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CMAQ Project Selection Committee Meeting October 31, 2008 Meeting Agreements

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Ross Patronsky called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Add item 5.3 Strategies to the agenda. Announced that the USDOT-FHWA's [Final Guidance on the CMAQ Program](#) was released on October 20, 2008 and will be posted on the CMAQ page of the CMAP website. A beta version of the TIP Interactive Map was announced and a promotional post card distributed.

3.0 FY 2009 CMAQ Program

3.1 Status of FY 2009 CMAP Program

The proposed FY 2009 CMAP program was approved by the MPO Policy Committee on October 9, 2008 and all projects included in the program were determined to be eligible by FHWA and FTA. Sponsor notification letters should go out on November 7, 2008 notifying the sponsors to proceed with their project's implementation.

4.0 Project Changes

4.1 Forest Preserve District of Cook County – North Branch Bicycle Trail Extension (TIP ID 01-08-0001)

The Committee approved the project scope change extending the North/West limit from Central/Indian to Devon/Caldwell.

4.2 Skokie – Oakton New Station on Yellow Line (TIP ID 02-02-9001)

The Committee approved the cost increase in the amount of \$4,911,514 federal for total CMAQ funding of \$14,555,514 federal (\$18,194,392 total) pending the confirmation of available funds from projects moved from FY 2009 to FY 2010. The Committee requested that the Village of Skokie provide monthly updates on the project to CMAP staff.

4.3 IDOT – IL 83/147th St from Homan Ave to I-57/Dan Ryan Expy (TIP ID 07-08-0003)

The Committee approved the scope change and cost increase changing the south/east limit from 147th/I-57 to 147th/Western, and increasing the CMAQ funding in the amount of \$312,000 federal for total project funding of \$1,600,000 federal (\$2,000,000 total).

4.4 Rolling Meadows – Plum Grove Rd from Bryant Ave to Kirchoff Rd (TIP ID 03-06-0034)

The Committee tabled consideration of the cost increase for the subject project until phase II engineering is underway and final costs are more accurately known.

5.0 Project Monitoring

5.1 Status reports – FY 2007 and FY 2008 projects

Staff presented a status memo on the delayed projects with FY 2007 and 2008 funding.

5.2 Policy on withdrawal of CMAQ funding from projects that are not progressing

The MPO Policy Committee was asked at October 9, 2008 meeting if the withdrawal of CMAQ funds could be processed by the Transportation Committee. Policy Committee members felt they should not be left out of the process with regard to withdrawals. Staff suggested to the PSC Committee that the Policy Committee could be notified prior to any Transportation Committee action on the withdrawal funds. Committee members felt comfortable with the suggestion and requested that staff draft a formal policy for their consideration.

5.3 Strategies

Staff presented the Committee with a draft document containing strategies that could be implemented by the Committee to reduce the CMAQ unobligated balance in northeastern Illinois. Staff requested that Committee members provide feedback on the strategies prior to the next meeting with the intent on refining the strategies that the Committee would implement.

6.0 FY 2010 Program

6.1 Recommendations for FY 2010 programming cycle

Staff presented recommended changes for the FY 2010 programming cycle. Committee members provided several comments and requested that they be incorporated into the changes prior to Committee approval.

6.2 FY 2010 schedule

Staff presented a draft schedule for the FY 2010 programming cycle and asked for the start and end of the Call for Projects to be pushed back a week due to Thanksgiving holiday weekend occurring later this year. The committee approved the schedule with the amended Call for Project dates.

6.3 Public/Private partnerships

This agenda item was postponed until the next meeting.

7.0 Evaluation of CMAQ Benefits

Vonu Thakuriah from UIC-Transportation Center gave the Committee a brief update on the status of the UWP funded project to evaluate post implementation benefits of selected CMAQ funded projects.

8.0 Public Comment

Chris Staron from the Northwest Municipal Conference announced to the Committee that a letter was being drafted to the Committee by the northeastern Illinois' Council of Governments and Council of Mayors on the need for action to be taken with regards to the CMAQ unobligated balance.

Brian Urbaszewski from the Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago thanked the Committee for the funding of the diesel emission reduction projects that are directly helping to reduce particulate matter emissions but disagreed with the Committee's action to reduce the Federal participation for switcher engine retrofit projects for private railroad companies.

9.0 Other Business

There were no public comments.

10.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. immediately following the Transportation Committee meeting.

11.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

The above summary is based on staff meeting notes. Please send comments on or corrections to the information contained in this summary to Ross Patronskey at (312) 386-8796, rpatronskey@cmap.illinois.gov, within one week of the submission date noted below.