



MEMORANDUM

To: CMAQ Project Selection Committee

From: CMAP Staff

Date: August 29, 2019

Re: Public Comments on Proposed FFY 2020–2024 CMAQ and FFY 2020-2022 TAP-L Programs

The following is a summary of comments received on the proposed FFY 2020 – 2024 CMAQ and FFY 2020-2022 TAP-L programs and the staff recommendations with regard to those comments. Two comments were received on project specific proposals and there were three general comments on the programs. Copies of the individual comments are available at <https://cmap.is/2019callforprojects>.

Howard Learner, President and Executive Director, Environmental Law & Policy Center
Michael Edwards, President and CEO, Chicago Loop Alliance
Lou Raizin, President, Broadway in Chicago

CFP01-19-0023 – CDOT – Chicago Pedway Reconstruction + System Wayfinding Replacement Project

Mr. Learner, Mr. Edwards and Mr. Raizin submitted a letter supporting the inclusion of the subject project in the proposed program.

- The subject project is currently included in the proposed CMAQ program.

Joe Wade, City Administrator, City of Prospect Heights

CFP12-19-0023 – RTA – RTA Access to Transit Program of Projects

Mr. Wade submitted a letter requesting consideration by the Project Selection Committee to include funding for Prospect Heights' Wolf Road Sidewalk project which was submitted as part of the RTA's Access to Transit application. While the Wolf Rd project did not meet the submittal deadline of June 1, 2019 for Phase I PDR, the City anticipates submitting the PDR to IDOT by the end of August 2019 and receiving design approval by the end of calendar year

2019 which meets the overall expectations of the CMAQ program. The City has expended over \$100,000 on Phase I work to date. The sidewalk project provides a connection between residential areas and the Metra train station south of Old Willow Rd as well as providing pedestrian safety improvements.

- The project did not meet the phase I engineering screening criteria and because of this staff can not recommend inclusion of funding for it in the CMAQ program at this time.

Leon Rockingham Jr., Chair, Lake County Council of Mayors/Mayor, City of North Chicago

General Program

Mayor Rockingham submitted a letter on behalf of the Lake County Council of Mayors in support of approving the CMAQ and TAP-L programs as recommended.

- No response to the submitted comment.

Shane Schneider, Director of Transportation/County Engineer, Lake County

General Program

Mr. Schneider submitted a letter requesting CMAP staff re-evaluate the analysis used to evaluate the roundabout application. There is a concern that the benefits of roundabout applications are not being appropriately modeled.

- CMAP staff is always looking to improve upon the project evaluation process and will review the analysis.

Carl Schoedel, Director of Transportation/County Engineer, Kane County

General Program

Mr. Schoedel submitted a letter requesting that CMAP staff and the CMAQ Project Selection Committee work together to ensure that roundabout applications are fairly scored in the next call for projects round starting in 2021.

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