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Direct Emissions Reduction Focus Group for CMAQ

Final Minutes

Thursday, July 12, 2012

Cook County Conference Room
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Chicago, Illinois

Committee Members Present	Frank Acevedo (US EPA) Samantha Bingham (CDOT) John Donovan (FHWA) Jonathan Doster (Citizen Action/IL) Doug Ferguson (CMAP) Anthony Maietta (US EPA) Mark Minor (RTA) Ross Patronsky (CMAP) Carolyn Persoon (US EPA) Mike Rogers (IEPA) Brian Urbaszewski (RHAMC)
Committee Members Absent	Lenny Cannata (West Central Municipal Conference) Bruce Carmitchel (IDOT) Caitlyn Costello (Metra) Melinda Metzger (Pace) David Nelson (Canadian Pacific Railroad) Keith Privett (CDOT) Eve Pytel (Metropolitan Mayors' Caucus) Tom Radak (Pace) Herbert Smith (Norfolk Southern Railroad) Tom Weaver (Metra)
Others Present	

1.0 Call to order and introductions

Mr. Patronsky called the meeting to order at noon.

2.0 Approval of minutes – May 24, 2012

Mr. Urbaszewski noted that in last paragraph of item 4.1, the emission reduction is 99%. With that change, the minutes were approved.

3.0 Guidance to include in FFY 2017-2018 call for proposals

The group reviewed the draft guidance for FFY 2017-2018 CMAQ applications. Numerous improvements to the draft guidance were provided.

The group also discussed fleet financing projects, as a follow-up to the presentation by Mr. Cohen of Meadowbrook, Inc. at the May 24, 2012 meeting. Group members noted that other financing projects were still struggling, and that tracking use of the funds was difficult. It was also noted that evaluating emissions benefits is difficult, since the actual replacements to be made are not known at the time of funding.

4.0 Application materials

Mr. Patronsky advised the group that application materials were typically modified in the fall, for approval at a CMAQ Project Selection Committee meeting held in late October or early November. At that time, the recommendations of the group will be incorporated into the forms and instructions.

5.0 Other Business

There was no other business.

6.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, August 23, 2012 at noon. (Note: subsequently, the meeting was moved to Tuesday, August 28, 2012 at noon.)

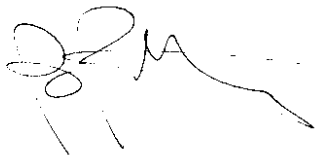
7.0 Public Comment

There were no public comments

8.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ross Patronsky
Committee Liaison
August 21, 2012