

# CMAQ Project Selection Committee

March 3, 2006

Meeting Agreements

- 1) The projects in the FY 2006 CMAQ Program were found to be eligible by the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration except for the commuter parking project, 111<sup>th</sup> St Commuter Parking Lot – RID-BB (CP01062535), sponsored by Metra.
- 2) Staff presented to the Committee a summary of the FY 2007 project proposals submitted totaling 156 projects with a total federal request of \$243,527,225.
- 3) The Committee approved a revised FY 2007 CMAQ program development schedule with a new public comment period starting July 31, 2006 to coincide with the Work Program Committee schedule.
- 4) Staff presented the Committee with a memo concerning the FY 2007 programming mark that factored in the final apportionments for 2005 and 2006, the instillation of an obligation ceiling being applied by the State and the federal rescissions that have been made. The programming mark presented totaled \$24,236,819 for FY 2007. The Committee generated several concerns that should be brought to the attention of the SAFETEA-LU Subcommittee and the Policy Committee. The concerns are summarized in a separate document, "FY 2007 CMAQ Mark Discussion Points." The Committee also requested that Staff prepare a list of unobligated project amounts.
- 5) Responses were received from all projects contacted for the 2005 annual follow-up. Staff is making no recommendations at this time for additional follow-ups.
- 6) The Committee agreed to table the withdrawal of the City of West Chicago's Washington St/McConnell Ave Grade Separation (TIP ID 08-06-0003) project until an official letter has been received from the City.
- 7) The Committee approved the cost change request for Hinsdale – Chestnut St Commuter Parking (TIP ID 08-04-0010). the programmed amount was increased from \$768,000 federal (\$960,000 total) to \$993,120 federal (\$1,241,400 total)
- 8) The Committee approved the cost changes for CTA – Fuel Cell Bus Program (TIP ID 16-95-0039) and Purchase 5 30'-40' Hybrid Electric Buses (TIP ID 16-00-0068). \$134,271 federal was withdrawn from 16-95-0039. The programmed amount for 16-00-0068 was increased from \$2,400,000 federal (\$3,794,500 total) to \$2,534,271 federal (\$3,794,500 total).
- 9) The Committee approved the scope change request for Oak Park – Chicago Ave from Marion St to Ridgeland Ave (TIP ID 04-06-0004). The project will now include

purchase and installation of a centralized management system for the interconnected signals on Chicago Avenue and other streets in the Village

- 10) The scope change request from Pace for the Lake Cook TMA Mid-Day Shuttle Demonstration (TIP ID 10-02-0005) was placed on hold until results from the demonstration have been presented to staff and the extent of the scope change is fully realized.
- 11) The Committee approved the cost increase request from the Village of Mundelein for the Mundelein Bicycle Path connecting Noll, Hanrahan, Lions Field & Libertyville Twp (TIP ID 10-04-0002) in the amount of \$107,072 (federal). The project is now programmed for a total of \$444,848 federal (\$556,060 total).
- 12) The Committee approved the scope change request for the Geneva – Third St Commuter Parking Deck (TIP ID 09-03-0003) project reducing the number of spaces to be built by a net of two spaces.
- 13) The Committee approved the scope change request for the CDOT – Lakefront Trail-Navy Pier Flyover (TIP ID 01-01-0009) project allowing a change in the project's limits. The new limits will include a crossing over the Chicago River in addition to the vehicle entrance to Navy Pier.
- 14) The Committee approved the cost increase request from the Lake County DOT for the Midlothian Road at Winchester Road (TIP ID 10-02-0006) intersection improvement project in the amount of \$533,600 federal. The project is now programmed for a total of \$1,733,600 federal (\$2,167,000 total).
- 15) The Committee approved the scope change request for the Palos Park – 121st St and 80th Ave Pedestrian Path (TIP ID 06-04-0002) to include phase II engineering as a federal-funded part of the project. The project remains programmed for a total of \$68,760 federal (\$85,950 total).
- 16) The Committee was presented with the recommendation from the federal Certification Review that the MPO conduct studies of fully implemented projects to analyze the air quality and congestion mitigation benefits. Staff informed the Committee that a UWP proposal has been submitted for consideration to conduct such a study. Members of the Committee express concern over the validity and usefulness of such a study. No actions were taken.
- 17) The next CMAQ Project Selection Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 5, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. in the Cook/Cunningham-Williams Conference Room.

*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) 793-3474, rpatronsky@catsmpo.com, within one week of the submission date noted below.*

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