



September 2, 2011

ATTN: CMAQ Program Public Comment
Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)
233 South Wacker Drive
Suite 800
Chicago, IL 60606

RE: FY 2012-2016 CMAQ Application
II09123773
L W Besinger Drive from Maple Av to IL 25/JFK Memorial Drive
Carpentersville

ATTN: CMAQ Program Public Comment:

The Village has reviewed the CMAQ FY 2012-2016 Proposed Program released for public comment along with the various other project ratings. After a review of this information, we are submitting this request for a re-evaluation of this project for CMAQ funding.

During the preparation of the grant application, it was apparent to the Village that this project included both Intersection Improvement benefits and Bicycle Improvement benefits. The Village made the choice to submit this as an Intersection Improvement project; however after reviewing the initial ratings we feel may have potentially led to the underevaluation of the bicycle improvement benefits. The reasons for our request for reevaluation of the project ranking and benefits include:

- This project fulfills three of the four primary GOTO 2040 goals, but since it was listed as an Intersection Improvement Project it appears the mode shift multi-use path benefits may have been underevaluated. As a result, this project is not shown as one of the projects fulfilling GOTO 2040 goals, which is an essential step in obtaining CMAQ funding from this current application cycle
- This project had a \$11,422 per kg VOC eliminated rating, which is more cost effective than numerous other similar projects which are recommended for funding
- This project had a 0.04 Daily VOC kg eliminated rating, which again is a greater benefit than numerous other similar projects which are recommended for funding
- The FY 2012-2016 rankings state "No benefit for daily trips eliminated" for this project. We feel that this may have been ranked incorrectly. The proposed multi-use path provides a direct pedestrian / bike path connection from a heavily residential neighborhood east of RT 25 directly to municipal facilities including the Police Department and Village Hall which provide essential Village services. Virtually all of these residential neighborhoods are rated as low to moderate income neighborhoods per U.S Census information. This project would provide a safe crossing of a four lane state highway (RT 25) where no crossing which is compliant with current requirements currently exists, and these improvements would serve to reduce daily vehicle trips by providing an alternate option to walk or bike to these facilities.

Your consideration of our request for reevaluation of this project is appreciated.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact me at 847-426 3439 extension 224.

Sincerely,

VILLAGE OF CARPENTERSVILLE

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