



Direct Emissions Reduction Focus Group for CMAQ

Draft Minutes

Tuesday, August 28, 2012

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

**Committee
Members
Present**

Frank Acevedo (US EPA)
John Donovan (FHWA)
Jonathan Doster (Citizen Action/IL)
Doug Ferguson (CMAP)
Anthony Maietta (US EPA)
Edith Makra (Metropolitan Mayor's Caucus)
Mark Minor (RTA)
Ross Patronsky (CMAP)
Mike Rogers (IEPA)
Brian Urbaszewski (RHAMC)

**Committee
Members
Absent**

Samantha Bingham (CDOT)
Lenny Cannata (West Central Municipal Conference)
Bruce Carmitchel (IDOT)
Caitlyn Costello (Metra)
Melinda Metzger (Pace)
David Nelson (Canadian Pacific Railroad)
Carolyn Persoon (US EPA)
Keith Privett (CDOT)
Eve Pytel (Delta Institute)
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 – July 12, 2012**
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The group reviewed the draft guidance for FFY 2017-2018 CMAQ applications with the improvements to the draft guidance from the July 12th meeting. These changes were improved still further.

4.0 Application materials

Mr. Patronsky reiterated 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. He said CMAP staff would begin work on these soon.

5.0 Other Business

Mr. Patronsky pointed out that the guidance discussion paper states that there is a preference for larger private railroad projects at fewer locations. The expectation is that there will be a discussion with railroad representatives about the feasibility of this. He asked whether there are existing forums for such a discussion, recalling that U.S. EPA had been meeting with the railroads at one time. Mr. Acevedo said that U.S. EPA was still meeting with the railroads, and that it would be feasible to discuss CMAQ funding with them at an upcoming meeting. The next such meeting may be in December.

6.0 Next Meeting

Mr. Patronsky suggested that, since the guidance discussion paper seemed close to completion, he will distribute the updated paper for final review. If the revisions are acceptable, then a meeting will not be held before the start of the CMAQ call for proposals. If agreement is not reached, the CMAQ Project Selection Committee will meet on October 30th; a meeting on that date can be considered.

This suggestion was agreeable to the focus group members.

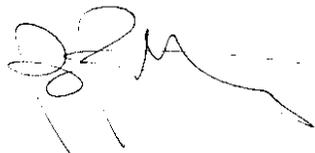
7.0 Public Comment

There were no public comments

8.0 Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,



Ross Patronsky
Committee Liaison
September 12, 2012