

CMAQ Project Selection Committee

February 23, 2004

Meeting Agreements

1. The Committee approved the Metra – Lombard Station parking – UP-W line (TIP ID 18-04-0577) scope change. The Village of Lombard encountered difficulties in a related project and then identified an alternative, smaller parking lot site in the same area. This reduces the scope and cost of the project but does not change its ranking. The federal total for the project will be reduced from \$544,000 to \$320,000. This project will be underway in 2004.
2. The Committee approved a scope change from pedestrian facility to a bicycle path for the Palatine – Harper College Sidewalks project (TIP ID 03-02-0006). The change allows Palatine to connect two bicycle paths in the area. The federal share remains \$108,000. Design for this project is underway.
3. Staff informed the Committee that Northbrook has withdrawn a project, the IL 68/Dundee Rd at Skokie Blvd/I-94 Edens Expy Int Imp (TIP ID 02-00-0012).
4. Staff informed the Committee that the Chicago Department of Transportation has applied an internal increase to the cost of the Citywide Traffic Volume Monitoring System project (TIP ID 01-99-0013). The federal CMAQ share of the project will be \$329,600. Design for this project is underway.
5. The Committee approved Oak Forest's scope change, reducing the scope and cost of its Metra station pedestrian access/sidewalks project (TIP ID 07-00-0025). The City encountered resident opposition to some of the improvements and found that the total cost of the project was more than originally thought. The federal share of this project will be reduced from \$482,400 to \$330,992.
6. The Committee approved a Geneva request to use \$200,000 in CMAQ funds originally designated for engineering for construction costs on the Third Street Commuter Parking Deck project (TIP 09-03-0003). Staff will inquire whether the project accommodates bicycles, and will verify that the FY 2005 application is for commuter parking only, and does not include other parking or joint development costs. No commitment was made for FY 2005 funding.
7. The Committee denied a scope change request from the Forest Preserve District of Cook County changing the location and scope of the Des Plaines River Trail project (TIP 04-97-0015). The CMAQ money originally programmed for this project will be used for other projects. The feasibility study for the original project resulted in a cost estimate of between \$3 and \$5 million (\$2.4 to \$4 million federal), substantially more than the \$1,040,000 in federal CMAQ funds originally programmed for the project. The FPD proposed using the funds to repair a bridge and improve the trail north of the approved project limits. The Committee encouraged the Forest Preserve District to perform a feasibility study and then submit an application for 2005 CMAQ funding

including a cost estimate and more project specifics. If the proposal is received by June first, staff will accept and evaluate it for ranking with the other proposals.

8. Staff will review the scope change approval process for the sidewalk project in Westmont, TIP ID 08-00-0012.
9. Staff will collect and provide more information about pedestrian project applications, including the specific streets along which the sidewalks will be built and whether the proposed project:
 - Is in a residential, commercial or mixed-use area
 - Connects to transit facilities
 - Is in an area that already has sidewalks.

This information will be supplied to the Committee along with the project ranking.

10. In the event of future agenda changes, Staff will resend the entire packet to Committee members, rather than sending just the additions.
11. The next CMAQ Project Selection Committee Meeting is tentatively set for 1 p.m. June 10.

The above summary is based on staff meeting notes. Anyone who takes exception to the information contained in this summary should forward comments to Ross Patronskey at (312) 793-3474 within one week of the submission date noted below.

Summary submitted by Ross Patronskey February 25, 2004; revised March 4, 2004.