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MEMORANDUM

To: CMAP Transportation Committee

From: CMAP Staff

Date: July 9, 2021

Re: Recommended CMAQ, TAP-L, and STP Shared Fund Programs Released for Public Comment

A joint call for projects was issued in January 2021 for the FFY 2022 – 2026 Surface Transportation Program (STP) Shared Fund, FFY 2022 - 2026 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) program and FFY 2022 – 2025 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP-L). A total of 135 applications were received across all three funding programs. Staff evaluated the applications according to the methodologies approved by the respective project selection committees (PSCs) contained in the application booklets published with the [call for projects](#) to determine eligibility for funding and final scores. Staff then developed recommended programs of projects to be funded with each fund source. These programs were reviewed by the PSCs on July 1, 2021 and released for public comment through July 30, 2021.

This memo contains an overview of the recommended programs and links to detailed documentation for the committee's information. Committee members are encouraged to discuss the proposed programs with their agencies and interested constituents and submit comments to staff. Following the public comment period, the PSCs will consider comments and any recommended changes to the programs and are scheduled to consider final approval on September 9, 2021. Following PSC approvals, staff will prepare TIP amendments reflecting the approved programs for consideration by the Transportation Committee on September 24, 2021 for a recommendation that the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee approve the TIP amendments containing the approved programs at their joint meeting on October 13, 2021.

Combined Transportation Investments

Within the three funding programs, over \$280 million is recommended to fund more than 50 bicycle and pedestrian, bridge, emissions reduction, highway, and transit projects throughout northeastern Illinois:

Project Type	Proposed Projects	Proposed Funding
Access to Transit	2	\$6,559,673
Bicycle Facilities	15	\$24,702,548
Bike/Ped Barrier Elimination	2	\$761,255
Bridge Repair/Rehab	1	\$17,600,000
Demonstration	1	\$6,000,000
Direct Emissions Reduction	2	\$73,279,469
Intersection Improvement	2	\$7,199,648
Other	1	\$4,000,000
Road Reconstruction	4	\$25,639,929
Safety	2	\$1,932,466
Signal Interconnect	15	\$3,596,000
Transit Facility Improvement	4	\$104,548,000
Transit Service and Equipment	1	\$5,512,000
Grand Total	52	\$281,330,988

These recommended projects are from a variety of project sponsors:

Sponsor Group	Proposed Projects	Proposed Funding
Chicago	5	\$88,976,891
Counties	7	\$31,017,562
IDOT	16	\$12,986,000
Mayors/Other Local	18	\$19,080,435
Service Boards/RTA	6	\$129,270,100
Grand Total	52	\$281,330,988

The recommended programs include nearly \$120 million for projects located in the region's highest need (Cohort 4) communities, with over \$25 million in Transportation Development Credits (TDCs/TDCHs) being utilized to reduce the local match commitments for 8 projects within these communities.

FFY 2022 – 2026 CMAQ Program

Seventy-four (74) unique [applications](#) were submitted for funding consideration under the CMAQ and TAP-L programs. Two (2) applications did not meet eligibility criteria and were eliminated from further consideration.

CMAQ applications were [evaluated](#) for their air quality benefits, transportation impact, and support of inclusive growth to develop a [recommended program](#) that includes \$213 million for 31 projects, of which four (4) are bicycle facilities, nineteen (19) are highway projects, and nine (9) are transit projects. The transit projects account for 80% of the programmed funds (\$190M).

Three (3) of the projects will be funded at 100% using Transportation Development Credits (TDCs).

FFY 2022 – 2025 TAP-L Program

Of the 74 unique [applications](#) that were submitted for funding consideration under the CMAQ and TAP-L programs, 29 were for bicycle facility projects that were [evaluated](#) for funding through the TAP-L program.

The [recommended program](#) includes \$22.4 million for 12 bicycle facility projects that will further completion of the Regional Greenways & Trails Plan. Three (3) of the projects will be funded at 100% using Transportation Development Credits - Highways (TDCHs), including two (2) projects that received funding for phase 1 engineering only. One project is recommended for full funding using a combination of TAP-L and STP funds.

FFY 2022 – 2026 STP Shared Fund Programs

Staff reviewed 61 [applications](#) for compliance with the program's eligibility rules and determined that five (5) [ineligible](#) projects would be eliminated from further consideration. Because shared fund applicants have the option of requesting consideration in more than one of nine (9) project type categories, staff conducted 108 evaluations of the 54 eligible projects. Details of the evaluation process are described in a [memo](#) to the STP PSC.

In addition to the eight (8) projects currently programmed in FFYs 2022 – 2024, the recommended [Active Program](#) contains nine (9) new projects utilizing nearly \$46 million in FFYs 2025 and 2026. Over \$4 million is proposed for communities with the highest need (Cohort 4), including \$386,000 in TDCHs for two (2) projects requesting funding for phase 1 engineering only. One-third of the projects recommended (3 of 9) are located in municipalities with populations of less than 25,000. The facilities selected serve over 7.9 million jobs and households combined. More than half (5 of 9) of the projects improve facilities where more than 20% of the users are minorities below the poverty line.

All eligible projects that applied for the STP Shared Fund that were not recommended for full funding through the Shared Fund, CMAQ, TAP-L and/or ITEP programs are recommended for inclusion in the [Contingency Program](#), where they may be considered for funding that becomes available through September 30, 2023 according to the region's [Active Program Management](#) policies. A more detailed listing of final project scores and recommended funding can be found on the call for projects [web page](#) in both PDF and Excel format.

Next Steps

Following the public comment period (July 1 through July 30, 2021), staff will present a summary of comments and any recommended changes to the programs to the respective PSCs. Upon approval of final programs by those committees, TIP amendments will be prepared for consideration by the Transportation Committee on September 24, 2021 for a recommendation that the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee approve the TIP amendments containing the approved programs at their joint meeting on October 13, 2021.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information