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Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAQ) CMAQ Project Selection Committee Minutes

Minutes – September 9, 2021

Via GoToMeeting

Members Present: Doug Ferguson (Chair, CMAP), Darwin Burkhardt (IEPA), Mayor Jeff Schielke for Mayor Gary Grasso (Council of Mayors), Mark Pitstick (RTA), Chris Schmidt (IDOT), Chris Snyder (Counties), Jeff Sriver (CDOT)

Staff Present: Erin Aleman, Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Jonathan Haadsma, Elliott Lewis, Tim McMahon, Cole Neder, Yousef Salama, Mary Weber, Simone Weil

Others Present: Lenny Cannata, John Donovan, Jackie Forbes, Mike Fricano, Kendra Johnson, Andrew Kiefaber, Mike Klemens, Heidi Lichtenberger, Arielle Malinowski, Brittany Matyas, Matt Novander, Leslie Phemister, Keith Privett, Tom Rickert, Troy Simpson, Brian Stepp, Sonali Tandon, David Tomzik, Rita Yamin

1.0 Call to Order

Mr. Ferguson called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Mr. Ferguson announced that Mayor Gary Grasso of the Village of Burr Ridge will serve on the Committee as the new representative for the Council of Mayors.

3.0 Approval of Minutes— July 1, 2021

A motion was made by Mayor Schielke, seconded by Mr. Pitstick, to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2021 meeting as presented. A roll call vote was conducted:

<u>Aye</u>	Darwin Burkhardt	<u>Aye</u>	Chris Schmidt
<u>Aye</u>	Doug Ferguson	<u>Aye</u>	Chris Snyder
<u>Aye</u>	Mark Pitstick	<u>Aye</u>	Jeffrey Sriver
<u>Aye</u>	Jeffery Schielke		

With all in favor, the motion carried.

4.0 Program Monitoring

4.1 **Project Programming Status Sheets**

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

4.2 **Programming Summary and Obligation Goal**

Mr. Ferguson presented the CMAQ programming summary and obligation goal for 2021. The region's cumulative CMAQ obligations are currently \$15.5 million on the federal fiscal year due to corrections from past obligations, de-obligated funds, and a lack of projects being converted from Advance Construction status. Mr. Ferguson noted that staff will be increasing engagement with project sponsors to move phases towards obligation and is working with IDOT to manage CMAQ funds in the federal system.

Mr. Pitstick asked whether staff is anticipating many conversions from Advance Construction status as the end of the federal fiscal year approaches. Mr. Ferguson replied that they do not have that expectation.

Mr. Snyder asked if there have been any discussions of rescissions in the event of a large unobligated balance. Mr. Ferguson explained that staff has been working with IDOT to potentially flex CMAQ funds to other programs with the understanding that those funds would be restored to the program at a later date as needed. Mr. Ferguson asked Mr. Donovan about any discussions of rescissions on the federal level, but he has not heard of any immediate concerns regarding the issue.

5.0 **Project Changes**

5.1 **Committee Consideration**

Mr. Lewis presented six (6) project change requests for Committee consideration, which can be found in the project change request memo.

A motion was made by Mr. Schmidt, and seconded by Mr. Snyder, to approve the project change requests. A roll call vote was conducted:

<u>Aye</u>	Darwin Burkhart	<u>Aye</u>	Chris Schmidt
<u>Aye</u>	Doug Ferguson	<u>Aye</u>	Chris Snyder
<u>Aye</u>	Mark Pitstick	<u>Aye</u>	Jeffrey Sriver
<u>Aye</u>	Jeffery Schielke		

With all in favor, the motion carried.

5.2 **Administrative Modifications**

Mr. Lewis presented project change requests for four (4) additional projects, which can also be found in the project change request memo. These requests were reviewed and administratively approved by CMAP staff.

6.0 **FY 2022-2026 Program Development**

Mr. Ferguson summarized the comments received for the draft 2022-2026 program during the 30-day public comment period through July 30, 2021. Staff received a total of 15 comments, which were summarized in the public comment memo. After consideration of the public comments, staff did not recommend any changes to the draft program as presented.

Staff did recommend one change to the draft program to withdraw 08-21-0009 from the proposed CMAQ program (\$333,920 total). This project received ITEP funding from IDOT, which was not originally identified during program development.

Mr. Snyder highlighted that many projects that applied for funding received low scores, and he questioned whether this was related to a low number of applicants, scoring criteria, or another factor. He suggested that staff and the Committee reflect on the program development process and analyze any potential trends in submittals and scorings. Mr. Ferguson agreed with Mr. Snyder's suggestion, noting that staff will engage in this process and present to the Committee at a future meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Pitstick, and seconded by Mr. Schmidt, to approve and advance the draft program to the Transportation Committee for consideration on September 24, 2021. A roll call vote was conducted:

<u>Aye</u>	Darwin Burkhart	<u>Aye</u>	Chris Schmidt
<u>Aye</u>	Doug Ferguson	<u>Aye</u>	Chris Snyder
<u>Aye</u>	Mark Pitstick	<u>Aye</u>	Jeffrey Sriver
<u>Aye</u>	Jeffery Schielke		

With all in favor, the motion carried.

7.0 Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

8.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 28, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

9.0 Other Business

No other business was raised.

10.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Elliott Lewis