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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Northwest Municipal Conference (NWMC), I am writing to comment on the proposed Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) FFY 2014-2018 Program. The NWMC is a council of governments serving the north and northwest suburbs of Chicago, with a membership of forty-two municipalities and one township, representing over 1.3 million Illinois residents.

The NWMC encourages CMAP to consider programming additional projects into the multi-year program. As discussed by the CMAQ Project Selection Committee, the total proposed program leaves un-programmed funding for anticipated cost increases, deferred projects and future calls for projects. Given the history of delayed CMAQ projects, the region's unobligated balance and unfunded regional priority projects like the Skokie Valley Trail, the NWMC recommends that CMAP consider programming additional projects in the FFY 2014-2018 program.

The Conference appreciates your consideration of our comments and looks forward to working with CMAP and municipalities to accomplish CMAQ funded projects.

Sincerely,

Mark L. Fowler
Executive Director
Northwest Municipal Conference