



MEMORANDUM

To: Local Jurisdictions
 CC: Tom Doyle, MDOT; Paul Lott, MDOT; Jim Snell, TCRPC
 From: Andrea Strach, TIP Coordinator
 Date: May 5, 2017
 Re: Call for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Projects due June 2, 2017

With the recent news that the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project has been put on an indefinite hold, there is an urgent necessity to re-program the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding allocated to the project. There are two ways this can be handled: 1) move CMAQ projects forward in the FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to use the available funding and fill the later years with new projects or 2) add new projects to FY 2018 and FY 2019. Now that the project has been put on hold, there may not be enough programmed projects in the TIP to fill the void in FY 2018 and FY 2019.

As of this moment there is \$973,650 programmed in FY 2018 and an additional \$856,562 programmed in FY 2019 for a total of \$1,830,212.

The schedule for reprogramming the CMAQ funding is:

Call for Projects (intent to move projects forward or new projects)	May 5 th
Deadline for Project submittal to TCRPC	June 2 nd
Preliminary project eligibility determination	June 16 th
July Capital Area Regional Transportation Study (CARTS) Committee Mailing	June 30 th
CARTS Recommendation	July 11 th
Transportation Review Committee Recommendation	July 12 th
TCRPC Commission Action	July 26 th
FY 2018 projects eligible for Federal Highway Administration obligation	October 1 st

As a reminder to non-Act 51 jurisdictions, please work with an Act 51 sponsor.

Examples of CMAQ eligible projects include:

- Capital and operating assistance for new transit services
- Rideshare promotion, vanpool purchases and park & ride lots
- Pedestrian and bicycle facilities
- Traffic signal optimization
- Roundabouts
- Alternate/clean fuel vehicles and fueling facilities
- Diesel engine idling reduction and retrofit projects
- Marketing programs designed to increase the public's awareness of air quality and transportation issues

Please submit new projects/change of existing project to me at astrach@mitcrpc.org using the attached excel spreadsheet by 3:00 p.m. on June 2, 2017.

If you have any questions or need assistance please contact me at 517-393-0344 ext. 29.