



CMAQ Project Selection Committee
Minutes – April 11, 2019

Committee Members: Doug Ferguson, Chair (CMAQ), Darwin Burkhart (IEPA) (via phone), Tony Greep (FTA), Luann Hamilton (CDOT), John Donovan (FHWA), Mark Pitstick (RTA), Tom Rickert (Counties), Leon Rockingham (Council of Mayors), Chris Schmidt (IDOT)

Staff Present: Teri Dixon, Jen Maddux, Jeff Schnobrich

Others Present: Roopa Anjanappa, Adam Boeche, Dave Block (via phone), Lenny Cannata (via phone), Akram Chaudhry, Jack Cruikshank, Joyce DeLong, Laura Fedak, Adam Folta, Mark Fowler, Robert Greene, Emily Karry, Angela King, Mike Klemens, Joshua Klingenstein, Glenn McCollum, Kelsey Mulhausen, Jacki Murdock, Mehul Patel, Dan Persky, Leslie Phemister, Keith Privett, Chad Riddle, David Seglin, Brian Stepp, Jeff Strzalka

1.0 Call to Order

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

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes.

3.0 Approval of Minutes—January 8, 2019

On a motion by Mr. Schmidt and seconded by Mr. Rickert, the minutes of the January 8, 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 \$51 million has been obligated so far this federal fiscal year.

5.0 Project Changes

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

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor requested to transfer \$3,353,000 CMAQ (\$4,191,000 total) from right of way in FFY 2019 to construction in FFY 2020.

On a motion made by Mr. Schmidt, and seconded by Ms. Hamilton, the requested transfer was approved.

5.2 Brookfield – Bicycle Parking at Congress Park and Brookfield Metra Stations (05-18-0002)

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor requested a schedule change to move \$20,400 CMAQ (\$25,500 total) for engineering from FFY 2021 to FFY 2019 and \$201,304 CMAQ (\$251,634 total) for construction from FFY 2022 to FFY 2020.

On a motion made by Mr. Rickert, and seconded by Ms. Hamilton, the requested schedule change was approved.

5.3 Alsip Park District, Dolton Park District, and the City of Blue Island – Cal-Sag Trail (06-06-0061)

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor requested reinstatement of \$1,672,000 CMAQ (\$2,090,000 total) to Alsip Park District, \$3,542,000 CMAQ (\$4,427,500 total) to Dolton Park District, and \$1,823,000 CMAQ (\$2,278,000 total) to the city of Blue Island for construction in FFY 2019.

On a motion made by Mr. Schmidt, and seconded by Mr. Rickert, the requested reinstatement was approved.

5.4 Bensenville – IL 83 Multi-Use Path (08-16-0001)

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor requested a cost increase of \$436,000 CMAQ (\$687,000 total) for construction in FFY 2019.

On a motion made by Mr. Rickert, seconded by Mr. Rockingham, the requested cost increase was approved.

5.5 Aurora – Edgelawn Drive Bikeway (09-16-0002)

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor requested cost increases of \$19,298 CMAQ (\$24,123 total) for design engineering in FFY 2019 and \$212,280 CMAQ (\$265,349 total) for construction/construction engineering in FFY 2020.

On a motion made by Mr. Rickert, seconded by Ms. Hamilton, the requested cost increases were approved.

5.6 Mundelein – Mundelein Metra Station at McKinley Avenue (10-16-0006)

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor requested cost increase of \$2,796,000 CMAQ (\$2,995,000 total) for construction/construction engineering in FFY 2019.

On a motion made by Mr. Schmidt, seconded by Mr. Rickert, the requested cost increase was approved.

5.7 Lake Villa – Access to Transit at Lake Villa Metra Station (10-16-0013)

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor requested cost increase of \$136,000 CMAQ (\$170,000 total) for construction/construction engineering in FFY 2019.

On a motion made by Mr. Rockingham, seconded by Mr. Rickert, the requested cost increase was approved.

5.8 CTA – Red Purple Modernization (16-10-9001)

Ms. Maddux reported that there will be a rescission of federal transportation funding on July 1, 2020 based on the unobligated program balances as of September 30, 2019. In an effort to reduce the amount of funds to be rescinded from the CMAQ program in northeastern Illinois, staff recommended moving an additional \$50,000,000 CMAQ for implementation from FFY 2020 to FFY 2019.

Mr. Rickert stated that he supports CMAP staff's sound reasoning for the schedule change and that this is a good project.

On a motion made by Ms. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Rockingham, the requested schedule change was approved.

5.9 CTA – Purchase Electric Buses (16-14-0001)

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor requested to transfer \$3,000,000 CMAQ from CDOT – Chicago Area Alternative Fuel Deployment Project (01-12-0004). CDOT's project is deferred due to Buy America waivers, and the delay has become an obstacle for CTA's electric bus program, which would receive \$3,000,000 CMAQ through the CDOT program. To avoid further delay, the sponsor proposed to transfer funds from FHWA to an existing project with FTA.

Mr. Schmidt stated that the situation regarding Buy America waivers under FHWA has not changed. Mr. Donovan stated that this transfer is an appropriate action.

On a motion made by Mr. Schmidt, seconded by Mr. Rockingham, the requested transfer was approved.

5.10 Carol Stream – Southeast Carol Stream Bike Path (08-17-0021)

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor requested to transfer \$208,857 TAP-L (\$261,071 total) from right of way in FFY 2021 to design engineering in FFY 2020.

On a motion made by Mr. Rickert, seconded by Ms. Hamilton, the requested transfer was approved.

5.11 Romeoville – ComEd ROW Bike Path (12-15-0011)

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor requested to reinstate \$90,000 TAP-L (\$112,000 total) for design engineering in FFY 2019.

On a motion made by Mr. Rickert, seconded by Ms. Hamilton, the requested reinstatement was approved.

6.0 FFY 2020-2024 Program Development

Mr. Ferguson gave an overview of the applications received in the last call for projects. He noted that some CMAQ applications are also being evaluated under the STP-Shared Fund and staff will be discussing these with affected project sponsors. Similarly, a few projects applied for TAP-L funding only, and will be considered under the CMAQ program after discussions with project sponsors.

Mr. Schmidt asked if the staff rankings will be presented at the July Project Selection Committee meeting. Mr. Ferguson replied that staff intends to complete the rankings in June, and will then be shared publicly. The traffic flow improvement projects will be brought to the Regional Transportation Operations Coalition and the bicycle facility and access to transit projects to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force for input, similar to previous cycles. The proposed draft program for the CMAQ Project Selection Committee will be presented at the July 18 meeting, with public comment to follow, final PSC consideration in September, and MPO Policy Committee approval in October.

7.0 Other Business

Mr. Ferguson announced that Ms. Hamilton will be retiring and this was her last Project Selection Committee meeting. Mr. Ferguson thanked Ms. Hamilton for her service on the Committee since its inception in 1991.

Ms. Hamilton thanked the Committee for allowing CMAQ funds to help accomplish important projects in the City of Chicago including the Union Station Transit Center, many CTA station renovations, Divvy bike share, the 606 trail, the Navy Pier Flyover, and many bicycle lanes throughout the city.

Mr. Pitstick stated that these projects were complicated, including long timelines, and were implemented thanks to Ms. Hamilton's perseverance and hard work.

8.0 Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

9.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

10.0 Adjournment

On a motion made by Mr. Schmidt, and seconded by Mr. Rockingham, the meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m.