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MEMORANDUM

To: CMAQ Project Selection Committee

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From: Joy Schaad, Sr. Transportation Planning Engineer

Re: Transit Quarterly Updates

In an effort to gain a better understanding of the actual accomplishments of CMAQ transit projects that have been obligated (i.e. approved in FTA grants), the Committee instituted a new policy in the fall of 2010 requiring transit sponsors to submit updates of expenditures quarterly. After a discussion of what information would be most useful to the Committee and easily obtainable for the transit agencies, an on-line form was developed and a reminder sent out for the 3rd quarter (ending September 30, 2010). CMAP requested updates on 128 projects/phases that were not yet closed in CMAQ records.

Below is a summary. For simplification, we have provided the status summary by TIP project IDs ignoring separate approvals for different phases or individual projects appear in separate FTA grants.

Agency	Number of Projects (by TIP ID)	Number Complete	Active Projects
Pace	7	3	4
Metra	19	18	1
CTA	27	12	15
CDOT	19	5	14
RTA	4	0	4
Total	76	38	38

Some projects contain multiple years of independent funding, such as #17-94-0002, Pace's Vanpool program, that was funded several times from 1992 to 2008 and has projects in 14 different FTA grants

The first update proved challenging both for the sponsors and for CMAP. It was later decided that the online form was making both submission and analysis more difficult; information was not received for many projects. It was agreed that CMAP would revise the request and the method of collection, and clean up the data before requesting the next update. Most of that work has been completed and a request for 1st quarter 2011 will be issued shortly.