



Chicago Metropolitan
Agency for Planning

Introduction to the CMAQ Program

Environment and Natural Resources Committee
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CMAQ Background

- Created by ISTEA in 1991, reauthorized by TEA-21 and SAFETEA-LU
- Funds transportation projects and programs to help achieve and maintain air quality standards (NAAQS)
- Jointly administered by FHWA and FTA in consultation with EPA

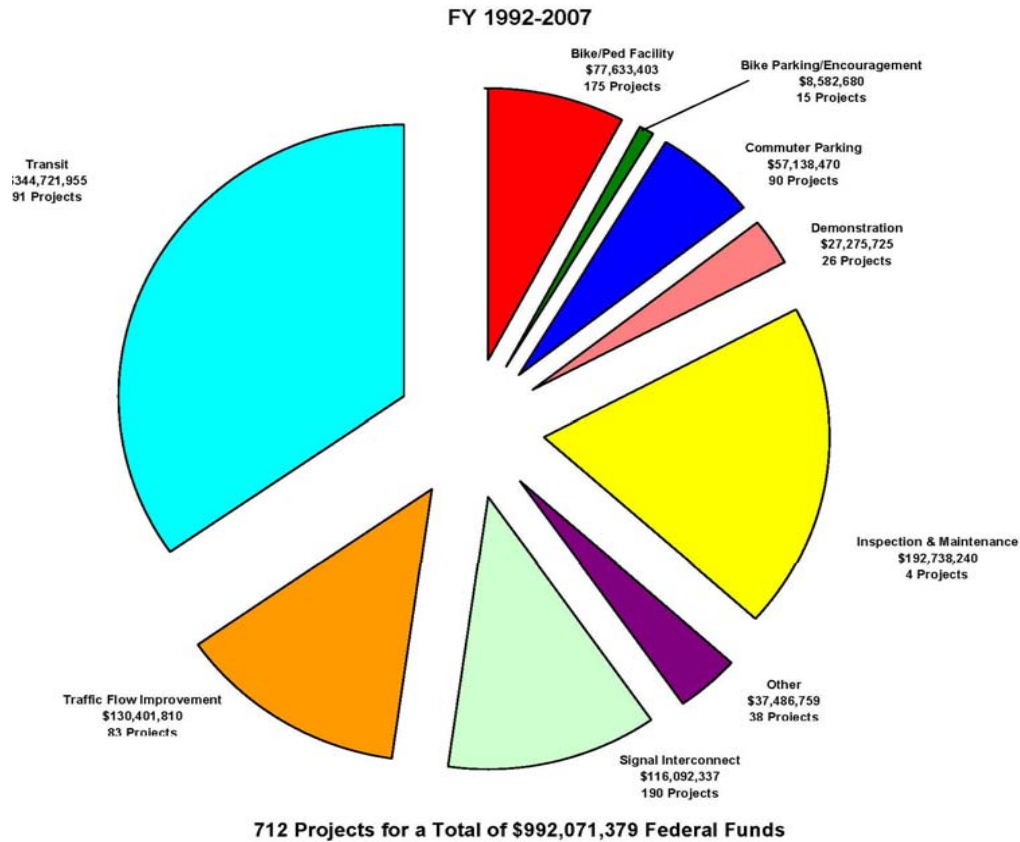
Eligible Projects

- Transportation Projects
- Reduce emissions
- Must be in nonattainment area
 - Northeastern Illinois is in nonattainment for ozone and fine particulates (PM_{2.5})

Projects Funded

- Roughly \$1 billion invested in 700 projects since 1992
- Wide range of eligible projects
 - transit improvements
 - shared ride services
 - intersection improvements
 - signal interconnects
 - bicycle and pedestrian projects
 - alternative fuels
 - inspection & maintenance programs
 - grade separations
 - diesel retrofits
 - anti-idling facilities

Funding by Project Type



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Selection Process Overview

- Proposals submitted (December – January)
- Proposals evaluated (February – June)
- Program of projects developed and approved (June – October)
- Award notification (November/December)

Project Selection

- CMAQ Project Selection Committee reviews rankings, readiness, project mix and proposes a program
 - Representatives from IDOT, CDOT, IEPA, RTA, counties and Council of Mayors
- No preset allocations by type, sponsor, region, etc.
- Proposed program is subject to public comment
- Proposed program and comments are reviewed and approved by CMAP Committees
- More information is on the web site and in the information booklet

Project Implementation

- The sponsor implements the project
- Projects are monitored for progress on an ongoing basis