



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** CMAQ Project Selection Committee

**From:** CMAP Staff

**Date:** September 2, 2021

**Re:** Summary of comments for the proposed FFY 2022–2026 CMAQ and TAP-L programs

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On July 1, 2021 the draft FFY 2022-2026 CMAQ and TAP-L recommended programs were released for a public comment period that closed on July 30, 2021. Comments were received from fifteen commenters regarding the recommended programs. Copies of the [individual comments](#) are available on the call for projects web page at <https://cmap.is/2021callforprojects>.

### Project-specific comment

#### **01-21-0006 – CDOT – State/Lake (Loop Elevated Station)**

*David May*

Mr. May submitted a comment on the subject project requesting that elevators for the station be added in the median to connect with the Red Line subway station under State Street.

- The subject project application currently indicates that ADA-accessible elevators for the station's northern concourse are included in the elevated station's project scope to provide a new transfer connection to the Lake (Red Line) station

#### **08-21-0018 – IDOT D1 Highways – I-290 Bus in Shoulders (BOS) Lake-Cook Rd to Des Plaines Ave**

*Thomas W. Hayes, Mayor, Village of Arlington Heights*

*Andre F. Harvey, Mayor, Village of Bellwood*

*Craig B. Johnson, Mayor, Village of Elk Grove Village*

*Jim Schwantz, Mayor, Village of Palatine*

*Melissa Gallagher, Temporary City Manager, City of Rolling Meadows*

Mayor Hayes, Mayor Harvey, Mayor Johnson, Mayor Schwantz and Ms. Gallagher submitted letters supporting the inclusion of the subject project in the proposed program.

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

#### **16-21-0006 – CTA – Red Line Extension Project**

*David May*

Mr. May submitted a comment requesting the removal of the subject project from the proposed program on the grounds that population served by the project is too small, stations are inconveniently located from homes and the service from 123<sup>rd</sup> St to the Loop will be slow.

- The project was evaluated using the CMAQ criteria and is currently identified in the ON TO 2050 plan as a Regionally Significant Project.

#### **17-21-0001 – Pace – Pulse 95<sup>th</sup> Street Line**

*Charles E. Tokar, President, Village of Chicago Ridge*

*Mike Howley, Mayor, City of Hickory Hills*

*Terry Vorderer, Mayor, Village of Oak Lawn*

*Gerald R. Bennett, Mayor, City of Palos Hills*

*Victoria A. Smith, Executive Director, Southwest Conference of Mayors*

President Tokar, Mayor Howley, Mayor Vorderer, Mayor Bennett, and Ms. Smith submitted letters supporting the inclusion of the subject project in the proposed program.

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

#### **17-21-0003 – Pace – Pulse Dempster Line Operating Funds 2025**

*George D. Alpigianis, Mayor, Village of Niles*

Mayor Alpigianis 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.

## **General comments**

### *Ethan Saltzberg*

Mr. Saltzberg submitted general comments that the proposed program should target projects with the highest return on investment, projects that reduce emissions and climate impact, and projects that don't re-construct or widen roadways.

- The main criteria for selecting CMAQ projects is the cost benefit of reduced vehicle emissions.
- All the projects proposed for funding under both the CMAQ and TAP-L programs are estimated to reduce vehicle emissions.
- None of the projects proposed for funding under both the CMAQ and TAP-L programs are widening roadways that will allow for new single occupancy vehicle through lanes. While reconstruction of roadways is included as part of the overall scope of several projects proposed under the CMAQ program, it is not the sole purpose of the projects.

### *Jeffrey Bratko*

Mr. Bratko submitted general comments on the inclusion of Pace projects in the proposed programs. Stating that with the current pandemic ridership numbers, investments should not proceed at this time.

- These proposed projects are the result of long-range planning efforts and in the case of the Pulse lines are identified in ON TO 2050 as Regionally Significant Projects.

## **Staff recommendation**

Based upon the comments received, staff recommends no changes to the proposed FFY 2022 – 2026 CMAQ and TAP-L programs.

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