

CMAQ Project Selection Committee

September 6, 2007

Meeting Agreements

- 1) The Committee approved the FY 2008 CMAQ Programming mark of \$55 million representing the \$59 million discussed at the July 17, 2007 meeting less \$4 million to account for the July rescission.
- 2) Staff presented the public comments received on the proposed FY 2008 CMAQ program. There was a discussion on the comment from Debra Fagan, DuPage County, on the I-355 Trail project. The Committee recommended that the bike/ped task force consider developing a strategic plan for funding bike trails. They suggested looking at alternative approaches, filling in gaps in the systems, and what type of special consideration could be given to this type of project.
- 3) The Committee approved moving the McHenry County Division of Transportation-McHenry County Prairie Trail (BP11082935) funding for construction from FY 2008 to FY 2009 and the McHenry County Division of Transportation-Virginia Rd at IL 31 (CP11082900) commuter lot funding for engineering phase II from FY 2008 to FY 2009 and construction from FY 2009 to FY 2010 in the proposed FY 2008 CMAP program. The Committee approved including Wauconda – Garland Rd from Gossell Rd to Old Rand Rd (BP10082933) bike path in the amount \$245,000 federal for construction to the proposed FY 2008 CMAQ program.
- 4) The committee recommended the amended proposed FY 2008 CMAQ program to the Transportation Committee.
- 5) The Committee approved the cost change for Kane County DOT-Fabyan Pwy and Western Ave signal interconnect (TIP ID 09-05-0004), increasing the programmed amount by \$365,838 federal from \$605,000 federal to \$970,838 federal.
- 6) The Committee approved the cost change and scope change for Addison-Mill Rd Bridge Sidewalk Project (TIP ID 08-06-0052), increasing the programmed amount by \$185,160 federal from \$205,500 federal to \$390,360 federal.
- 7) The Committee approved the scope change for Justice – IL 171/Archer Ave Sidewalk from Cork Dr to 71st St (TIP ID 06-02-0002), removing the portion of the sidewalk that runs in front of District Auto, subject to the Village ensuring that the sidewalk in front of District Auto is unobstructed.
- 8) The Committee approved the cost change for Lake County DOT – Washington St from Teske Blvd to Sheridan Rd (TIP 10-05-0006), increasing the programmed amount by \$665,178 federal from \$3,106,128 federal to \$3,771,299 federal.
- 9) Staff discussed the active project monitoring initiative and its future. The committee recommended a September follow up on the projects programmed in

2007. They recommended that IDOT, CDOT and the Counties provide schedules for all of their CMAQ projects using a simple milestone list. Multi-year programming must be applied to projects already in the pipeline if the region is to spend down its balances.

- 10) The Committee asked for information on appropriations numbers and obligating authority.
- 11) Mr. DiPalma discussed some recent meetings with project implementers regarding CMAQ-funded public outreach campaigns. During those meetings, the opportunity for creating a synergy between multiple simultaneous campaigns with similar messages, namely cleaner air in the region, arose repeatedly. It was suggested by some project implementers, whose agencies are also represented on the project selection committee, that the CMAQ project selection committee take a greater role in coordinating public outreach campaigns that are funded by CMAQ funds. Mr. DiPalma suggested the CMAQ project selection committee consider reviewing public outreach clean air initiatives that it funds to eliminate duplicative efforts and to potentially create a single, more powerful message to the general public on transportation options that reduce vehicle emissions. He particularly noted the possible overlap between the IEPA – Clean Air Public Information and Education Campaign and the RTA - Transit Use Campaign (“Drive Less Live More”) within recent CMAQ programs, but indicated that future proposals are likely from other implementing agencies.
- 12) Mr. Pitstick asked staff to work with committee members and others to review the criteria that is used for ranking CMAQ proposals. VOC may not be as urgent as in the past. Suggestions for investigation included criteria specific to PM, congestion mitigation measures, travel delay reduction and/or other criteria.
- 13) Mr. Nunes stated that USEPA held a public hearing on September 5, 2007 with respect to the ozone standard. Changing the ozone standard could increase the number of areas eligible for CMAQ funding and could ultimately decrease the amount distributed to the region.
- 14) The next CMAQ Project Selection Committee meeting will be left on call.

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

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