



CMAQ Project Selection Committee
Minutes – July 18, 2019

- Committee Members:** Doug Ferguson, Chair (CMAP), Darwin Burkhardt (IEPA) (via phone), John Donovan (FHWA), Mark Pitstick (RTA), Chris Snyder (Counties), Chris Schmidt (IDOT) (via phone), Jeffrey Sriver (CDOT)
- Staff Present:** Teri Dixon, Jesse Elam, Stephanie Levine, Jen Maddux, Jeff Schnobrich
- Others Present:** Ken Anderson, Steve Berecz (via phone), Elaine Bottomley, Jack Cruikshank, Rich Daubert, Peter Falcone (via phone), Laura Fedak (via phone), Jackie Forbes, Ben Harber, MeLena Hessel, Julie Jacobson, Angela King (via phone), Mike Klemens, Joshua Klingenstein, Daniel Knickelbein, Kristin Mehl (via phone), Kelsey Mulhausen, Ryan Peterson, Leslie Phemister, Brian Pottorff, Keith Privett (via phone), Tom Rickert, Matthew Sanders, David Seglin, Toy Simpson, Brian Stepp, Steve Sugg, Dave Tomzik (via phone), Joe Wade (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**
There were no agenda changes.
- 3.0 Approval of Minutes—January 8, 2019**
On a motion by Mr. Pitstick and seconded by Mr. Snyder, the minutes of the April 11, 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 \$213 million has been obligated so far this federal fiscal year, well beyond the \$153 million obligation goal. Ms. Maddux

thanked the planning liaisons, project sponsors, and state and federal partners for their dedication to moving projects forward to implementation.

5.0 Project Changes

5.1 Chicago DOT – Streets for Cycling (01-94-0092)

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor requested to reinstate \$2,400,000 CMAQ (\$3,000,000 total) for engineering in FFY 2019 and \$800,000 CMAQ (\$1,000,000 total) for engineering in FFY 2020 and to consolidate the remaining deferred construction phases.

On a motion made by Mr. Snyder, and seconded by Mr. Pitstick, the requested reinstatement was approved.

5.2 Chicago DOT – State/Lake Station (01-02-0030)

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor requested an increase of \$5,500,000 CMAQ (\$11,000,000 total) for engineering in FFY 2019.

Mr. Privett confirmed that if funds are available after the closeout of the Washington/Wabash station, the federal increase amount may be decreased by that amount.

On a motion made by Mr. Schmidt, and seconded by Mr. Pitstick, the requested increase was approved.

5.3 Chicago DOT – Roosevelt Rd Signal Interconnect (01-03-0004)

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor requested to reinstate \$3,929,600 CMAQ (\$4,912,000 total) for construction in FFY 2019.

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

5.4 Schaumburg – Woodfield Rd at IL 53 (03-14-0017)

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor requested an increase of \$549,000 CMAQ (\$450,000 total) for construction in FFY 2019.

On a motion made by Mr. Sriver, seconded by Mr. Snyder, the requested increase was approved.

5.5 Chicago Ridge – Metra Station Area Access Improvements (06-16-0010)

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor requested an increase of \$43,884 CMAQ (\$54,855 total) for construction engineering in 2019.

On a motion made by Mr. Pitstick, seconded by Mr. Snyder, the requested increase was approved.

5.6 Illinois EPA – Chicago Area Green Fleet Grant Program (13-14-0001)

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor requested a scope change to fund a portion of the purchase of new vehicles, increase funding percentages for vehicle conversions,

remove the program funding cap, and add a scrapping requirement for all vehicle replacements.

Mr. Donovan stated that there may be federal eligibility issues with the proposed scope change and he would look into it.

On a motion made by Mr. Sriver, seconded by Mr. Pitstick, the requested scope change was approved pending final eligibility determination by FHWA.

5.7 Kane County FPD – Fox River Trail under UPRR (09-16-0005)

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor requested an increase of \$160,410 TAP-L (\$200,512 total) for design engineering and \$1,021,127 TAP-L (\$750,042 total) for construction and construction engineering in 2019.

On a motion made by Mr. Snyder, seconded by Mr. Sriver, the requested cost increase was approved.

6.0 FFY 2020-2024 Program Development

Mr. Ferguson gave an overview of the staff recommended FFY 2020-2024 CMAQ and FFY 2020-2022 TAP-L programs.

Mr. Pitstick stated his support for the requirement that projects have preliminary engineering completed to apply, and that the RTA will work with communities to get projects ready for the next funding cycle.

Mr. Rickert stated that he would like to better understand how intersection improvement and roundabout projects are evaluated. Mr. Snyder reiterated the need to better understand how traffic flow projects are evaluated and asked that, during the next call for projects, clarification be provided on “Total Project Cost” and how it should be estimated for projects that are part of a larger overall project.

Mr. Donovan stated that there may be federal eligibility issues with CDOT’s proposed “Chicago Pedway Reconstruction + System Wayfinding Replacement” project, noting that the wayfinding component is eligible but that rehabilitation projects may not be eligible for CMAQ funding.

On a motion made by Mr. Pitstick, seconded by Mr. Sriver, the committee approved releasing the proposed draft programs for a public comment period from July 18 through August 16, 2019.

7.0 Other Business

Mr. Schmidt announced that the CMAP region is no longer in nonattainment status for PM 2.5, and that IDOT will be editing the language regarding hot spot analysis in its Bureau of Design and Environment manual.

Mr. Tomzik announced that Pace will begin its Pulse Arterial Rapid Transit (ART) service along Milwaukee Avenue on August 11.

8.0 Public Comment

Ms. Hessel stated the Environmental Law and Policy Center's support for CDOT's proposed "Chicago Pedway Reconstruction + System Wayfinding Replacement" project, noting the high demand for accessible transit in downtown Chicago.

Mr. Berecz stated that the Village of Prospect Heights' proposed Wolf Rd project under the RTA's proposed Access to Transit program would have preliminary design completed by August 1 and asked the committee to consider its inclusion for funding under the RTA's application. Mr. Wade followed that the village has made a significant financial commitment to fund phase I engineering and its exclusion from the proposed program shows a lack of support for local priorities.

9.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for September 5, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

10.0 Adjournment

On a motion made by Mr. Sriver, and seconded by Mr. Snyder, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.