

CMAQ Project Selection Committee

November 5, 2004

Meeting Agreements

1. Staff informed the Committee that an eligibility determination on the FY 2005 CMAQ program is expected within approximately a week. Since the FY 2005 appropriation has not been passed, the Committee agreed that the notification letter to sponsors should wait until both the appropriation is passed and the eligibility determination is received.
2. Staff will send out a revised draft of the response to the Policy Committee on the impact of the CMAQ program. The revised draft will include a more complete discussion of the inspection and maintenance program.
3. Staff will investigate developing a delay reduction measure for ranking CMAQ proposals. This analysis will use FY 2005 intersection proposals as a test case and will include checking for a relationship to VOC reduction.
4. Staff will continue working with sponsors that have not completed their responses to the 2004 follow-up letters.
5. Staff informed the Committee that the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and Chicago Heights are continuing to work on the Old Plank Rd Trail Extension from Western to Euclid (TIP ID 07-01-0004) project.
6. The Committee approved the cost increase request from the Village of Oak Forest for the Oak Park Ave From 159th to 151st and at 147th St (TIP ID 07-99-0009) project. The cost will increase by \$526,200 federal to a total of \$3,005,200 federal.
7. The Committee approved the FY 2006 CMAQ development schedule.
8. The Committee approved the recommended revisions to the FY 2006 application materials contained in the October 29, 2004 memorandum on the subject (copy attached), with the following notes:
 - Source(s) for rail crossing information requested in Attachment 5 of the Scoping Document will be noted in the application instructions.
 - Staff will consider revisions to the application page to elicit more meaningful project titles, especially for projects that do not involve traditional limits.
 - The Pedestrian/Bicycle Task Force recommendation to include bicycle and pedestrian accommodations in the scoping document will be incorporated into the FY 2006 material.
 - The Pedestrian/Bicycle Task Force recommendation to consider future population and employment estimates in ranking pedestrian/bicycle proposals will be considered prior to the FY 2007 analysis.
9. The Committee approved the revision to the analysis method for vanpool projects.

10. The next CMAQ Project Selection Committee Meeting will be on call. If no other business requires an earlier meeting, it is expected that there will be a meeting in late February to discuss the status of FY 2006 proposals.

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.

Summary submitted by Ross Patronsky November 10, 2004.