

FW CMAQTAP-L Proposed Programs Public Comment

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Hello:

I'd like to comment about Project OT10184227, TMA of Lake Cook Last Mile Market Shuttle Demonstration Project, not being selected for selection in the 2018 CMAQ Projects Listing.

Other-OT10184227-Lake Co DOT-Transportation Management Association (TMA) of Lake Cook Last Mile Market Shuttle Demonstration Project

The TMA has been working with three member communities, Bannockburn, Buffalo Grove, and Lincolnshire, to investigate possible opportunities to provide "last mile" connections from Metra Stations in Highland Park, Deerfield, and Buffalo Grove to businesses in their communities. While the west side of Lincolnshire has Pace service, there is no Pace service on the east side of Lincolnshire, which is home to the Tri-State Office Park, with over 1500 employees.

The Village of Bannockburn has over 3,500 employees working for companies including Shire, Walgreens, Trinity International University, LTD Commodities, and Donlen. There is no public transit service in Bannockburn. A proposal to reestablish Shuttle Bug routes in Bannockburn has been stalled, as Metra has declined to provide funding.

The Village of Buffalo Grove will be impacted by a major widening of Lake Cook Road from Raupp Blvd. to Hasting Lane in 2019. This section of Lake Cook Road carries approximately 40,000 vehicles daily, and had no public transit service. The closest transit service is the Buffalo Grove Metra Station, which is over one mile to the north, or Pace Routes 604 and 234, which are approximately one mile south. What alternatives are proposed for commuters who do not wish to drive through any already congested section of roadway, which will be even more congested when construction begins in 2019?

The TMA's proposal for \$258,000 was to look at possible options, including Pace service, vans, taxis, Transportation Network Companies (TNCs), or other modes to address the last mile challenges which exist in these communities. This is not a large amount of money in the overall CMAQ funding process. The TMA has begun discussions with several of these companies on possible alternative solutions to commuting options in the area.

We'd like to ask if the CMAQ Committee could revisit the benefits of this TMA's proposal for consideration.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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The TMA of Lake Cook is a business association whose mission is to improve employees' commutes and work for a better quality of life in northeastern Illinois. The TMA works pro-actively with elected officials, communities, and transportation agencies to provide a voice for the business community for better transportation planning, highway improvements and transit service. The TMA also manages the successful Shuttle Bug program in cooperation with Pace and Metra. For further information on the TMA, visit www.tmalakecook.org.