, each employer of 50 persons or more who provides a parking subsidy to employees, shall offer a parking cash-out program. "Parking cash-out program" means an employer-funded program under which an employer offers to provide a cash allowance to an employee equivalent to the parking subsidy that the employer would otherwise pay to provide the employee with a parking space. This law requires that certain employers who subsidize parking also offer employees the value of the subsidy in cash in exchange for the parking space, with the hope that the money would be used to subsidize transit use or other alternatives to driving alone.

Revisions in the statute enable cities and counties to enforce Parking Cash-Out, providing local jurisdictions with another tool to craft their own approaches to support multi-modal transportation systems, address congestion and greenhouse gasses.

## CHAPTER 6

### Land Use Impact Analysis Program

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#### **Legislative Requirements**

Proposition 111 (Government Code Sections 65088-65089) requires that local governments develop a Land Use Impact Analysis Program to determine the impacts of land use decisions upon regional transportation routes and air quality. The legislation states each Congestion Management Agency must develop:

A program to analyze the impacts of land use decisions made by local jurisdictions on regional transportation systems, including an estimate of the costs associated with mitigating those impacts. This program shall measure, to the extent possible, the impact to the transportation system using the performance measures described in paragraph (2). In no case shall the program include an estimate of the cost of mitigating the impacts of interregional travel. The program shall provide credit for local public and private contributions to improvements to regional transportation systems. However, in the case of toll road facilities, credits shall only be allowed for local public and private contributions, which are unreimbursed from toll revenues or other State or federal sources. The agency shall calculate the amount of the credit to be provided. The program defined under this section may require implementation through the requirements and analysis of the California Environmental Quality Act, in order to avoid duplication.

Legislation does not alter the constitutional discretion local jurisdictions have in making land use decisions or in determining the responsibilities of development proposals to mitigate impacts. The legislation, however, does place the San Mateo City/County Association of Governments (C/CAG) in the role of monitoring congestion on the CMP network and requiring the preparation of deficiency plans when LOS has been degraded below adopted standards.

### **Components of the Land Use Impact Analysis Program**

The legislation does not specify the exact nature of an Impact Analysis Program; therefore, each CMA has considerable discretion in how much it chooses to require transportation improvements to overcome the impacts of land use decisions.

#### **Roadway System**

The designated CMP Roadway System comprises the roadways and intersections included in the CMP that will be subject to analysis and monitoring by C/CAG. The CMP Roadway System is defined in Chapter 2.

#### **Travel Modeling**

The Travel Demand Forecasting Model, as described in Chapter 9, will be used to determine the impacts of land use alternative and development proposals on the CMP network.

#### **Land Use Data Base**

A Land Use Information System has been developed to provide existing and projected land use data for use in the Travel Forecasting Model. This data, which is updated annually, was collected from all jurisdictions and reflects the most complete and accurate information available.

#### **Review Process**

C/CAG must develop a process for reviewing the impacts of land use proposals on the CMP network.

C/CAG has the option of reviewing proposals at various stages of the planning process. C/CAG has discretion about the nature of the process.

### **Land Use Impact Analysis Program**

The program has been developed as a three-tiered process. The three different tiers will provide C/CAG and jurisdictions with the technical and policy-making means necessary to determine the impacts of land use proposals on the CMP network.



## ***Tier 1: Long Range Planning Analysis***

### **Step 1: Testing the Impact of Future Land Use Changes**

Tier 1 Analysis will determine what transportation improvements will be needed on the CMP network in the year 2025 based on a county wide land use plan, which reflects desired levels and types of development. This analysis will be conducted for both the Congestion Management Program and the Countywide Transportation Plan.

The Travel Demand Forecasting Model will be used to identify the impacts of future land use and transportation alternatives on the CMP network. Specifically it will test what the impacts are of ABAG 2025 population and employment projections. These ABAG projections will be modified on a city-by-city basis to reflect more realistically existing and future land use conditions based on recently collected data from all jurisdictions in the County.

### **Step 2: Development of Capital Improvement Programs and Financial Plan**

The Countywide Transportation Plan (CTP) indicates which projects should be included in future capital improvement programs to relieve congestion the most effectively. C/CAG will make recommendations to the cities, County, SamTrans, Transportation Authority, and the Joint Powers Board when they formulate future capital improvement programs. The CTP is currently being updated.

C/CAG will also develop a financial plan for review and consideration by all jurisdictions and agencies. The financial plan will specify how to most effectively use pools of federal, State, and local funds to implement capital improvement programs.

## ***Tier 2: Individual Large Development Analysis***

### **Step 1: Notification**

Local jurisdictions will notify C/CAG at the beginning of the CEQA process of all development applications or land use policy changes (i.e., General Plan amendments) that are expected to generate a net (subtracting existing uses that are currently active) 100 or more peak period trips on the CMP network, within ten days of completion of the initial study prepared under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Peak period includes 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Examples of developments that would generate 100 peak period trips include 100 single-family dwelling units; 15,000 square feet of retail space; 50,000 square feet of office space; a 150-room hotel; or 100,000 square feet of light industrial space.

### Step 2: Testing of Large Development Proposals

In addition to local streets and roads, local jurisdictions will assess the impacts of large development proposals on the CMP network during their CEQA review process. All jurisdictions will report the findings of their analyses to C/CAG.

Jurisdictions may use their own site traffic impact analyses, their own travel forecasting models, or C/CAG's Travel Demand Forecasting Model to assess the impacts of large development proposals on the CMP network. If a jurisdiction uses its own travel forecasting model to assess impacts, it must be consistent with MTC's regional model and C/CAG's modeling and measurement standards. C/CAG will make consistency findings as needed.

### Step 3: Mitigation and Conformance

Local jurisdictions must ensure that the developer and/or tenants will mitigate all of the new peak hour trips generated by the project by selecting one or more of the options that follow. It is up to the local jurisdiction working together with the project sponsor to choose the methods that will be compatible with the intended purpose of the project. This list is not all inclusive. Additional measures may be proposed for consideration by C/CAG in advance of approving the project.

1. Reduce the scope of the project so that it will generate less than 100 peak hour trips.
2. Build adequate roadway and/or transit improvements so that the added peak hour trips will have no measurable impact on the Congestion Management Program roadway network.
3. Contribute an amount per peak hour trip to a special fund for improvements to the Congestion Management Program roadway network. This amount will be set annually by C/CAG based on a nexus test.
4. Require the developer and all subsequent tenants to implement Transportation Demand Management programs that mitigate the new peak hour trips. A list of acceptable programs and the equivalent number of trips that are mitigated will be provided by C/CAG annually. Programs can be mixed and matched so long as the total mitigated trips is equal to or greater than the new peak hour trips generated by the project. These programs, once implemented, must be on-going for the occupied life of the development. Programs may be substituted with prior approval of C/CAG, so long as the number of mitigated trips is not reduced. Additional measures may be proposed to C/CAG for consideration. Also there may be special circumstances that warrant a different amount of credit for certain measures. These situations can also be submitted to C/CAG in advance for consideration.

#### Step 4: Credit for Contribution

If a jurisdiction is required to prepare a deficiency plan for a CMP roadway segment or intersection for which it has previously used local public or private funds to help prevent the degradation of LOS, then C/CAG will give that jurisdiction credit for its prior contribution and appropriately reduce the amount of mitigation required by the deficiency plan. C/CAG will develop and adopt a procedure for calculating the amount of credit to be provided.

### ***Tier 3: Cumulative Development Analysis***

#### Step 1: Notification

Once every two years, local jurisdictions will inform C/CAG of all development proposals or land use changes that will replace or add to current or projected levels of development. This process will update the land use data base used by the Travel Forecasting Model every two years.

#### Step 2: Testing of Cumulative Impacts

Each update of the Travel Demand Forecasting Model (generally done every 2 to 4 years) will include a test of the impacts of cumulative development as projected by ABAG throughout the County on the CMP network. Results of this analysis will be reported to C/CAG and local jurisdictions in San Mateo County.

#### Step 3: Analysis of Results

This cumulative analysis may be used to determine existing LOS on the CMP network or to project future LOS. This analysis may be used for several purposes: (1) identifying where existing LOS has been degraded, (2) anticipating future congested hot spots on the CMP network, (3) shifting project priorities in capital improvement programs, and (4) providing data for jurisdictions to use in the development of site traffic impact analyses and environmental assessments.

#### Step 4: Reporting Changes

The results of the analysis in Step 3 will be provided to local jurisdictions in order to alert them of locations within their boundaries where the amount of congestion is approaching the Level of Service Standard. Hopefully this information can be used to avert the need for the development of some deficiency plans.

### **Implementation Guidelines**

A copy of the Guidelines for implementing the land use component of the congestion management program is in Appendix I.

## **Compliance Monitoring**

Status of the land use impact analysis program compliance monitoring is included in Appendix I.

MTC Resolution 3434 (Regional Transit Expansion Program) and Compliance with SB 1636 (2002)

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) adopted Resolution No. 3434, a Regional Transit Expansion Plan for the San Francisco Bay Area region in 2001 (revised in 2007). Transit expansion projects in San Mateo County included in resolution 3434 are:

- Caltrain Express: Phase 1 (open for service)
- Caltrain Express: Phase 2
- Caltrain Electrification
- Dumbarton Rail
- Expanded Ferry Service Phase 1: South San Francisco to San Francisco
- Expanded Ferry Service Phase 2: Redwood City to San Francisco

On July 27, 2005, MTC adopted the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) policy for Resolution 3434 regional transit expansion projects. The TOD policy goals are aimed at improving the cost-effectiveness of regional investments in new transit expansions and easing the Bay Area's chronic housing shortage. That TOD policy conditions the use of regional discretionary funding for transit expansion projects on supportive local land use plans and policies. The TOD policy only applies to physical transit extensions funded in Resolution 3434, including the Dumbarton Rail, Expanded Ferry Services, and the Caltrain Extension.

## **San Mateo County Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Housing Incentive Program**

C/CAG administers the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Housing Incentive Program for San Mateo County. The goal of the program is to promote, support, and facilitate TOD projects throughout the County in order to provide a better relationship between land use and transportation. The program encourages the cities and the County to develop high-density housing (greater than 40 units per acre) within one third of a mile of a rail station.

The program provides financial incentives to jurisdictions that build Transit Oriented Development (TOD) projects by rewarding them with additional funds for transportation projects; encourages jurisdictions that receive additional transportation funding to find some way of financially assisting TOD projects so that they become economically viable. An additional incentive is provided to encourage low- or moderate-income housing.





## CHAPTER 7

### Deficiency Plan Guidelines

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The legislation that resulted in the preparation of Congestion Management Programs (CMPs) defined the preparation of deficiency plans as a way for local jurisdictions (cities and the County) to remain in conformance with the CMP when the level of service (LOS) for a CMP roadway segment or intersection deteriorates below the established standard. A CMP roadway segment or intersection can be found to violate the LOS standard when levels of service are monitored biennially.

California Government Code Section 65089.1(b)(1)(B) states:

In no case shall the LOS standards established be below the Level of Service E or at the current level, whichever is further from Level of Service A, except where a segment or intersection has been designated as deficient and a deficiency plan has been adopted pursuant to Section 65089.3.

The LOS standards for the roadway segments and intersections included in San Mateo County's CMP are presented in Chapter 3. When deterioration of the level of service on a given CMP roadway segment or intersection has not been prevented and a violation is identified through the monitoring process, the legislation provides local jurisdictions with the following two options for them to remain in conformance with the CMP:

- a. Implementation of a specific plan to correct the LOS deficiency on the affected network segment;  
or
- b. Implementation of other measures intended to result in measurable improvements in the LOS on the systemwide CMP Roadway System and to contribute to significant improvements in air quality. In some situations, meeting the CMP's LOS Standards may be impossible or undesirable. For these situations, deficiency plans allow local jurisdictions to adopt innovative and comprehensive transportation strategies for improving the traffic LOS on a systemwide basis rather than adhering to strict, site-specific traffic LOS standards that may contradict other community goals. In other words, deficiency plans allow a violation of the traffic LOS to occur on one particular CMP roadway segment or intersection in exchange for improving other transportation facilities or services (e.g., transit, bicycles, walking, or transportation demand management). For example, it may be impossible to modify a CMP roadway to meet its LOS standard because there is insufficient right-of-way available to add the number of lanes that would be necessary for that roadway segment or intersection to operate acceptably at the desired LOS. Should deficiency plans need to be prepared, alternate goals, such as higher density development near transit stations or better

transit service, can be pursued.

Deficiency plans provide local agencies with an opportunity to implement many programs and actions that will improve transportation conditions and air quality. Some of these programs and actions include:

- Directly coordinating the provision of transportation infrastructure with planned land uses;
- Building new transit facilities and enhancing transit services;
- Providing bicycle facilities connecting with other transportation systems (transit stations, park-n-ride lots);
- Strengthening transportation demand management (TDM) programs;
- Encouraging walking by providing safe, direct, and enjoyable walkways between major travel generators.

In addition, having to produce deficiency plans will affect the local land use approval process. For example, a local jurisdiction may have the discretion to deny approval of a development project if it is shown to negatively affect an already deficient CMP system roadway or intersection. Alternatively, to be approved, the sponsor of the development project could participate in the implementation of those actions emanating from a deficiency plan.

It is the intent of C/CAG to encourage local jurisdictions that may be responsible for the preparation of deficiency plans to connect the actions of deficiency plans with the overall countywide transportation planning process. Doing so will ensure that the action items in the deficiency plan are consistent with the goals of the CMP to increase the importance of transit, ridesharing, TDM measures, bicycling, and walking as ways to improve air quality and reduce congestion.

### **Legislative Requirements**

The language describing the role and function of deficiency plans is found in California Government Code Section 65089.4, which states that:

- (a) The agency<sup>15</sup> shall monitor the implementation of the elements of the congestion management program. At least biennially, the agency shall determine if the county and cities are conforming to the congestion management program, including, but not limited to, all of the following:

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<sup>15</sup>In San Mateo County, C/CAG is the agency referred to in the statute.



- (1) Consistency with the levels of service and performance standards, except as provided in subdivisions (b) and (c).
  - (2) Adoption and implementation of a trip reduction and travel demand ordinance.
  - (3) Adoption and implementation of a program to analyze the impacts of land use decisions, including the estimate of the costs associated with mitigating these impacts.
- (b) (1) A city or county may designate individual deficient segments or intersections which do not meet the established level of service standards if, prior to the designation, at a noticed public hearing, the city or county has adopted a deficiency plan which shall include all of the following:
- (A) An analysis of the causes of the deficiency.
  - (B) A list of improvements necessary for the deficient segment or intersection to maintain the minimum level of service otherwise required and the estimated costs of the improvements.
  - (C) A list of improvements, programs, or actions, and estimates of costs that will (i) measurably improve the level of service of the system, as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 65089, and (ii) contribute to significant improvements in air quality, such as improved public transit service and facilities, improved nonmotorized transportation facilities, high occupancy vehicle facilities, and transportation control measures. The air quality management district or the air pollution control district shall establish and periodically revise a list of approved improvements, programs, and actions which meet the scope of this paragraph. If an improvement program or action is on the approved list and has not yet been fully implemented, it shall be deemed to contribute to significant improvements in air quality. If an improvement program or action is not on the approved list, it will not be implemented unless approved by the local air quality management district or air pollution control district.
  - (D) An action plan, consistent with the provision of Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 66000) of Division 1 of Title 7,<sup>16</sup> that shall be implemented, consisting of improvements identified in paragraph (B), or in improvements, programs, or actions identified in paragraph (C), that are found by the agency to be in the interest of the public's health, safety and welfare. The action plan shall include a specific implementation schedule.

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<sup>16</sup>This chapter describes the procedures allowed or required in order to implement development mitigation fees. It includes adoption requirements, allowable categories for fees including transportation, procedures for property donation, and procedures for assessment and payment of the fees.

- (2) A city or county shall forward its adopted deficiency plan to the agency. The agency shall hold a noticed public hearing within 60 days of receiving the deficiency plan. Following the hearing, the agency shall either accept or reject the deficiency plan in its entirety, but the agency may not modify the deficiency plan. If the agency rejects the plan, it shall notify the city or county of the reasons for that rejection.
- (c) The agency, after consultation with the regional agency, the department, and the local air quality management district or air pollution control district, shall exclude from the determination of conformance with the level of service standards, the impacts of any of the following:
  - (1) Interregional travel.
  - (2) Construction, rehabilitation, or maintenance of facilities that impact the system.
  - (3) Freeway ramp metering.
  - (4) Traffic signal coordination by the state or multi-jurisdictional agencies.
  - (5) Traffic generated by the provision of low and very low income housing.
  - (6) Traffic generated by high-density residential development located within one-fourth mile of a rail passenger station.
  - (7) Traffic generated by any mixed-use development located within one-fourth mile of a fixed rail passenger station, if more than half of the land area, or floor area, of the mixed-use development is used for high-density residential housing, as determined by the agency.
- (d) For the purposes of this chapter, the impacts of a trip which originates in one county and which terminates in another county shall be included in the determination of conformance with level of service standards with respect to the originating county only. A round trip shall be considered to consist of two individual trips.

The procedures for a finding of nonconformance are found in California Government Code Section 65089.5, which states:

- (a) If, pursuant to the monitoring provided for in Section 65089.3, the agency determines, following a noticed public hearing, that a city or county is not conforming with the requirements of the congestion management program, the agency shall notify the city or county in writing of the specific areas of nonconformance. If, within 90 days of the receipt of the written notice of nonconformance, the city or county has not come into conformance with the congestion management program, the governing body of the agency shall make a finding of nonconformance and shall submit the finding to the commission and to the Controller.

- (b) Upon receiving notice from the agency of nonconformance, the Controller shall withhold apportionments of funds required to be apportioned to that nonconforming city or county by Section 2105 of the Streets and Highways Code, until the Controller is notified by the agency that the city or county is in conformance.

In addition, per SB 1435, a nonconforming jurisdiction will be disqualified from receiving funding from the Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (TEA-21).

## **Discussion**

The many issues influencing the preparation and adoption of deficiency plans are discussed in the following pages using a question and answer format.

### **1. Why prepare a deficiency plan?**

A jurisdiction (a city or the County) should prepare a deficiency plan to achieve two key goals:

- To establish a program of actions intended to mitigate (or reduce) existing congestion by improving the level of service on the roadway segments or intersections included in the CMP Roadway System, and
- To assure that the jurisdiction is in conformance with the CMP and remains eligible to continue to receive gasoline tax subventions and TEA-21 funds.

The responsible jurisdiction(s) must prepare a deficiency plan when it (or they) has been notified by C/CAG that a deficiency has occurred. The responsible jurisdiction will forego additional gasoline tax subventions (pursuant to Section 2105 of the Streets and Highways Code) and funding from TEA-21 unless it (or they) prepares a deficiency plan. If no response is forthcoming, C/CAG will declare the jurisdiction with the deficiency to not be in conformance with the CMP.

### **2. What triggers the deficiency plan process?**

The deficiency plan process is triggered when a CMP roadway segment or intersection is found to be “deficient” because it operates below its adopted LOS standard with the adjustments for all exclusions allowed by law. California Code Section 65089.3 states that a deficiency finding could emanate from the results of the LOS monitoring process. An LOS deficiency may also be found to exist as a result of a monitoring program developed by a city or the county as part of the approval process for a local land use decision, as discussed in Chapter 6. Only actual deficiencies, not projected deficiencies, will trigger the requirement for a deficiency plan.

### **3. What trips can be excluded from the deficiency determination?**

As required in California Government Code Section 65089.3 and added to by AB 3093, the following types of travel shall be removed from the level of service calculation; interregional travel; changes in operating

conditions resulting from the construction, rehabilitation, or maintenance of facilities that impact the roadway system; freeway ramp metering; traffic signal coordination by the state or a multi-jurisdictional agency; traffic generated by the provision of low and very low income housing; trips generated by high-density housing near rail stations; and trips generated by mixed-use development near rail stations. Trips which originate in one county and which terminate in another county are to be included in the determination of conformance with level of service standards in only the county where the trips originated. Therefore, the statute establishes that only trips originating inside San Mateo County will be taken into account toward the LOS determination for the purpose of establishing conformance with the CMP.

4. Who is responsible for the preparation of deficiency plans?

Local jurisdictions are responsible for the preparation of deficiency plans for roadway segments or intersections that are wholly within their boundaries. For deficient segments or intersections within more than one jurisdiction, all affected jurisdictions will collaborate in the preparation of a deficiency plan. C/CAG strongly encourages the cooperative development of deficiency plans. If a common approach is not acceptable to all jurisdictions involved, then each individual jurisdiction will be responsible for preparing a deficiency plan for the affected roadway(s) or intersection(s) within its jurisdiction. C/CAG can accept all of the plans if they are complementary. If they are not complementary, C/CAG can require that complementary plans be developed.

5. What if a deficiency occurs due to an action by a jurisdiction not located within San Mateo County? Representatives of all affected jurisdictions, those receiving the deficient location and those causing the deficiency, could develop a coordinated deficiency plan. Otherwise, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), serving as the Regional Congestion Management Agency, would arbitrate between or among the jurisdictions. If MTC is not successful in their arbitrations, no penalties will be sanctioned against the jurisdictions located within San Mateo County.

6. What are the required components of a deficiency plan?

The contents of a deficiency plan are defined on pages 7-3 and 7-4 part (b) of Section 65089.3. The following is a summary description of those items:

- An analysis of the causes of the deficiency;
- A list of improvements and the costs that will be incurred to mitigate that deficiency on that facility itself;
- A list of possible actions and costs that would result in improvements to the CMP system's LOS and that would be beneficial to air quality; and

- An action plan, including a schedule, to implement improvements from the two lists identified above.

7. What improvements are acceptable for inclusion in a deficiency plan?

The process of preparing a deficiency plan allows a local jurisdiction to choose one of two options for addressing deficiencies. The two options are:

- To implement improvements directly on the deficient segments designed to eliminate the deficiency; or
- To designate the segment as deficient, and implement a deficiency plan prescribing actions designed to measurably improve the overall LOS and contribute to *significant* air quality improvements throughout the CMP Roadway System. Such actions may not necessarily directly pertain to or have a measurable impact on the deficient segment itself.

If a local jurisdiction chooses the second option (b), the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) has created a list of system deficiency plan measures that are regarded as beneficial for air quality. The latest list was approved by the BAAQMD on November 4, 1992, and is included in Appendix C (of this CMP). Measures not on the BAAQMD list may also be used, but will need to be evaluated by the BAAQMD for their air quality impacts prior to being included as part of a deficiency plan. If a local jurisdiction selects the first option (a), measures designed to meet LOS standards on the deficient roadway(s) need not be drawn from the BAAQMD list, and they need not be approved by the BAAQMD.

8. How long does a jurisdiction have to prepare a deficiency plan?

Jurisdictions will be notified that a level of service deficiency has occurred when the results of the LOS monitoring are provided to C/CAG. The results will be submitted to C/CAG who will notify local jurisdictions, in writing, if any deficient locations have been identified. Local jurisdictions will then have up to twelve months from the receipt of written notification of the conformance findings, to develop and adopt at a public hearing, any required deficiency plans.

The deficiency plan process section of this Chapter provides more detail about time lines.

9. How is a deficiency plan adopted?

A deficiency plan is prepared by the affected local jurisdiction(s). The jurisdictions may elect to submit draft plans to C/CAG's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Congestion Management and Air Quality Committee (CMAQ) for review to determine if the plan may be considered acceptable when submitted to C/CAG for approval. The deficiency plan must then be adopted by the affected jurisdiction(s) at a public hearing and then approved by C/CAG.

10. What constitutes an acceptable deficiency plan?

An acceptable deficiency plan shall contain all the components listed in the response to Question 6 above, and may be reviewed by the TAC and CMAQ prior to action by C/CAG. The TAC and/or CMAQ may make a recommendation related to approval or rejection of the deficiency plan to C/CAG, but it is not required that they make a recommendation. The plan will be evaluated on the following technical criteria:

- a. Completeness as required in California Government Code Section 65089.3.
- b. The appropriateness of the deficiency plan's actions in relation to the magnitude of the deficiency.
- c. The reliability of the funding sources proposed in the deficiency plan.
- d. The reasonableness of the implementation plan's schedule.
- e. The ability to implement the proposed actions (including the degree of jurisdictional authority).

11. How should deficiency plans relate to the countywide transportation planning process?

Actions included in deficiency plans should be selected from information and decisions made as part of the countywide transportation planning process, including land use and travel forecasts, transit operational needs, and planned capital and service improvements. Likewise, the occurrence or projection of deficiencies should be a factor influencing the decisions made within the ongoing countywide transportation planning process to amend the Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

The Guidelines for Deficiency Plan is included in Appendix D.

### **Current Deficiencies**

The City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG) retained a consultant to conduct the 2011 congestion monitoring of the 53 roadway segments and 16 intersections that comprise the CMP Roadway System in San Mateo County. A copy of the CMP Congestion Monitoring Report is included in Appendix F.

Indicated in the tables below (from Appendix F) are current 2011 LOS for all roadway segments and intersections:

## 2011 CMP Roadway Segment LOS

2011 CMP Roadway Segment Levels of Service							
Route	Roadway Segment	LOS Standard	2011 LOS		2009 LOS <sup>2</sup>	2007 LOS <sup>2</sup>	2005 LOS <sup>2</sup>
			Without Exemption <sup>3</sup>	With Exemption			
1	San Francisco County Line to Linda Mar Blvd.	E	F	B	F <sup>3</sup> /F <sup>+</sup>	F <sup>3</sup> /F <sup>+</sup>	F <sup>3</sup> /F <sup>+</sup>
1	Linda Mar Blvd. to Frenchmans Creek Road	E	D	-	D	D	D
1	Frenchmans Creek Road to Miramontes Road	E	E	-	E	E	E
1	Miramontes Road to Santa Cruz County Line	D	B	-	B	B	C
35	San Francisco county Line to Sneath Lane	E	A	-	C	C	C
35	Sneath Lane to I-280	F	F	-	E	F	F
35	I-280 to SR 92	B	C	B	B	B	C/C
35	SR 92 to SR 84	B	B	-	B	B	B
35	SR 84 to Santa Clara County Line	E	B	-	B	B	B
82	San Francisco County Line to John Daly Blvd	E	A	-	A	A	A
82	John Daly Boulevard to Hickey Boulevard	E	A	-	A	A	A
82	Hickey Boulevard to I-380	E	A	-	A	C	A
82	I-380 to Trousdale Drive	E	A	-	A	B	A
82	Trousdale Drive to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue	E	B	-	A	A	A
82	3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue to SR 92	E	A	-	A	A	A
82	SR 92 to Hillside Avenue	E	A	-	B	B	B
82	Hillside Avenue to 42 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue	E	B	-	B	B	B
82	42 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue to Holly Street	E	A	-	B	B	A
82	Holly Street to Whipple Avenue	E	C	-	C	D	D
82	Whipple Avenue to SR 84	E	B	-	C	C	C
82	SR 84 to Glenwood Avenue	E	B	-	B	B	B
82	Glenwood Avenue to Santa Cruz Avenue	E	B	-	B	C	D
82	Santa Cruz Avenue to Santa Clara County Line	E	A	-	B	B	C
84	SR 1 to Portola Road	C	C	-	C	C	C
84	Portola Road to I-280	E	B	-	B	B	B
84	I-280 to Alameda de las Pulgas	C	D	C	C	D/A	C
84	Alameda de las Pulgas to U.S. 101	E	E	-	E	E	E
84	U.S. 101 to Willow Road	D	B	-	E/E	C	B
84	Willow Road to University Avenue	E	F	C	F/E	F/F	F/F
84	University Avenue to Alameda County Line	F	F	-	F	F	F
92	SR 1 to I-280	E	E	-	E	E	E
92	I-280 to U.S. 101	D	F	F	E <sup>3</sup> /D <sup>+</sup>	F <sup>3</sup> /D <sup>+</sup>	F <sup>3</sup> /E <sup>+</sup>
92	U.S. 101 to Alameda County Line	E	F	A	A/B <sup>3</sup>	A/B <sup>3</sup>	A/B <sup>3</sup>

**2011 CMP Roadway Segment Levels of Service**

Route	Roadway Segment	LOS Standard	2011 LOS		2009 LOS <sup>2</sup>	2007 LOS <sup>2</sup>	2005 LOS <sup>2</sup>
			Without Exemption <sup>3</sup>	With Exemption			
101	San Francisco County Line to I-380	E	F	A	D <sup>3</sup>	E <sup>3</sup>	D <sup>3</sup>
101	I-380 to Millbrae Avenue	E	F	C	D <sup>3</sup>	F <sup>3</sup> /C <sup>+</sup>	F <sup>3</sup> /D <sup>+</sup>
101	Millbrae Avenue to Broadway	E	F	C	F <sup>3</sup> /C <sup>+</sup>	F <sup>3</sup> /C <sup>+</sup>	F <sup>3</sup> /D <sup>+</sup>
101	Broadway to Peninsula Avenue	E	F	C	F <sup>3</sup> /D <sup>+</sup>	F <sup>3</sup> /C <sup>+</sup>	F <sup>3</sup> /D <sup>+</sup>
101	Peninsula Avenue to SR 92	F	F	-	F <sup>3</sup>	F <sup>3</sup>	F <sup>3</sup>
101	SR 92 to Whipple Avenue	E	F	D	F <sup>3</sup> /E <sup>+</sup>	F <sup>3</sup> /D <sup>+</sup>	F <sup>3</sup> /E <sup>+</sup>
101	Whipple Avenue to Santa Clara County Line	F	F	-	F <sup>3</sup>	F <sup>3</sup>	F <sup>3</sup>
109	Kavanaugh Drive to SR 84 (Bayfront Expwy.)	E	C	-	D	D	C
114	U.S. 101 to SR 84 (Bayfront Expressway)	E	B	-	C	C	B
280	San Francisco County Line to SR 1 (north)	E	E	-	F <sup>3</sup> /D <sup>+</sup>	F <sup>3</sup> /A	E <sup>3</sup>
280	SR 1 (north) to SR 1 (south)	E	A/B	-	E	E	E <sup>3</sup>
280	SR 1 (south) to San Bruno Avenue	D	F	D	E <sup>3</sup> /D <sup>+</sup>	F <sup>3</sup> /C <sup>+</sup>	F <sup>3</sup> /E <sup>+</sup>
280	San Bruno Avenue to SR 92	D	D	-	E <sup>3</sup> /C <sup>+</sup>	A/B <sup>3</sup>	A/B <sup>3</sup>
280	SR 92 to SR 84	D	A/B	-	D <sup>3</sup>	D <sup>3</sup>	D <sup>3</sup>
280	SR 84 to Santa Clara County Line	D	E	A	D <sup>3</sup>	D <sup>3</sup>	E <sup>3</sup> /C <sup>+</sup>
380	I-280 to U.S. 101	F	F	-	F <sup>3</sup>	F <sup>3</sup>	E <sup>3</sup>
380	U.S. 101 to Airport Access Road	C	A	-	B <sup>3</sup>	D <sup>3</sup> /C	A <sup>3</sup>
Mission St	San Francisco County Line to SR 82	E	A	-	A	A	A
Geneva Ave.	San Francisco County Line to Bayshore Blvd.	E	A	-	A	A	A
Bayshore Blvd.	San Francisco County Line to Geneva Avenue	E	A	-	A	A	A

**Notes:**

<sup>2</sup> The first value represents LOS without exemptions, and the second value represents LOS with exemptions.

<sup>3</sup> Based on average speed from travel time surveys.

<sup>4</sup> Exemptions applied to volume-to-capacity ratios estimated from average speeds.

"-" = not applicable. LOS standard is not violated. Therefore, exemptions were not applied.

LOS Standard violations (after application of exemptions) are highlighted in red

LOS based on 1994 Highway Capacity Manual Methodology.



## 2011 CMP Intersection LOS

Int #	Intersection	LOS Standard	Peak Hour	2000 HCM Method				Circular 212 Method			2011 Standard Exceeded
				2011 LOS	2009 LOS	2007 LOS	2005 LOS	2009 LOS	2007 LOS	2005 LOS	
1	Bayshore & Geneva	E	AM	B	C	B	C	A	A	A	No
			PM	B	C	C	C	A	A	A	No
2	SR 35 & John Daly Blvd	E	AM	C	B	B	B	A	A	B	No
			PM	C	C	B	C	C	B	B	No
3	SR 82 & Hillside/John Daly	E	AM	B	C	C	C	A	B	B	No
			PM	C	D	C	D	C	B	C	No
4	SR 82 & San Bruno Ave	E	AM	C	C	C	C	A	A	A	No
			PM	C	D	D	D	A	B	A	No
5	SR 82 & Milbrae Ave	E	AM	F/D	E	E	E	E	E	E	No
			PM	E	D	E	E	D	E	E	No
6	SR 82 & Broadway	E	AM	B	B	B	B	A	A	A	No
			PM	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	No
7	SR 82 & Park-Peninsula	E	AM	C	B	B	B	A	A	A	No
			PM	C	B	B	B	A	A	A	No
8	SR 82 & Ralston	E	AM	C	D	D	E	C	D	D	No
			PM	C	D	D	E	C	D	E	No
9	SR 82 & Holly	E	AM	C	C	C	C	A	A	A	No
			PM	C	D	C	C	C	B	B	No
10	SR 82 & Whipple Ave	E	AM	C	C	C	D	A	A	C	No
			PM	C	D	D	D	C	C	D	No
11	University & SR 84	F	AM	C	B	B	B	C	D	C	No
			PM	F	F	F	E	F	F	E	No
12	Willow & SR 84	F	AM	C	C	C	C	A	B	B	No
			PM	E	F	F	E	E	F	D	No
13	SR 84 & Marsh Rd	F	AM	D	C	C	C	D	B	B	No
			PM	E	F	D	C	F	D	C	No
14	Middlefield & SR 84	E	AM	C	D	D	D	D	D	D	No
			PM	D	D	D	D	D	C	D	No
15	SR 1 & SR 92	E	AM	D	C	D	D	A	B	B	No
			PM	C	D	D	D	B	D	D	No
16	Main St & SR 92	F	AM	C	C	C	C	A	D	D	No
			PM	B	C	C	C	A	C	C	No

Based on the 1994 HCM Methodology, the results indicate that the one roadway segment in violation of the LOS Standard in 2011 is:

- SR 92: I-280 to US 101

The results for intersections are presented for the 2000 HCM Method. The Circular 212 Method, which evaluates based on a volume to capacity ratio of critical movement, was discontinued for the 2011.

For the 2000 HCM Method, which calculates an average control delay (expressed in seconds per vehicle), LOS ratings changed at all 16 locations (5 worsened, 9 improved, 2 with offsetting changes in AM and PM) when compared to the 2009 monitoring program.

A number of San Mateo County jurisdictions have been identified as being connected to these segments. This number will increase substantially when the jurisdictions not physically connected to these segments but contributing 10% of the offending traffic are also included. It is likely that a number of jurisdictions will have to participate in multiple deficiency plans because of the traffic contributed by that jurisdiction to the deficient locations in several areas.

The C/CAG Board approved the Countywide Congestion Relief Plan (CRP), which is a countywide deficiency plan to address these and future deficiencies. This Plan will relieve all San Mateo County jurisdictions - 20 cities and the County - from having to develop and implement individual deficiency plans for current Level of Service (LOS) changes and any that may be detected in future years, starting from July 1, 2002, resulting from roadway LOS monitoring. On December 9, 2010, the CRP was reauthorized for a term of four years (July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2015). An updated executive summary of the Plan is as follows.

### **Executive Summary of the San Mateo County Congestion Relief Plan (Deficiency Plan)**

This Congestion Relief Plan is necessary because a number of locations throughout the County have been determined through traffic counts to have congestion that exceeds the standards that were adopted by C/CAG as part of the Congestion Management Program. Although the Plan is a legal requirement and enforceable with financial penalties, it is more important that the Plan be viewed as an opportunity to make a real impact in congestion that has been allowed to go unchecked for many years. A key factor in developing the Plan has been for C/CAG to respect and support the economic development done by local jurisdictions to make San Mateo County prosperous and to ensure a sound financial base to support local government. Economic prosperity however, has created severe traffic problems, which if not properly addressed, will threaten that same prosperity. Therefore this Plan aims to find ways to improve mobility Countywide and in each and every jurisdiction, while not putting a halt to this economic growth.

The Plan, which was initiated in July 1, 2002 and updated July 1, 2007, will relieve all San Mateo County jurisdictions - 20 cities and the County - from having to fix the specific congested locations that triggered the development of this Plan, and any new ones that may be detected for the next four years.

The following elements, which were updated and effective as of July 1, 2011, are intended to be a comprehensive package of policies and actions that together will make a measurable impact on current congestion and slow the pace of future congestion:

### **1. Employer-Based Shuttle Program and Local Transportation Services**

The Employer-Based Shuttle Program focuses on connecting employment centers to transit centers (both BART and Caltrain) and the Local Transportation Services Program provides funds for local jurisdictions or their designees to provide transportation services for its residents that meet the unique characteristics and needs of that jurisdiction. Under the Local program, jurisdictions have the flexibility to determine the best mix of services, which sometimes results in combining commuter service, school service, services for special populations, on-demand services, and mid-day service.

Both Employer-Based Shuttle and Local Transportation Services Program funds are awarded through a competitive process. The program requires that each project sponsor provide a match of funds and in-kind services equal to 50% of the total service cost. For both the Employer-Based Shuttle and Local Transportation Services Program, the San Mateo County Transportation Authority reimburses C/CAG up to 50% of funds it disperses for shuttle services upon invoice.

The annual fund level for the two programs is currently \$500,000 (\$120K for Employer-Based and \$380K for Local Transportation). It is proposed that the new authorization remain at the same level of funding.

#### Goals:

- To increase shuttle usage, thereby increasing transit use, and thereby reducing congestion.
- Leverage fund sources to expand shuttle services.

### **2. Countywide Transportation Demand Management Programs**

The Countywide Travel Demand Management (TDM) Program is operated by the Peninsula Traffic Congestion Relief Alliance (Alliance). Examples of TDM type projects include but are not limited to voluntary trip reduction program, work with employers to reduce peak commute trips, employer based shuttle development and management, employer alternative commuting support services, school carpool programs, alternative commute incentive programs.

The Alliance has been extremely successful in meeting the needs of the individual communities, city and county governments, and employers throughout San Mateo County.

The annual fund level for this program is currently \$550,000. It is proposed that the new authorization remain at the same level of funding.

Goals:

- Increase transit use and use of alternative commute options through education and incentives.
- Reduce single occupant vehicle trips through education and incentives.

### **3. Countywide Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Program / Traffic Operational Improvement Strategies**

Under the original Congestion Relief Plan a Countywide Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Plan was developed. It is anticipated that funding under this Program will be used for consulting assistance to design and implement individual components of the ITS Plan.

Currently Caltrans is developing a Corridor System Management Plan (CSMP) which studies the US 101 Corridor from the San Francisco County line to Santa Clara County line. The CSMP identifies current management strategies, existing travel conditions and mobility challenges, corridor performance management, planning management strategies, and capital improvements. It is anticipated that funding under this Program will be used for consulting assistance to study, design, or implement roadway and freeway operational and safety improvement strategies.

This program is expanded to include transportation corridor study activities and traffic operational improvements within the County. The annual fund level for this program is currently \$200,000. It is proposed that the new authorization remain at the same level of funding.

Goals:

- Analyze the causes of congestion and identify solutions to mitigate congestion.
- Emphasize solutions that utilize technology for congestion reduction and traffic operation improvements.
- Implement and operated the San Mateo Smart Corridors.
- Define ITS strategies for US 101 and I-280.

### **4. Ramp Metering Program**

Under the original Congestion Relief Plan a Ramp Metering Study was done for Route 101 (county line to county line) and Route 280 from Route 380 north to the county line. The program implementation is mostly complete with installation of all metering equipment. South bound Ramp meters on Route 280, and US 101 meters, north of Route 92, have yet to be turned on. Funding under the reauthorized Congestion Relief Plan

will be needed for the following:

- Designing the implementation of the remaining phase of the program.
- Consultant analysis and develop timing plans for meters that are not yet turned on.
- Conducting a before and after study to document the effects of implementing ramp metering.
- On-going monitoring of the program.
- Fine-tuning and adjusting the program to respond to changes in traffic patterns.
- Conducting an education and community outreach effort about the program.

Proposed: There is only a minor expansion of to this program to include the development of timing plans. The annual fund level for this program is currently \$100,000. It is proposed that the new authorization remain at the same level of funding. The San Mateo County Transportation Authority matches these funds on a reimbursement basis.

Proposed Goals:

- Implement the C/CAG approved Ramp Metering Program.

## **5. Linking Transportation and Land Use**

### 5A. Major Corridors Planning Grants.

On May 11, 2006, the C/CAG Board approved the El Camino Real Incentive Program and authorized the use of the Congestion Relief Plan as the funding source for the Program. Under this Program the jurisdictions along El Camino Real/ Mission Street will be eligible to receive up to \$50,000 as matching funds to support land use and transportation planning efforts along the corridor.

Jurisdictions will also be eligible for an additional \$50,000 in matching funds to support the implementation of these plans. Some of the other activities that will be funded as part of the El Camino Real Incentive Program include the development of a corridor study and design of transportation system improvements to complement the land use changes adopted by the local jurisdictions, and as matching funds to secure outside grants to support the overall El Camino Real Program.

This program was expanded to apply to other major corridors that are undefined at this time.

The program implementation also includes other major corridors that are undefined at this time. The annual fund level for this program is currently \$500,000. To date C/CAG has awarded only \$200,000 in four years. It is proposed that the new authorization level be reduced to \$200,000 to help fund other program expansions.

Goals:

- Increase the number of plans adopted by the Cities.

- Provide incentives for jurisdictions to look at El Camino Real and other major corridors from a holistic approach by integrating land use and multi-modal transportation planning.

#### 5B. Transportation Improvement Strategies to Reduce Green House Gases

The Transportation Improvement Strategies to Reduce Green House Gases is a program to provide matching funds to countywide or regionally significant transportation projects that reduce green house gases. Example projects include the following:

- In 2010, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Air District), in partnership with Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), cities and counties, other government agencies, industry, and local businesses and non-profits obtained a grant for a \$9.9 million Electric Vehicle (EV) Infrastructure Readiness Pilot Project (“ Project” ) in support of EV deployment in the Bay Area. The project intends to fund the purchase and installation of EV chargers in high-demand travel corridors and other strategic locations to addresses one of the key adoption barriers to EV -- range anxiety.

According to the ABAG proposal, C/CAG will work with local stakeholders to deploy 50 charge points. These charge points will be located on transit nodes/ stations and on the El Camino Real Corridor, in public parking facilities, near major commercial and workplace centers.

Other entities are providing most of the match however C/CAG is contributing \$100,000 from this program for a portion of the project match.

- In October 2010, Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) approved a \$4.29 million grant to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) to fund a Regional Bike-sharing Pilot Program to deploy approximately 1,000 bicycles at up to 100 kiosk stations around the Bay Area. The Regional Bike Sharing Program will implement bike sharing along the peninsula transportation corridor: San Francisco, Redwood City, Mountain View, Palo Alto, and San Jose. C/CAG is contributing \$50,000 from this program for a portion the project match

This is a proposed new program with funding authorization set at \$100,000.

#### Goals:

- As this is primarily a fund matching program, leverage funds towards projects aimed at reducing Green House Gas (GHG).

#### 5C. General Climate Action Plan Activities

In 2009, the C/CAG Board formed the Resource Management and Climate Protection (RMCP) Committee and

supported the development of countywide climate change related programs. Program funds would be used to staff the RMCP Committee.

The RMCP Committee provides advice and recommendations to the Congestion Management and Environmental Quality (CMEQ) Committee and the full C/CAG Board on matters related to energy and water use and climate change efforts in San Mateo County. The RMCP also reports on the San Mateo County Energy Watch (SMCEW) and promotes the goals outlined in the San Mateo County Energy Strategy, including: energy, water, collaboration between cities and the utilities, leadership and economic opportunities related to the RMCP committee's efforts. RMCP staff also seeks additional funding to expand countywide climate change and resource reduction programs.

This is a proposed new program with funding authorization set at \$50,000.

Goals:

- Develop a climate action plan template and model climate action plan that can be used by local jurisdictions.
- Provide support for countywide climate action planning activities.
- Update the San Mateo County Energy Strategy.

*5D. Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) Activities, Linking Housing with Transportation*

In 2008, state law SB 375 was approved which required the Bay Area Region to develop a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), which must factor in and integrate land use planning, transportation policies, and transportation investments.

California Air Resources Board (CARB) sets regional greenhouse gas emission targets by September 30, 2010 and each region must incorporate its target in its Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA). Both RTP and RHNA plans must be consistent with the development pattern developed in the SCS.

At this point is unclear what activities the local agencies in the County will be subjected to however, it is felt that some funding should be set aside in anticipation of activities associated with this planning effort. One potential example activity would be to fund activities needed to form a RHNA sub region.

It is expected that Program funds would be used in part to staff RHNA efforts, develop affordable housing programs, and promote best practices to stimulate infill housing in the transit corridor and along El Camino Real. It is anticipated that projects of a similar nature would also be funded under this program.

This is a proposed new program with funding authorization set at \$150,000.

Goals:

- Support San Mateo County RHNA/ SCS sub-region efforts.
- Develop an approved housing allocation for the County.

- Provide countywide technical support and analysis to C/CAG for countywide housing planning efforts

## **SUMMARY**

The initial Plan was in effect from FY 2002/03 thru FY 2006/07 and was reauthorized in February 2007 for a four-year period beginning in FY 2006/07 thru FY 2010/11. The Plan has proven beneficial to the Cities and County over the past eight years and therefore was reauthorized a second time in December 2010 for an additional four-year period for FY 2011/12 to FY 2014/15. Under the latest reauthorized Plan, the cities and the County were assessed \$1.85 million on an annual basis for the four-year period of the Plan, starting from July 1, 2011. This amount, which remains unchanged from the previous period, represented each jurisdiction's share of the total cost of the Plan based on that jurisdiction's percent of automobile trips both generated and attracted as a percent of the countywide total. It is anticipated that the local jurisdiction's contribution will be more than quadrupled as a result of the generation of matching funds to support the Plan. As a participant in this Plan the cities and the County will be exempt from any deficiency planning requirements for the four-year period, that are the result of a roadway segment or intersection exceeding the Level of Service Standard set forth in the Congestion Management Program.



Annual cost to implement countywide deficiency plan spreadsheet.

TOTAL ANNUAL COST TO IMPLEMENT		
COUNTYWIDE DEFICIENCY PLAN		
BY JURISDICTION		
Jurisdiction	% of Trip	Total Annual
	Generation	Cost
Atherton	1.3%	\$ 24,845
Belmont	3.6%	\$ 65,884
Brisbane	1.2%	\$ 21,775
Burlingame	5.8%	\$ 107,193
Colma	0.5%	\$ 9,224
Daly City	10.8%	\$ 199,610
East Palo Alto	2.3%	\$ 42,633
Foster City	4.9%	\$ 90,679
Half Moon Bay	1.3%	\$ 23,451
Hillsborough	1.3%	\$ 23,491
Menlo Park	5.6%	\$ 103,109
Millbrae	3.3%	\$ 60,419
Pacifica	3.5%	\$ 64,742
Portola Valley	0.4%	\$ 7,607
Redwood City	13.4%	\$ 248,197
San Bruno	5.5%	\$ 102,604
San Carlos	4.8%	\$ 88,246
San Mateo	16.1%	\$ 298,110
South San Francisco	9.0%	\$ 166,325
Woodside	0.6%	\$ 11,189
San Mateo County	4.9%	\$ 90,667
<b>TOTAL ASSESSMENT</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$ 1,850,000</b>

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## CHAPTER 8

### Seven-Year Capital Improvement Program

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#### **Legislative Requirements**

California Government Code 65089.b.5 requires that the CMP include a seven-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to maintain or improve the Traffic Level of Service Standards and to mitigate impacts to the regional transportation system of land use decisions made by local jurisdictions (cities and the County). The CIP must also conform to the requirements of transportation-related programs to mitigate air quality problems.

#### **Discussion**

The purpose of the CIP is to identify transportation system improvements, (i.e., projects) which would maintain or improve traffic levels of service, transit services, and mitigate regional transportation impacts identified through the Countywide Transportation Plan and the Land Use Impact Analysis Program. Any project depending on State or Federal funding must be included in the CMP CIP. This part of the CMP must be submitted first to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission in the Bay Area and then to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) and/or the Federal Highway Administration so that funding from State and Federal programs will be allocated for the projects included in the CIP.

Funding is made available under the CMP from the State and Federal governments for transportation system maintenance and improvement projects. The CIP that is included in each CMP may be somewhat different from the CIP included in previous CMPs because of changes in the funding programs or the evaluation criteria. (The status of prior years CMP CIP projects is discussed in the Monitoring Report in Appendix G.) The following paragraphs present a summary of the funding sources available for the current CMP. Although these funding sources provide the bulk of the funding for San Mateo County transportation projects, it is important to understand that these funding sources are limited and will not fully address the CIP needs as presently identified. C/CAG will investigate possible means of dealing with the shortage.

In the past, federal funds have been derived from the Transportation Equity Act for the Twenty-First Century (TEA-21) which included two primary financing programs for local projects: the Surface Transportation Program (STP) and the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ). Projects that are currently funded under these programs are listed in Appendix G. On July 29, 2005, Congress has passed the reauthorization of the Transportation Bill - Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient (SAFE), a six-year bill through 2009. The STP and CMAQ programs are expected to continue.

State funding for local transportation projects is available primarily through the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). A list of the current projects funded under this program and other funding program is included in Appendix G. In Fall 2011, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) provided the Fund Estimate (FE) for the 2012 STIP. C/CAG recommended a list of projects to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for incorporation into a regional recommendation. The recently updated list of projects in San Mateo County for the 2012 STIP (as of October 24, 2011) is in Table 8-1.

Table 8-1: Proposed 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program

**SUMMARY of PROPOSED 2012 STIP FOR SAN MATEO COUNTY**  
(\$1,000's)

Lead Agency	Rte	PPNO	Project	Total	(Info Only) Prior Year	(Info Only) 11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17
Caltrans	101	658B	Auxiliary Lanes Segment 1, University to Marsh Road (CMIA)	9,172	9,172						
Caltrans	101	658C	Auxiliary Lanes Segment 2, Embarcadero to University (CMIA)	5,049	5,049						
SMCTA	101	702A	US 101/Broadway Interchange	23,218	4,218		19,000				
Caltrans	82	645C	Menlo Park-Millbrae, interconnect signals, phase 2	7,331	7,331						
SMCTA	101	690A	US 101/Willow interchange reconstruction	28,951	2,509	4,500	20,471	1,471	20,471		
Caltrans	92	660B	SR 92 - <del>Stem-Lafayette Lane Improvements (657)</del>	42,862	4,022				42,840		
Caltrans		0700C	Aux Lane Landscaping #700B - 2-yr plant establishment	33		33					
SMCTA/ Pacifica	1	632C	SR 1 Calera Parkway - Pacifica	6,900				6,900	6,900		
SMCTA/ Pacifica	1	2140H	Hwy 1 San Pedro Creek Bridge Replacement								
			Phase 1 of SR 92 Improvement from I-280 to US 101 - Construction of Operational Improvement at the SR 92/EI Camino Real Interchange - New	3,000		3,000					
San Mateo	92/82	New	Phase 2 of SR 92 Improvement from I-280 to US 101 - Environmental Study for Improvement at the SR 92/US 101 Interchange Vicinity - New	5,000							5,000
SM C/CAG	92	New		2,411						2,411	
SM C/CAG	VAR	2140E	Countywide ITS Project	4,298			4,022		4,298		
SM C/CAG	VAR	2140F	Smart Corridor Segment (TLSP)	10,000	10,000						
SM C/CAG	VAR	2140F/Q	Smart Corridor Segment (STIP) - Segment 3 to Santa Clara county line	12,977	11,000		1,977				
			<b>SUBTOTAL - HIGHWAY (2012/13 thru 2016/17):</b>	<b>90,478</b>							
JPB		2140J	CalTrain San Bruno Ave Grade Separation (HSRCSA)	19,203	19,203						
BART			Daly City BART station improvement, elevator, lighting	700		900	700				
			<b>SUBTOTAL - PTA ELIGIBLE (2012/13 thru 2016/17):</b>	<b>700</b>							
SM C/CAG			TE Reserve	4,827	200	1,000	4,000	245	2,490	1,137	
SM County			TE funded - County of San Mateo Bike lane (C/CAG TOD commitment)	200	200						
San Bruno			TE funded - City of San Bruno ECR median (C/CAG TOD commitment)	779	779						
Half Moon Bay			TE funded - City of Half Moon Bay, Rte 1 Landscaping	223	223						
Brisbane			TE funded - City of Brisbane Bayshore bike lane	803	803						
MTC	2140		Planning, programming, and monitoring	382		60	60	62	64	67	69
SM C/CAG	2140A		Planning, programming, and monitoring	2,378		690	353	353	355	165	462
			<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>77,148</b>		<b>9,283</b>	<b>4,561</b>	<b>26,315</b>	<b>27,678</b>	<b>3,780</b>	<b>5,331</b>

## **Other Funding Sources for San Mateo County**

### **Transportation Projects**

There are several other sources of funds for transportation projects in San Mateo County. One of the major sources of funds is the Measure A sales tax increase passed in San Mateo County on June 7, 1988. The ballot measure created the San Mateo County Transportation Authority and authorized an increase in the retail sales/use tax of one-half of one percent for 20 years in order to finance the construction of certain transportation improvements. In November 2004, voters in San Mateo County also approved the reauthorization of measure A to be in effect from 2009 to 2033.

Improvements funded by Measure A include public transit and highway projects, alternative congestion relief, and local programs. In addition, the extension of Measure A will include bicycle and pedestrian improvements. A summary of the Transportation Expenditure Plan for Measure A extension is included in Appendix H.

Other sources of potential funding for transportation improvements and maintenance projects are as follows:

- Four dollar fee on motor vehicles registered in San Mateo County and Measure M - \$10  
Vehicle Registration Fee (Details in Chapter 11)
- Proposition 111 - Gas tax revenues allocated to local jurisdictions
- Transportation Fund for Clean Air - Programs to enhance air quality funded by increased vehicle registration fees (see Chapter 5)
- Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation funds
- Proposition 108 - Passenger Rail and Clean Air Bond Act of 1990
- Proposition 116 - Clean Air and Transportation Improvement fund (also enacted in 1990)
- Regional Bridge Tolls
- Transportation Development Act funds
- Transit Capital Improvement funds
- Transit operator funds
- San Francisco International Airport MOU Funds

## Goals and Objectives Established in the Regional Transportation Plan – The *Transportation 2035 Plan for the San Francisco Bay Area*

In April 2009, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) adopted the *Transportation 2035 Plan for the San Francisco Bay Area*. The *Transportation 2035 Plan* represents the transportation policy and action statement of how the Bay Area will approach the region's transportation needs over the next 25 years. At the core of the *Transportation 2035 Plan* is a vision of what the Bay Area transportation network should look like in 2035. The purpose and goals of the *Plan* provide the framework for this vision. The purpose of the *Plan* is to encourage and promote the safe and efficient management, operation and development of a regional intermodal transportation system that will serve the mobility needs of people and goods.

The RTP includes the following principles: Economy, Environment and Equity, referred to as the Three E's, and associated goals. The plan goals are not entirely confined to any one of the Three E's but rather cut across and reinforce all three principles.

<i>Principle</i>	<i>Goal</i>
Economy	Maintenance & Safety, Reliability, Efficient Freight Travel, Security & Emergency Management
Environment	Clean Air, Climate Protection
Equity	Equitable Access, Livable Communities

In addition, MTC also adopted the Regional Transit Expansion Program - which includes investment in new rail and bus projects that will improve mobility and enhance connectivity for residents throughout the Bay Area, The Transportation and Land Use Platform – calls for supportive land use plans and policies to support transit expansion, and Transit Oriented Development Policy.

The 2011 Congestion Management Plan (CMP) for San Mateo County is consistent with those goals and objectives established in the *Transportation 2035 Plan*. The projects for San Mateo County included in the *Transportation 2035 Plan* are included in Appendix J.

C/CAG, along with other CMAs and regional agencies, including MTC, ABAG, and the BAAQMD, will be addressing new requirements from Senate Bill 375 (SB 375) in addressing reduction in Green House Gas (GHG) emissions generated by cars and light trucks. The following will be taken into consideration in future planning processes.

**Senate Bill 375 (SB 375)**

SB 375 request metropolitan transportation organizations to develop a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) – a new element of the regional transportation plan (RTP) – to strive to reach the GHG reduction target established for each region by the California Air Resource Board. The target for the Bay Area is a 7 percent per capita reduction by 2020 and a 15 percent per capita reduction by 2035. The 2013 RTP will be the Bay Area's first plan that is subject to SB 375.

**Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS)**

The region is engaged in developing a detailed 25-year transportation investment and land-use strategy for 2015-2040 that will be the region's first plan to incorporate a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). The SCS promotes compact, mixed-used commercial and residential development that is walkable and bikable and close to mass transit, jobs, schools, shopping, parks, recreation and other amenities.

The SCS, scheduled for adoption in 2013, will be an integrated long-range land use and transportation plan for the nine-county region. The San Mateo County CMP acknowledges the SCS process, along with the regional FOCUS approach, and specifically recognizing the planned and potential Priority Development Areas (PDAs) and Priority Conservation Areas (PCAs) within San Mateo County.

**The Bay Area 2010 Clean Air Plan (CAP)**

The Bay Area 2010 Clean Air Plan (CAP) provides a comprehensive plan to improve Bay Area air quality and protect public health. The CAP defines a control strategy that the Air District and its partners will implement to: 1) reduce emissions and decrease ambient concentrations of harmful pollutants; 2) safeguard public health by reducing exposure to air pollutants that pose the greatest health risk, with an emphasis on protecting the communities most heavily impacted by air pollution; and 3) reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to protect the climate.



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## CHAPTER 9

### Data Base and Travel Model

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#### Legislative Requirements

California Government Code section 65089 (c) requires that every Congestion Management Agency (CMA), in consultation with the regional transportation planning agency, cities, and the county, develop a uniform data base to support a countywide transportation computer model that can be used to project traffic impacts associated with proposed land developments. Each CMA must approve computer models used for county subareas, including models used by local jurisdictions for their own land use impact analysis purposes. All models must be consistent with the modeling methodology and data bases used by the regional transportation planning agency.

#### Discussion

This chapter describes the San Mateo City/County Association of Governments (C/CAG) Congestion Management Program (CMP) Transportation Model and Database Element. It contains the following sections:

- C/CAG Transportation Model and Database Legislative Requirements
- Overview of the C/CAG CMP Transportation Model

Transportation models are analytical tools that can be used to assess the impacts of land use and development decisions on the transportation system. Transportation models are based on a complex interaction of relationships between variables: for example, the relationship between the price of gasoline and the number of vehicle-miles traveled or transit ridership. They are tools that can be used to project future transportation conditions, and the need for and effectiveness of transportation projects and infrastructure improvements. As long as the basic relationships established in a base year model validation remain well behaved over time, a well-designed and validated transportation model should predict transportation conditions with some degree of confidence.

The CMP transportation database consists of data that in effect document existing and future transportation network conditions and socioeconomic characteristics in a quantitative manner. The databases are a basic input for the C/CAG transportation model (CMP model) and are typically updated based on updates to the regional socioeconomic data sets provided by the

Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and through periodic updates of the transportation networks through development of long-range planning efforts and for specific projects and corridors.

The CMP model serves several purposes:

1. Evaluating the transportation impacts of major capital improvements and land use developments on the countywide CMP System,
2. Establishing transportation system characteristics for use by member agencies in performing transportation impact analyses, developing local transportation models, and preparing deficiency plans.
3. Developing roadway vehicle volume and transit ridership to support planning studies for CCAG and member agencies for corridor and project analysis.

## **CMP TRANSPORTATION MODEL AND DATABASE LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS**

The CMP Statute requires C/CAG to develop a uniform database and model for evaluating transportation impacts. The Statute specifies the following three requirements for the CMP database and model:

1. The CMP must develop a uniform database and model for use throughout the County
2. The CMP must approve local jurisdictions' computer models that are used to determine transportation impacts of land use decisions on the CMP System
3. The CMP database and model must be consistent with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) regional transportation database and model.

Each of these requirements is discussed below.

### **Uniform Database and Model**

The legislative requirement for a uniform countywide model and database is critical to the success of the overall Congestion Management Program. The CMP model is used to assist in the land use impact analysis program, evaluate projects for inclusion in the Capital Improvement Program, evaluate system-level improvements to the CMP System due to deficiency plans and assist with C/CAG and member agencies in project planning and transit service planning.

### **Local Model Consistency**

In addition to the requirement for developing a countywide model, the CMP Statute requires that models developed by member agencies for local transportation analysis be consistent with the CMP model and database. This is a logical requirement that helps assure that all member agencies are using uniform techniques to evaluate the impacts of development projects.

Returning to the concept of transportation models as tools, it is clear that local transportation models will serve a similar purpose. Local models, however, operate on a different scale. While a countywide model may be able to predict future traffic volumes on a roadway, a local model would be capable of predicting the number of vehicles at a much finer detail, for example traffic turning movements at specific intersections. In general, since local transportation models are able to include more background information they provide more detailed “city-specific” information than a countywide model.

### **Regional Transportation Model and Database Consistency**

Consistency with the regional transportation model and database is one of the most important requirements of the CMP Statute. This section describes the regional model and database and consistency requirements.

MTC Regional Transportation Model — The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is responsible for developing the Bay Area’s regional transportation model. MTC has been developing a series of transportation models since the mid-1960s. MTC has recently converted the regional models from trip-based to tour-based models (MTC Travel Model One) and is expected to refine the full transition to activity-based models in the very near future. The C/CAG models, however, are based on the previous version of the MTC transportation planning models known as BAYCAST-90. The BAYCAST-90 travel model demand system was originally developed using 1990 Census data and data from the 1990 regional household travel survey incorporating travel diary data from more than 10,000 households.

ABAG Database — The MTC models use input socioeconomic data prepared by the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG). ABAG projections provide estimates of employment, land use, housing, population, and household income at regional, county and census tract levels. ABAG updates its database forecasts every two to three years. These updates are based on surveys of local land use and development policies as well as revised national, state, and regional forecasting assumptions. The most recent version of ABAG’s officially adopted database for

congestion management application is Projections 2009 (P2009). The P2009 series provide forecasts at five-year intervals from year 2000 to the year 2035. ABAG is currently in the process of updating the regional socioeconomic data through the development of the Sustainable Communities Scenarios as required by California SB 375, and has developed an interim socioeconomic data scenario referred to as the Current Regional Plans scenario. The C/CAG CMP model uses the Current Regional Plans scenario as the basis for the 2035 long-range forecasts for San Mateo County as provided by MTC at the MTC 1454 zone level. The MTC zone level allocations were then sub-allocated to the smaller C/CAG zones based on local development characteristics. As such, the C/CAG socioeconomic data inputs are consistent at both the MTC zone level and the ABAG census tract level.

CMP Model and Database Consistency — The CMP model and database are developed to be consistent with the MTC BAYCAST-90 model and the ABAG Current Regional Plans database. MTC has recently updated the consistency requirements for the 2011 CMP development. The revised MTC Checklist for Modeling Consistency is used to evaluate the 2011 CMP. Summaries of the checklist outputs are provided to MTC in a separate submittal. More details regarding specific consistency issues are described in the following sections.

## **OVERVIEW OF THE C/CAG CMP TRANSPORTATION MODEL**

The current C/CAG model is based on the corridor model developed for the Grand Boulevard Initiative (GBI) Multi-model Corridor Study by the Santa Clara VTA in 2009. The GBI study evaluated the impacts of enhanced transit service (bus rapid transit) and enhanced developed strategies in the El Camino Real corridor to transform an existing auto-oriented commercial transportation corridor into a more transit-oriented mixed-use transportation corridor. The GBI model was essentially the VTA Countywide model with added zone and network detail to improve upon what was network and zone detail based on the MTC regional models for San Mateo County. The basis for the network and zone refinements applied to the VTA Countywide models within San Mateo County were the previous C/CAG Countywide models originally developed in the mid-1990s.

The addition of zone and network detail in San Mateo County required the recalibration of the trip distribution and mode choice models and a validation of the highway and transit assignments to observed road volumes and transit boardings. Using the VTA Countywide model estimated trips tables for the year 2005 (which were calibrated to year 2000 census journey-to-work for home-

based work trips), new trip distribution and mode choice models were estimated for the GBI model.

For the recently updated C/CAG models, the GBI model was applied to produce an updated base year 2005 calibration and validation with selected model enhancements. These enhancements included calibration of the auto ownership models to American Community Survey (ACS) 2005 county-level data, addition of bicycle network infrastructure (bike lanes and paths) in the networks, travel time skims, mode choice and bicycle assignments and development of a toll modeling procedure to estimate express lane vehicle volumes. The model was validated to year 2005 screenline volumes for the AM and PM peak periods and to year 2005 observed transit boardings.

### **Consistency with MTC Model**

As noted previously, the C/CAG model was designed to be consistent with the previous MTC Travel Demand Model forecasting system BAYCAST-90 model. This section provides a general overview of the C/CAG models and also describes several basic modeling characteristics that are shared between the models.

Transportation Analysis Zones (TAZ's) — The current CMP model has a more refined zone system in San Mateo County and Santa Clara County than the MTC regional models. Additional zones were added to more accurately reflect and support the added roadway network and to provide more detail in transit rich corridors and dense central business districts. In all, an additional 156 zones were added in San Mateo County and an additional 1,122 zones were added in Santa Clara County. The new model maintains the use of MTC's zone system in the remaining seven Bay Area counties, but enlarges the full model region and zones to include Santa Cruz, San Benito, Monterey, and San Joaquin Counties.

Highway Network and Transit Network — The roadway network used by the C/CAG model includes additional detail in both San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties. The current CMP model also includes detailed stop, station and route detail in the transit network for San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties, and maintains the MTC roadway and transit networks in the remaining Bay Area counties. The Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) provided the basis for roadway networks in Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz counties and the San Joaquin County COG provided roadways for San Joaquin County, however, the detailed networks was simplified to match the coarser zone structure in each of those four added counties. Express lane facilities, representing the MTC 'Backbone' express lanes system for 2035, were also coded in the network with a toll facility indicator based on the highway corridor segment and the direction of travel. Differential toll facility codes were required in order to apply specific toll rates to optimize utilization

of the express lanes to preserve level-of-service for free carpool users. The C/CAG model also includes a representation of the bicycle network infrastructure in the base year and 2035 forecast year for San Mateo, Santa Clara, San Francisco and southern Alameda Counties, explicitly representing existing and future bike lanes and bike paths in travel time development, mode choice and bicycle assignments.

Capacities and Speed — The current C/CAG model incorporates the area type and assignment group classification system published by MTC in BAYCAST-90. Input free-flow speeds for expressways are slightly lower in the C/CAG models to more accurately match the travel time for the expressway segments during model validation and improve the assignment match of estimated to observed expressway volumes.

Trip Purposes — The current C/CAG model uses the same trip purposes used in the BAYCAST-90 model and also uses additional trip purposes not modeled by MTC. C/CAG model trip purposes include the following:

- Home-based work trips
- Home-based shop and other trips
- Home-based social/recreation trips
- Non-home-based trips
- Home-based school: grade school, high school, and college trips
- Light, medium and heavy duty internal to internal zone truck trips

The C/CAG model uses MTC BAYCAST-90 trip generation equations for trip production and trip attraction functions for all trip purposes listed above. In order to address special markets not included in the MTC trip purposes, the C/CAG model includes several additional trip purposes beyond those modeled by MTC, including:

- Air-passenger trips to San Francisco International Airport (SFO) and San Jose/Mineta International Airport (SJC) and
- Light, medium and heavy-duty external truck trips

Market Segments — The C/CAG model adopts the BAYCAST-90 disaggregate travel demand model four income group market segments for the home-based work trip purpose in trip generation, distribution and mode choice. In addition, the C/CAG model also maintains the three workers per household (0, 1 and 2+ workers) and three auto ownership markets (0, 1 and 2+



autos owned) used in the MTC worker/auto ownership models. Trips by peak and off-peak time period are also stratified in the trip distribution, mode choice and highway and transit assignment models.

External Trips — The C/CAG model uses a different approach for incorporating inter-regional commuting estimates than MTC. For external zones coincident with the MTC model, MTC interregional vehicle volumes were applied for base year 2000 and adjusted to the future by assuming a 1 percent growth rate per year. For external gateways from San Joaquin County and Santa Cruz, Monterey and San Benito Counties, the incorporation of those counties as internal modeled areas obviated the development of external vehicle volumes for those areas of the C/CAG models.

Pricing — The C/CAG model uses MTC pricing assumptions for transit fares, bridge tolls, parking charges, and auto operating costs as assumed in the current MTC Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Sustainable Community Strategies (SCS) update. All prices are expressed in year 1990 dollar values in the models. The C/CAG model also uses regional express lane toll charges for the AM and PM peak periods that are based on optimizing the level-of-service in the carpool lanes. Depending on the level of utilization, these toll charges would vary by direction, time of day and by specific corridor.

Auto Ownership — The current C/CAG model applies BAYCAST-90 for auto ownership models to estimate the number of households with 0, 1, and 2+ autos by four income groups in each traffic analysis zone. Walk to transit accessibility measures were incorporated in the auto ownership models consistent with MTC BAYCAST-90 to more logically associate low auto ownership households with transit services. The auto ownership models were recently calibrated to the 2005-2009 American Community Survey to match workers per household and auto ownership by county.

Mode Choice — The mode choice models for BAYCAST-90 include the use of nested structures for most trip purposes, however, explicit estimation of nested structures to consider transit submodes were not included in the model specification. The C/CAG model adds a nesting structure for transit submodes of local bus, express bus, Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), light rail, heavy rail and commuter rail underneath the MTC BAYCAST-90 nested structures. Consistent with the BAYCAST-90, mode choice coefficients are preserved by constraining the model to the BAYCAST-90 parameters, except those in transit submode structure. The C/CAG model includes a transit submode nest for Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), which is an emerging transit technology in the region. Submode constants for BRT were developed from a market analysis and state

preference survey that compared the relative tradeoffs between bus, light rail and hypothetical BRT service. The resulting BRT constants were between the calibrated submode constants applied to local bus service and light rail service, implying that BRT service is perceived as more attractive than local bus service, but not as attractive as light rail service.

Peak Hour and Peak Periods for Highway Assignments — The C/CAG model uses a three-hour peak period (6 AM to 9 AM) as the basis for determining drive alone, shared-ride, and transit travel times for input to the trip distribution and mode choice models. This was assumed since peak hour travel volumes tend to produce extremely congested conditions for forecast years producing unrealistic volume to capacity ratios and travel times, thus significantly overestimating forecast transit probabilities. The highway assignments produce AM and PM peak hour volumes, AM and PM peak period volumes (5 AM to 9 AM and 3 PM to 7 PM, respectively – each coincident with the time periods of operation for carpools), midday volumes (9 AM to 3 PM) and evening volumes (7 PM to 5 AM). The four time period volumes are then added together to develop daily vehicle volumes.

Vehicle and Transit Assignments — The current C/CAG model incorporates a methodology analogous to the MTC “layered,” equilibrium assignment process, which distinguishes standard mixed-flow lanes from high-occupancy-vehicle (HOV) lanes. The equilibrium assignment process used in the current CMP model is functionally equivalent to the MTC methodology. The C/CAG model includes additional vehicle classes in the highway assignments for park-and-ride vehicles and drive-alone and carpool toll vehicles.

Drive-alone and carpool toll vehicles for AM and PM peak periods are estimated using a toll model post-processor that estimates toll volumes based on a comparison of the non-toll and toll travel times and costs. This procedure assumes that toll choice occurs after the decision to choose auto versus transit has already been considered, and therefore does not influence transit mode choice. A toll choice constant for drive-alone and carpool modes was developed based on a calibration of toll volumes estimated by application of the toll model to the I-680 Express Lane facility and comparison of estimated to observed express lane volumes. It should be noted that by 2035, in order to maintain the operational feasibility of implementing regional express toll lanes, it was assumed that only 3+ occupant carpools would be allowed to travel in the carpool lanes for free. This was assumed for all carpool facilities in the model region.

In the current CMP model, transit passengers are assigned with a methodology analogous to that used by MTC, with separate assignments for each transit submode and access mode.

Assignments are also performed separately for peak and off-peak conditions. A total of eighteen separate transit assignments are run to cover the full combination of transit submode and access modes as well as to estimate transit ridership for air-passengers and external home-based work transit trips from the San Joaquin (ACE, BART and San Joaquin SMART bus) and AMBAG (Caltrain and Monterey Express) model regions.

Model Validation with 2005 Traffic and Transit Volumes — The current C/CAG model is validated to year 2005 traffic volumes for county-level screenlines and specific major transportation facilities. Two time periods are validated for county screenlines: AM peak period (5 AM to 9 AM) and PM peak period (3 PM to 7 PM). Peak hour validation was performed for US 101 and SR 82 (El Camino Real) using traffic counts provided by Caltrans. Daily transit boardings were validated for the year 2005 at the system level for major regional transit operators (Caltrain, BART, MUNI, VTA and AC Transit) and at the route level for SamTrans express and local routes.

### **Compliance and Conformance**

To be in conformance with the Congestion Management Program, member agencies must ensure that their models are consistent with the CMP model. C/CAG encourages the use of the C/CAG model by the local member agencies in order to ensure consistency, however, member agencies are free to develop their own local models but will be required to produce documentation to demonstrate consistency with the C/CAG models.

C/CAG must also ensure that the C/CAG CMP models are consistent with the MTC regional models. To demonstrate compliance and conformance, MTC has developed a checklist of outputs that are to be produced from the C/CAG models and compared to a comparable MTC regional forecast year model run. C/CAG has prepared the checklist outputs from the most recent 2035 model runs and will provide the results in a separate submittal to MTC.

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## CHAPTER 10

### Monitoring and Updating the CMP

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There are several elements of the Congestion Management Program (CMP) that must be monitored. Changes in travel patterns, increases in employment or population, and increases or modifications to the supply of transportation facilities or services could result in changes being made or needing to be made to the following CMP elements:

- Traffic Level of Service Standards
- Trip Reduction and Travel Demand Element
- Land Use Impact Analysis Program
- Deficiency Plans

The processes to be applied to monitor each of these elements are described in this chapter. A jurisdiction may be found in nonconformance with the CMP if these processes are not adhered to.

The Congestion Management Program (CMP) will be updated every two years. Some of the issues to be addressed in future updates are also discussed in this chapter.

#### Discussion

The CMP legislation requires that all elements of the CMP be monitored on at least a biennial<sup>17</sup> basis by the designated Congestion Management Agency. The specific language regarding monitoring states that:<sup>18</sup>

The agency shall monitor the implementation of all elements of the congestion management program. The agency shall determine if the county and cities are conforming to the congestion management program, including, but not limited to, all of the following:

- (1) Consistency with levels of service and performance standards, except as provided in subdivisions (b)<sup>19</sup> and (c).<sup>20</sup>

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<sup>17</sup>According to AB 1963.

<sup>18</sup>California Government Code Section 65089.3 (a).

<sup>19</sup>Subdivision (b) exempts CMP Roadway System segments or intersections for which the CMA (C/CAG) has

- (2) Adoption and implementation of a trip reduction and travel demand ordinance and program.
- (3) Adoption and implementation of a program to analyze the impact of land use decisions, including the costs associated with mitigating these impacts.

The monitoring program will be used by the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG) to determine conformance with the San Mateo County CMP. If a local jurisdiction were not in conformance with the standards and requirements of the CMP, then C/CAG would make a finding of nonconformance. The CMP legislation describes the process for determining nonconformance as follows:<sup>21</sup>

- (a) If, pursuant to the monitoring provided for in Section 65089.3, the agency determines, following a noticed public hearing, that a city or county is not conforming with the requirements of the congestion management program, the agency shall notify the city or county in writing of the specific areas of nonconformance. If, within 90 days of receipt of the written notice of nonconformance, the city or county has not come into conformance with the congestion management program, the governing body of the agency shall make a finding of nonconformance and shall submit the finding to the commission and to the Controller.
- (b) Upon receiving notice from the agency of nonconformance, the Controller shall withhold apportionment of funds required to be apportioned to that nonconforming city or county by Section 2105 of the Streets and Highways Code, until the Controller is notified by the agency that the city or county is in conformance.

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approved a Deficiency Plan from having to comply with the CMP's Traffic LOS Standards. For more information on Deficiency Plans, see Chapter 7.

<sup>20</sup>Subdivision (c) exempts certain types of traffic and situations from the Traffic LOS Standards (e.g., interregional traffic, construction and maintenance projects, freeway ramp metering, traffic signal coordination, traffic generated by low-income housing, traffic generated by high-density residential development, and mixed-use development near rail passenger stations).

<sup>21</sup>California Government Code Section 65089.5, subsections (a) and (b).

As stated above, once a finding of nonconformance is made by C/CAG, the local jurisdiction would not receive its funds from the additional gas tax (enacted by California Proposition 111) or (the Federal) Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (TEA-21) until such time as the jurisdiction is again found to be in conformance. If the city or county does not come into conformance with the CMP's standards or requirements within a 12-month period, its gas tax allocations are forfeited irrevocably.

## **Monitoring the CMP**

### ***Traffic Level of Service Standards Monitoring Process***

The adopted Traffic Level of Service (LOS) Standards are presented in Chapter 3. The monitoring process will identify if there are any locations on the CMP Roadway System (see Chapter 2) that do not meet their LOS standard. Deficiency plans will then need to be prepared for these locations. As noted in Chapter 7, a total of one deficient segment have been identified through the 2011 Monitoring. These deficiencies will be addressed through the Countywide Deficiency Plan.

At this time C/CAG is responsible for all traffic level of service monitoring activities. Traffic counts and LOS calculations will be conducted for the CMP roadway segments and designated intersections at least every two years. C/CAG has adopted to monitor the performance of the CMP segments and intersections during the spring of each odd year.

### ***Trip Reduction and Travel Demand Management Monitoring Process***

This element of the CMP is described in Chapter 5. The primary requirements of the legislation specifying the preparation of CMPs are that the CMP include a program that promotes alternative transportation methods.

## **Land Use Impact Analysis Program Monitoring Process**

The procedures for the Land Use Impact Analysis Program is described in Chapter 6 and Appendix I.

### ***Deficiency Plan Monitoring Process***

The deficiency plan monitoring process is described in Chapter 7. C/CAG must also monitor deficiency plans to establish:

1. Whether they are being implemented according to the schedule described in their specific action plans, and
2. Whether changes have occurred which require modifications of the original deficiency plan or schedule.

### ***Findings of Nonconformance***

During the monitoring process, C/CAG may determine that a local jurisdiction (a city or the County) is not conforming with the requirements of the CMP. C/CAG can reach this conclusion only after holding a noticed public hearing. C/CAG will notify the local jurisdiction(s), in writing, of the areas of nonconformance. The affected local jurisdiction(s) will then have 90 days after receipt of the written notice of nonconformance to gain compliance. If they are not able to do so, C/CAG will make a finding of noncompliance and will submit that finding to the California Transportation Commission and to the State Controller. Upon receipt of the finding, the State Controller will withhold the apportioned Proposition 111 fuel tax subventions and TEA-21 funds to the nonconforming local jurisdiction(s) until the Controller is notified by C/CAG that the jurisdictions are in conformance with the CMP.



## CHAPTER 11

### Vehicle Registration Fee Program

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#### AB 1546 / SB 348 - \$4 VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE

##### Background / Discussion

Assemblymember Simitian introduced AB 1546 on behalf of C/CAG in 2003. This bill was adopted by the Legislature on August 18, 2004, and signed into law by the Governor on September 29, 2004. It took effect on January 1, 2005 as Chapter 2.65 (commencing with Section 65089.11) to Division 1 of Title 7 of the Government Code and Section 9250.5 of the Vehicle Code, relating to local government. The new law provides authorization for the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County to impose an annual fee of up to \$4 on motor vehicles registered within San Mateo County for a program for the management of traffic congestion and stormwater pollution within San Mateo County.

AB 1546 created a pilot program for San Mateo County with strong management controls including public hearings, specific work program/budget, performance measures, independent audit, sunset provision, and a report to the Legislature.

In order to impose the fee, the C/CAG Board must hold a public hearing to adopt a program and budget for the management of traffic congestion and stormwater pollution within San Mateo County, make a finding of fact that those programs bear a relationship or benefit to the motor vehicles that will pay the fee, and adopt performance measures for those programs.

Proceeds from the fee must only be used for programs that bear a relationship or benefit to the motor vehicles that will pay the fee. This includes motor vehicle congestion and stormwater pollution prevention programs that directly address the negative impacts on creeks, streams, bays, and the ocean caused by motor vehicles and the infrastructure supporting motor vehicle travel. The C/CAG Board, by a two-thirds vote, must make a finding of fact that there is such a relationship between the use of the fee and the payers of the fee.

On December 9, 2004 the C/CAG Board unanimously approved the imposition of a four-dollar (\$4.00) fee for motor vehicles registered in San Mateo County, a corresponding program of services, and a budget for the expenditure of the fees. On March 10, 2005 the C/CAG Board unanimously approved Resolution 05-08 that refined the program and budget, clearly justified the need for the fee, and established performance measures for each of the programs to be funded with the fee.

Senate Bill 348 (SB 348), sponsored by Assemblymember Simitian, allowed the C/CAG Board to reauthorize an annual fee of up to \$4 on vehicles registered in San Mateo County for a period of four years until January 1, 2013, unless reauthorized by the Legislature. The bill was adopted by the Legislature and signed by the Governor on September 27, 2008. The C/CAG Board adopted the program on November 12, 2008.

### **Nexus of the Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) Program**

The programs to be funded with the proceeds from the fee must have a relationship or benefit to the motor vehicles that are paying the fee.

As it relates to the congestion management component of the program, motor vehicles are the clear and direct cause of traffic congestion on the roadways. The programs to be implemented with the proceeds from the fee will include improvements to the roadway system that facilitate the flow of traffic and reduce travel times, improve the conditions and maintenance of roadways to have the added benefit of reducing the wear and tear on vehicles, improve the performance and efficiency of roadways through deployment of new technologies, and through improvements to public transit to provide alternatives to driving single occupant vehicles.

The stormwater pollution prevention component of the program is designed to curb one of the primary sources of pollutants in the Ocean, the Bay and other San Mateo County waterways, which are the fluids, emissions, and residue from the wearing of parts on motor vehicles. These materials are deposited on impervious surfaces throughout the County and are washed into the waterways by storms. This has been documented by the California State Water Resources Control Board (Resolution No. 2003-009, Monitoring List 2002), the San Mateo Countywide Clean Water program in a 1999 study, the Santa Clara Valley Nonpoint Source Program (Source Identification and Control Report), and by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The programs to be implemented with the AB 1546 fee will directly impact the negative impacts of these materials produced by motor vehicles on waterways, and also to address the pollution created by the infrastructure supporting motor vehicle travel. Therefore the fee paid by the owners of motor vehicles will be used to mitigate the water pollution created by the vehicles that are assessed the fee.

Under both of these program elements, the motor vehicles and operators are directly responsible for the problems created; and the fee is being assessed to these same entities in order to develop and implement the solutions to these same problems.

### Benefit to the Cities and the County

Through the program proposed for the implementation of the fee, the County and all 20 Cities will each receive a proportional share of 50% of the proceeds from the adoption of this fee (minus administrative costs for C/CAG and the Department of Motor Vehicles). These allocations will be used to directly offset existing costs for the implementation of transportation and stormwater pollution prevention programs at the local level to address the negative impacts of motor vehicles. Only those costs that bear a direct relationship or benefit to the motor vehicles paying the fee are eligible for the use of these fees. The remaining 50% of the fees collected will be for new Countywide programs and services related to motor vehicles. The Countywide program will also be beneficial to the Cities/County.

### Program, Budget, and Performance Measures

The cities and the County receive financial relief for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Program (NPDES) and transportation congestion management programs that they are currently supporting. Many of these programs are unfunded mandates. The Vehicle License Fee program has been defined such that the cities and the County will be able to qualify for its full allocation of funds under both the NPDES and transportation congestion management categories.

### Programs and Performance Measures

The following table identifies the project types associated with traffic congestion management and stormwater pollution prevention programs including performance measures as applicable to the Local Cities and County and Countywide programs.

Traffic Congestion Management		
Local Cities and County	<i>Projects</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>
	Local shuttles/transportation	Number of passengers transported.
	Road resurfacing/reconstruction	Miles/fraction of miles of roads improved.
	Deployment of Local Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)	Number of ITS components installed/implemented.
	Roadway operations such as: Restriping, Signal timing, coordination, Signage	Miles/fraction of miles of roads improved.
	Replacement and/or upgrading of traffic signal hardware and/or software	Number of units replaced and/or upgraded.
Countywide	Maintenance and operation of up to four hydrogen and/or other clean fuel shuttle vehicles and related fueling infrastructure	Number of passengers transported and number of passenger miles.

	Deployment of Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) projects having regional / Countywide significance	Number of ITS components installed / implemented.
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Stormwater Pollution Prevention		
Local Cities and County	<i>Projects</i>	<i>Performance Measure</i>
	Street sweeping	Miles of streets swept an average of once a month.
	Roadway storm inlet cleaning	Number of storm inlets cleaned per year.
	Street side runoff treatment	Square feet of surfaces managed annually.
	Auto repair shop inspections	Number of auto repair shops inspected per year.
	Managing runoff from Street/Parking lot impervious surfaces	Square feet of surfaces managed annually.
	Small capital projects such as vehicle wash racks for public agencies that include pollution runoff controls	Number of projects implemented.
	Capital purchases for motor vehicle related runoff management and controls	Number of pieces of equipment purchased and installed.
	Additional used oil drop off locations	Number of locations implemented and operated, and quantity of oil collected.
	Motor vehicle fluid recycling programs	Number of programs implemented and operated, and quantity of fluids collected.
	Installation of new pervious surface medium strips in roadways	Square footage of new pervious surface medium strips installed.
Countywide	Pilot water studies	Number of studies completed
	Public outreach to auto repair shops	Number of shops contacted and provided information to.
	Training and implementation of car wash Best Management Practices (BMPs)	Number of individuals trained
	NPDES consulting assistance on motor vehicle related issues	Person hours of consulting assistance.
	Brake pad partnership	Number of studies participated in.
	Partial funding for hydromodification plan	Percent implementation of the Plan
	Monitoring of motor vehicle related BMPs	Number of locations where BMPs were monitored annually
	Addressing stormwater pollution on the freeways and other State highways through installation of filtration systems	Number of filtration systems installed

	Countywide oil and other motor vehicle fluid recycling programs	Number of programs implemented and operated
	Countywide training on the prevention and control of water pollution attributable to motor vehicles	Number of individuals trained

### Program Fund Distribution

The established program allocates the net proceeds equally towards the traffic congestion management and stormwater pollution prevention categories. The program distributes the funding within these categories for projects that focuses on the local jurisdictions including the 20 cities and the County as well as projects with countywide significance. The program allocations are summarized as follows:

- 25% are committed to the cities and County for local traffic congestion management programs.
- 25% are programmed by C/CAG for Countywide traffic congestion management programs including the implementation of a demonstration alternate fuel program and the deployment of Intelligent Transportation Systems
- 25% are committed to the cities and County for local programs that address the negative impact on creeks, streams, bays, and the ocean caused by motor vehicles and the infrastructure supporting motor vehicle travel.
- 25% are programmed by C/CAG for Countywide programs that address the negative impact on creeks, streams, bays, and the ocean caused by motor vehicles and the infrastructure supporting motor vehicle travel.

## Local Cities and County – Allocations

Jurisdictions are reimbursed for work performed and are required to expend fifty percent (50%) of the funds for traffic congestion management and 50% towards stormwater pollution prevention projects. Funds are allocated to local cities and the County bi-annually based on population estimates as a percentage of the total population within the County. The following table summarizes the fund allocations and expenditures for the period from July 1, 2005 to June 3, 2009. Jurisdictions are required to provide invoices along with performance measures to C/CAG before funds are distributed.

### LOCAL ALLOCATION TOTALS (July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2011)

Jurisdiction	% Share	Total Allocation	Total Expended
ATHERTON	1.0%	\$ 69,241	\$ 63,142
BELMONT	3.5%	\$ 242,398	\$ 242,398
BRISBANE	0.5%	\$ 34,795	\$ 31,571
BURLINGAME	3.9%	\$ 269,944	\$ 246,253
COLMA	0.2%	\$ 13,950	\$ 12,628
DALY CITY	14.4%	\$ 1,003,066	\$ 915,556
EAST PALO ALTO	4.4%	\$ 311,206	\$ 108,031
FOSTER CITY	4.1%	\$ 283,684	\$ 280,886
HALF MOON BAY	1.8%	\$ 124,451	\$ 113,655
HILLSBOROUGH	1.5%	\$ 104,028	\$ 104,028
MENLO PARK	4.3%	\$ 291,182	\$ 291,182
MILLBRAE	2.9%	\$ 200,849	\$ 200,849
PACIFICA	5.4%	\$ 373,610	\$ 373,690
PORTOLA VALLEY	0.6%	\$ 41,700	\$ 37,523
REDWOOD CITY	10.4%	\$ 726,426	\$ 662,989
SAN BRUNO	5.9%	\$ 401,986	\$ 366,222
SAN CARLOS	3.9%	\$ 269,793	\$ 246,253
SAN MATEO	12.9%	\$ 899,595	\$ 820,843
SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO	8.7%	\$ 589,891	\$ 589,891
WOODSIDE	0.8%	\$ 55,146	\$ 50,513
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO	8.9%	\$ 616,258	\$ 616,258
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$ 6,923,201	\$ 6,374,363

## **REGIONAL PROGRAMS**

### **Traffic Congestion Management**

- Intelligent Transportation System - Distributed \$1,244,000 to eleven jurisdictions for projects to upgrade signal controller (62 locations) and video detection systems (20 locations).
- Alternative Fuel Program – Deployment of the hydrogen shuttle service program (service commenced on December 3, 2007). The Shuttle operates on a full morning (A.M.) schedule of four (4) round trips per day carrying an average of over 7 passengers per trip.

### **Stormwater Pollution Prevention**

- Developed of a Sustainable, Green Streets and Parking Lots Technical Design Guidebook, which provide strategies for incorporating innovative stormwater treatment measures in streets and parking lot projects.
- Green Streets and Parking Lots Construction Project – Programmed \$1,928,000 for six small-scaled demonstration projects to construct green streets related and related to roadside stormwater pollution prevention improvements.

## **Measure M - \$10 VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE**

### **Background / Discussion**

Senate Bill 83 (SB 83), authored by Senator Hancock and signed into law, authorizes C/CAG, as the countywide transportation planning agency, to impose an annual fee of up to ten dollars (\$10) on motor vehicles registered in San Mateo County, through a majority vote ballot measure, for transportation-related congestion mitigation and pollution mitigation programs and projects.

C/CAG placed Measure M on the November 2, 2010, ballot to impose an annual fee of ten dollars (\$10) on motor vehicles registered in San Mateo County for transportation-related congestion mitigation and water pollution mitigation programs. Measure M, which was approved by the voters of San Mateo County, enables C/CAG to generate an estimated \$6.7 million annually (\$167 million over the next 25 years) to help fund various transportation programs for the 20 cities and the County. Collection of the \$10 fees began May 2011.

Under the Expenditure Plan, 50% of the net proceeds will be allocated to cities and the County for local streets and roads and 50% will be used for Countywide Transportation Programs such as transit operations, regional traffic congestion management, water pollution prevention, and safe routes to school programs. An Implementation Plan was developed to provide detailed program information. The Plan defines the percentages breakdown and estimated revenue for the respective categories and programs as follows:

Category / Programs	Allocation	Annual	5-Year
		Revenue (Million)	Revenue (Million)
▪ Program Administration	Up to 5%	\$0.34	\$1.70
▪ Local Streets and Roads	50% of net revenue	\$3.18	\$15.90
▪ Transit Operations and/or Senior Transportation*	22%	\$1.40	\$7.00
▪ Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) and Smart Corridors*	10%	\$0.64	\$3.18
▪ Safe Routes to Schools (SR2S)*	6%	\$0.38	\$1.90
▪ National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and Municipal Regional Permit (MRP)*	12%	\$0.76	\$3.82
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$6.70</b>	<b>\$33.50</b>

*\* Countywide Transportation Programs (50% of net revenue)*

The allocations for the Countywide Transportation Programs are derived based on anticipated needs and estimated implementation cost to fund each respective programs and projects, annually and over the 5-Year implementation period. It is the intent that each Countywide Transportation programs and projects will be evaluated at the end of each year to determine whether the initial funding level (allocations) was adequate or whether it requires adjustments based on the actual expenditures incurred during the previous year. The complete Measure M Implementation Plan is included in Appendix M.



## CHAPTER 12

### Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) Policy

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The intent of the Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) policy is to provide uniform procedures to analyze traffic impacts on the Congestion Management Program (CMP) network from projects and cumulative traffic impacts on the CMP network from General Plans and Specific Area Plans, and to set thresholds for mitigations. The Policy provides clear direction to local jurisdictions on how to analyze CMP impacts resulting from roadway changes or land use decisions, determine feasible and appropriate mitigations. The purpose of this policy is to preserve acceptable performance on the CMP roadway network, and to establish community standards for consistent system-wide transportation review.

Adopted by the C/CAG Board in August 2006, the TIA Policy helps agencies determine traffic impacts on the CMP roadway network. The policy applies to the following types of projects:

- Roadway changes
- General Plan Updates/Amendments and Specific Area Plans
- Land Use development projects

The TIA Policy is intended to work together with the Land Use Impact Analysis Program (described in Chapter 6). The TIA Policy can be found in Appendix L.

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