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MEMORANDUM

To: **MPO Policy Committee**

Date: **October 8, 2009**

From: **CMAP Staff**

Re: **Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2010-2011 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Proposed Program**

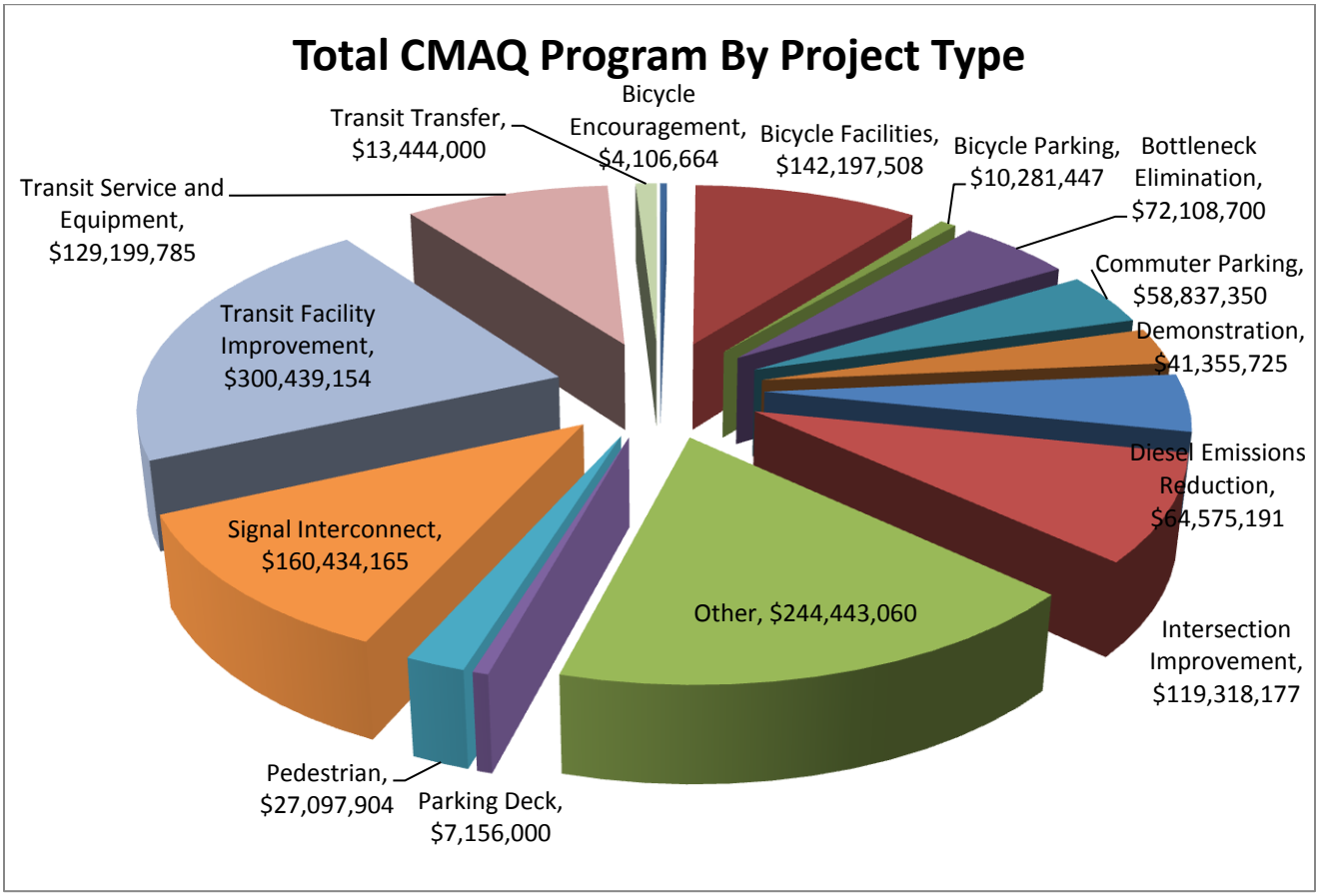
The CMAQ program provides federal funds to air quality non-attainment areas for projects that mitigate congestion or improve air quality. Northeastern Illinois has been and continues to be an air quality non-attainment area, so the region has received and programmed $1.2 billion dollars in CMAQ funds since the program began in 1992. Staff evaluates projects based on cost/benefit ratios, regional priorities, and project readiness.

During this year's cycle, CMAP staff evaluated 200 applications requesting over $450 million in federal funds, each competing for combined FY2010 and FY2011 funds of only $94 million. The proposed program fully commits 2010 and 2011 funds, and also commits about $25.5 million in FFY 12, a little over $7 million in FFY 13, and $1.6 million in FFY 14. To complete the process, the committee also identified projects for the "MYB" list. These projects showed a reasonable cost/benefit ratio or were already partially funded and can be brought into the program if other projects drop out.

CMAP's Transportation Committee has concurred in the responses to public comments (see http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/FFY1011PublicComment.aspx for additional information), and recommend the attached proposed FFY10-11 CMAQ Program and the multi-year B (MYB) list for your consideration.

Be aware that the 2007 switch to multi-year programming has not resulted in faster project delivery and there is still $287 million in unobligated CMAQ projects. The CMAQ Project Selection Committee and staff developed the two year (FFY10/FFY11) program this cycle to provide additional time for active program management, getting lagging projects moving or removed from the program.

Sponsors of funded projects which have been determined eligible by USDOT will attend a CMAP-sponsored meeting on November 18, 2009. This mandatory meeting will explain CMAP's CMAQ programming policies and the federal process for implementing CMAQ projects.


Total CMAQ Program By Project Type
Bicycle Encouragement, $4,106,664
Transit Transfer, $13,444,000
Bicycle Facilities, $142,197,508
Bicycle Parking, $10,281,447
Bottleneck Elimination, $72,108,700
Transit Service and Equipment, $129,199,785
Commuter Parking, $58,837,350
Transit Facility Improvement, $300,439,154
Demonstration, $41,355,725
Diesel Emissions Reduction, $64,575,191
Signal Interconnect, $160,434,165
Other, $244,443,060
Intersection Improvement, $119,318,177
Pedestrian, $27,097,904
Parking Deck, $7,156,000