

CMAQ Project Selection Committee

September 3, 2002

Meeting Agreements

1. Cost increases for three projects are approved: Prospect Heights Park District – Prospect Heights Connector Path, TIP ID 03-94-0054 (\$38,000 to \$328,000 federal); City of Northlake – Whitehall/Gail/Edward/46th Avenue Sidewalks, TIP ID 04-01-0004 (\$50,000 to \$240,000 federal); Lake County - Midlothian Road at Winchester Road, TIP ID 10-02-0006 (\$200,000 to \$1,200,000 federal).
2. A CMAQ mark of \$64 million will be employed for FY 2003. \$2.7 million will be reserved for future cost increases.
3. Staff will work with the Council of Mayors and City of Chicago staff to transfer the remaining funds in the suburban bike rack program to the City.
4. The staff recommended program of CMAQ projects for FY 2003 is recommended to the Work Program Committee for release for public comment.
5. The draft FY 2004 CMAQ program development schedule that calls for Policy Committee approval in October 2003 is adopted and will be posted on the CATS Web site.
6. A sub-committee composed of representatives of IDOT, the counties and the Council of Mayors will work with FHWA to clarify the types of bottleneck elimination projects that are likely to receive a positive eligibility determination. Applicants will be advised of the sub-committee's work in the FY 2004 CMAQ Project Submittal Booklet.
7. A sub-committee composed of representatives of RTA, the counties, CDOT, IDOT, and the Council of Mayors will consider changes to the evaluation method for pedestrian projects.
8. The annual follow up questionnaires will be distributed in the next week. A list of the projects targeted will be sent to the committee members.
9. Staff will develop a process for reviewing signalization projects for warrants; the review will occur after a project is recommended by staff to the Project Selection Committee. Only jurisdictionally applicable warrants will be reviewed.
10. Staff will investigate using hours saved as a measure for ranking projects for which the measure is appropriate. Initial findings will be presented to the committee in early 2003.
11. CATS staff will work with Metra and FTA staff to assure that the funds for the Chicago Ridge Station commuter parking project will not be lost to the region.

12. The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 12, 2002 at 1 p.m. in the CATS conference room.

The above summary is based on staff meeting notes. Anyone who takes exception to the information contained in this summary should forward comments to Ross Patronsky at (312) 793-3474 within one week of the submission date noted below.

Summary submitted by Ross Patronsky September 16, 2002. Revised September 25, 2002.