



MINUTES

CMAQ Project Selection Committee

December 6, 2012 2:00 p.m.

CMAQ Offices

Committee Members Present:	Ross Patronsky, Chair (CMAQ), Chris Snyder (counties), Bruce Carmitchel (IDOT), Mayor Keller (Council of Mayors), Mark Pitstick (RTA), Luann Hamilton (CDOT), Mike Rogers (IEPA)
Staff Present:	Alex Beata, Patricia Berry, Randy Deshazo, Kama Dobbs, Doug Ferguson, Don Kopec, Joy Schaad
Others Present:	Jennifer Becker, Samantha Bingham, Caitlyn Costello, Chalen Daigle (via phone), John Donovan, Jonathon Doster, Laura Fedak, Terry Heffron, Emily Karry, Tam Kutzmark, Eric Morimoto (via phone), Keith Privett, Tom Rickert, Victor Ramirez, Chris Staron, Mike Sullivan, Susan Stitt, David Tomzik, Paula Trigg, Brian Urbaszewski, Robert Vance, Thomas Vander Woude (via phone), Mike Walczak, Thomas Weaver, Tammy Wierciak (via phone), John Yonan

1.0 Call to Order

Committee Chairman Ross Patronsky called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Chairman Ross Patronsky pointed out that there was good press coverage of the City of Chicago's CMAQ funded program to encourage conversion of trucks in private and public fleets from diesel to electric. He encouraged committee and audience members to be sure to include the CMAQ funding in their press releases on projects in their community.

3.0 Approval of Minutes—October 30, 2012

On a motion by Mr. Carmitchel and a second by Mr. Snyder, the minutes of the October 30, 2012 meeting were approved as presented.

4.0 Program Monitoring

4.1 October Project Status Updates

Mr. Ferguson reported on the October semi-annual project status update. It covers all line items that were programmed in 2012 and in 2013 except for those phases known to be accomplished beforehand. He said that responses were received for all 281 requested line items. The breakdown of those requests is provided in the memo. The two most prevalent reasons for project phase delay were "coordination with other agencies" and that "the prior phase of the project had been delayed". The high rate of "complications due to prior phase delays" supports the spring 2012 decision to no longer allow phase 1 engineering as eligible for CMAQ funding. He stated that an estimated \$106 million in project funding is on track to be obligated in federal fiscal year 2013. However, programming experience would lead us to believe that only about 50% of those projects will actually move to obligation, which will leave us well below the \$123 million obligation goal for 2013. Staff and the Committee need to be diligent about monitoring obligations and progress of projects.

4.2 Programming Project Status Sheets

Mr. Ferguson stated that three reports were included in the agenda posting: the CMAQ Program Line Item Report which provides status of all active projects highlighting the line item changes since the last meeting, the Deferred Projects Report, and the CMAQ Programming Summary and Obligation Goals sheet which looks forward to FFY 2013 through 2016. He stated that a comparison of the estimated apportionments to the current program shows approximately \$190 million is unprogrammed for the four years. This large unprogrammed balance is due to the fact that most of the transit projects programmed between FFY 2013 and 2016 were moved forward and obligated in FFY 2012 and the region under estimated the available funds by \$10 million a year when developing the FY2012-2016 programming marks.

4.3 Quarterly Transit Expenditure Updates

Mr. Ferguson stated that the analysis of 3rd Quarter 2012 transit expenditures was provided in the agenda posting. He pointed out that while the report states that two projects are still categorized as "stalled or unclear" in the memo, one of them; CTA's Purple Line Weekend Express Service (TIP ID 16-10-0005) is on the agenda for removal of the unexpended funds and a transfer to the CTA's Suburban Station Bike Parking Improvements (TIP ID 13-10-0001) project. He noted that this was excellent progress from the last report, and only the CDOT Carroll Ave Busway remains as stalled or unclear. Mr. Privett reported that CDOT is currently preparing a scope of work to procure professional services which will include the study of Bus Rapid Transit in the corridor.

5.0 Project Changes

5.1 CDOT – Union Station Transportation Center (TIP ID 01-09-00004)

The sponsor requested a cost increase of \$2,000,000 total (\$1,600,000 federal) to \$14,085,000 total (\$7,144,000 federal) for right of way acquisition (ROW). On a motion by Mr. Pitstick and a second by Mr. Rogers, the request was approved.

5.2 CDOT – Chicago Area Alternative Fuel Deployment Project, Phase 2 (TIP ID 01-12-0004)

The sponsor requested to narrow the scope of the project to the following programs: Green Taxi, Electric Truck, and Public/Shared infrastructure. There is no cost increase. The emissions benefits of the new scope were evaluated and the total cost per kilogram of VOC eliminated dropped from \$10,212 to \$2,271. On a motion by Mr. Carmitchel and a second by Mr. Snyder, the scope change was approved.

5.3 Crystal Lake – Crystal Lake Bikeway Corridor Improvements (TIP ID 11-12-0004)

The sponsor requested a scope change to include updated signage, extending the north-south corridor, modifying the east-west corridor, along with various design modifications and a cost increase in the amount of \$65,925 total (\$52,740 federal) for construction. On a motion by Mayor Keller and a second by Mr. Privett, the request was approved.

5.4 CTA – Purple Line Weekend Express Service (TIP ID 16-10-0005) and CTA – Suburban Station Bike Parking Improvements (TIP ID 13-10-0001)

The sponsor withdrew the Purple Line project and requested the transfer of \$452,135 total (\$361,708 federal) to the Bike Parking project with a scope change to include non-suburban CTA stations. On a motion by Mr. Pitstick and a second by Mr. Keller, the request was approved.

5.5 CTA – Bus Cold Start Devices (TIP ID 16-06-0001) and High Barrier Gates Installation (TIP ID 16-08-0001)

The sponsor requested the transfer of the remaining balance of \$163,753 total (\$131,002 federal) from the Cold Starts project to the High Barrier Gates project. On a motion by Ms. Hamilton and a second by Mr. Pitstick, the request was approved.

5.6 Batavia – Pedestrian Crossings Various (8) Locations along IL 31 and IL 25 (TIP ID 09-12-0005)

The sponsor requested to withdraw \$42,000 total funding (\$34,000 federal) from phase I engineering, as they are now using local funds to do phase I engineering. They will use the funds to increase funding for the remaining phases. On a motion by Mr. Carmitchel and a second by Mr. Snyder, the request was approved.

5.7 CTA – Diesel Particulate Filter Retrofit for CTA Buses 404.024 (TIP ID 01-10-0004)

The sponsor is requesting a scope change to increase the number of DPFs installed on buses by 200. Staff undertook this as an administrative change.

6.0 FY 2014-2018 Program Development

6.1 Call for Projects

Mr. Ferguson announced that the call for projects will open on December 10, 2012. The application materials and the announcement will post to the web on that date. He said that there will be two informational workshops for applicants from 10 a.m. to noon on Monday, December 17, 2012 at the Orland Park Civic Center hosted by

Southwest Conference of Mayors and on Tuesday, December 18, 2012 at Oakton Community College hosted by the Northwest Municipal Conference. Applications are due February 8, and locally sponsored projects need to get their applications to their PL for review by January 22nd. Mr. Snyder asked if there was a programming mark as yet, and Mr. Ferguson said that it will be established in June and will be based on the unprogrammed balance and the estimated apportionment levels.

6.2 Focus Groups

None of the Focus Groups had met since the last CMAQ meeting, but the Transit Group is scheduled for December 12th, Bike/Ped for the 19th and the RTOC will meet the 20th of December.

7.0 MAP-21

Mr. Donovan provided a brief update on MAP-21 but explained that their office is awaiting additional guidance so more information will be forthcoming. CMAP and FHWA are discussing with IDOT the requirement that 25% of the CMAQ funds be spent on particulate matter reduction projects. He said there is difficulty getting some of the diesel retrofit projects through the Buy America provisions. He explained that while the regulations provide for a waiver of the Buy America requirements when the relevant domestic steel and iron products are not produced in the United States, there is no appetite for waivers.

8.0 Other Business

There was no other business

9.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment

10.0 Next Meeting

The committee's next meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2013.

11.0 Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Rogers and a second by Ms. Hamilton the meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.