



CMAQ Project Selection Committee
Minutes – September 5, 2019

Committee Members: Doug Ferguson, Chair (CMAQ), Darwin Burkhart (IEPA) (via phone), John Donovan (FHWA), Tony Greep (FTA), Mark Pitstick (RTA), Chris Snyder (Counties), Chris Schmidt (IDOT) (via phone), Jeffery Schielke, Jeffrey Sriver (CDOT)

Staff Present: Teri Dixon, Jesse Elam, Jen Maddux, Jeff Schnobrich

Others Present: Elaine Bottomley, Mike Connelly, Jack Cruikshank, Emily Daucher, Laura Fedak (via phone), Jackie Forbes, Patrick Glenn, MeLena Hessel, Julie Jacobson, Kendra Johnson, Emily Karry, Mike Klemens, Joshua Klingenstein, Daniel Knickelbein, Paulino Leyva, Matt Novander, Tara Orbon, Ryan Peterson, Leslie Phemister, Keith Privett, Brian Stepp, Steve Sugg, Dave Tomzik (via phone)

1.0 Call to Order

Mr. Ferguson called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Mr. Ferguson announced that the CMAQ Local Technical Assistance and RTA Community Planning call for projects will be open from September 17 to October 17, 2019.

3.0 Approval of Minutes—July 18, 2019

On a motion by Mayor Schielke and seconded by Mr. Snyder, the minutes of the July 18, 2019 meeting were approved.

4.0 Program Monitoring

4.1 Project Programming Status Sheets

Ms. Maddux presented the program status sheets for active and deferred CMAQ and TAP-L funded projects.

4.2 Programming Summary and Obligation Goal

Ms. Maddux reported that the CMAQ programming summary and obligation goal was included in the Committee packets and noted \$244 million has been obligated so far this federal fiscal year, which minimized the accumulated unobligated balance.

5.0 Project Changes

5.1 Chicago DOT – Walk to Transit (Series 3) (01-06-0005)

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor requested to reinstate \$440,000 CMAQ (\$550,000 total) for engineering in FFY 2020 and to transfer \$120,000 CMAQ (\$150,000 total) engineering to construction/construction engineering in MYB.

On a motion made by Mr. Pitstick, and seconded by Mayor Schielke, the requested reinstatement and transfer were approved.

5.2 Cook County DOT – Elgin O’Hare Western Access (I-294 at IL 64/North Ave – Stage 2) (03-96-0021)

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor requested an increase of \$2,404,903 CMAQ (\$3,006,129 total) for construction/construction engineering in FFY 2020.

On a motion made by Mayor Schielke, and seconded by Mr. Snyder, the requested increase was approved.

5.3 Niles – Howard St from Milwaukee Ave to Lehigh Ave (03-13-0010)

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor requested an increase of \$388,500 TAP for construction engineering in FFY 2020.

On a motion made by Mayor Schielke, and seconded by Mr. Snyder, the requested increase was approved.

6.0 FFY 2020-2024 Program Development

Mr. Ferguson gave a summary of the comments received on the staff recommended FFY 2020-2024 CMAQ and FFY 2020-2022 TAP-L programs.

Mr. Pitstick asked whether the Chicago Pedway project eligibility questions had been resolved. Mr. Donovan confirmed that some project elements are eligible for CMAQ funding, while others are not, although this is a preliminary determination. Mr. Pitstick asked whether the cost of the ineligible components would be available for programming, and Mr. Ferguson confirmed that it may be available in the future for other project cost changes, depending on the results of the impending rescission.

On a motion made by Mr. Sriver, seconded by Mr. Schmidt, the committee recommended the proposed program to Transportation Committee for its recommendation to the MPO Policy Committee for approval.

7.0 Other Business

8.0 Public Comment

Mr. Glenn asked that the committee reconsider Prospect Heights’ Wolf Road project for inclusion in the program. The Village completed and submitted the phase 1 engineering documents to IDOT, despite some issues causing delays. Mr. Glenn acknowledged that the June 1 deadline to complete phase 1 was not met, but that the Village met the spirit of the program.

Mr. Pitstick asked for clarification on the requirement and timeline regarding phase 1 engineering. Mr. Ferguson replied that a draft project development report must be submitted to IDOT by June 1 of the application year. Mr. Pitstick stated that there were other projects in this application cycle that also did not meet the phase 1 engineering requirement, and Mr. Ferguson confirmed that those projects were also not recommended for funding. The committee discussed that this requirement was put into place because in past years, projects would have all phases fully programmed and then get stuck in phase 1 engineering. Mr. Pitstick stated that the RTA agreed to keep the Prospect Heights project and the Woodstock in their program for submittal to the next CMAQ call for projects.

9.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for October 31, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

10.0 Adjournment

On a motion made by Mr. Snyder, and seconded by Mr. Sriver, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.