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Mr. Joe Szabo
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Dear Mr. Szabo:

The South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association (SSMMA) Transportation Committee appreciates the efforts of CMAP to develop the Transportation Development Credits Highway (TDCH) policy, and the special consideration that was made for the South Suburbs to participate in regional projects. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for Cohort 4 communities to fund regional projects. There are 21 “high need” communities in the South Council, and they may not have another way to fund projects if these credits are not available. The credits could give communities the ability to fund regional projects beyond municipal borders, which is in CMAP’s Inclusive Growth policy.

However, there is one disadvantage to the proposed policy found in section 3, which states that “Contiguous projects may not be “split” in order for one or more portions to be eligible for TDCHs. No project or project phase granted the use of TDCHs may be combined under a single funding agreement or contract with any other project or phase that is not eligible for or was not granted use of TDCHs.”

The new STP Shared Fund is for large regional projects with 3 or more entities or \$5 million in total cost. In the South Council, many of our Cohort 4 municipalities have projects with other Cohorts. This policy, the way it states now, would eliminate the Cohort 4 communities from being a part of these big regional projects. This would perpetuate the current system of high need communities not getting projects due to the lack of match money.

We know your policy is intended to create projects that will connect all people to places. We need to change the language to allow Cohort 4 communities to access the TDCHs for the section of the project within their borders.



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Thank you again for creating this policy, allowing TDCHs to be utilized, and taking our comments under consideration! Having a policy that works for the South Council communities will change our network and create inclusive growth.

SSMMA Transportation Committee

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