# CONGESTION MITIGATION AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) PROGRAM



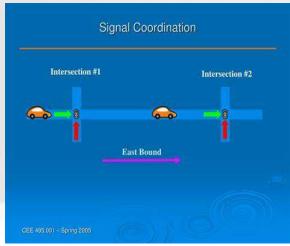
**Intersection Improvements** 



Multi-use paths & Bike Lanes



**Transit Projects** 



**Signal Coordination** 



**Sidewalks** 



**Roundabout Projects** 



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# Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Call for Projects

CMAQ is currently authorized under the new Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) or Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).

The amount of funding available for this round of CMAQ is \$30 Million Total with the project sponsor contributing a minimum of 20% match

#### **Funding Limitations:**

- The maximum recommended project budget is \$3,000,000 (total dollars) \$2,400,000 (federal dollars)
- Project will require at least a 20% cash match provided by the applicant



### **Eligible Activities:**

- Alternative fuel projects including participation in vehicle acquisitions, engine conversions, and refueling or charging facilities.
- Projects that improve traffic flow, including efforts to provide signal system
  optimization, construct HOV lanes, streamline intersections, add turning lanes,
  improve transportation systems management and operations, implementing
  ITS and other CMAQ-eligible projects, including efforts to improve incident and
  emergency response or improve mobility, such as through real time traffic,
  transit and multimodal traveler information
- Transportation-focused (non-recreational) bicycle transportation and pedestrian improvements that provide a reduction in single-occupant vehicle travel
- Transit investments, including transit vehicle acquisitions and construction of new facilities or improvements to facilities that increase transit capacity, as well as operating assistance for new services or the incremental cost of expanded services.

# Regional Planning Commission Support

- Encourage potential applicants to put in a letter of Interest.
- Help applicants understand eligibility for CMAQ funds
- Help applicants develop a scope of work and detailed estimates
- Prepare Air Quality Analysis for applications in RPC region
- Rank projects in RPC region if more than one applicant



## CMAQ APPLICATION ROUND PROCESS

1) PREPARE A LETTER OF INTEREST (LETTERS ARE NON-BINDING)

#### Letter Should Include:

- A basic description of the scope of work proposed
- A rough estimate of cost and amount of Federal funds required
- What eligibility activity this project would qualify under
- Contact person for the application process.
  - -Email address, phone number and physical address

#### Map:

- Show approximate location of proposed project
- Provide landmarks and road names



## CMAQ APPLICATION ROUND PROCESS

- 2) Attend DOT sponsored work-shop (virtual) <a href="Magworkshop">CMAQ Workshop</a>
- Introduction to the CMAQ program
- Requirements for federally funded projects
- Requirement of obtaining an LPA certification
- Review Application
- Explain submission requirement (FTP Site)
- Question and answer session



## CMAQ APPLICATION ROUND PROCESS

3) Submit a CMAQ application

Only Applicants that fulfill steps 1 and 2 will be allowed to submit a CMAQ Application

- Applications must be submitted electronically to the Department.
- Due to size all applications must be submitted to the Department's FTP site.
- Applications are a PDF form and must be saved as PDF.
   Scans will not be accepted.



# Proposed CMAQ Schedule Application Round (FY2025 -FY2029)

#### 2022

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Key Dates	Description
September 26, 2022	September 26, 2022, new CMAQ round Opens. Potential applicants need to develop a letter of interest and submit it by November 4, 2022
October 1 - 31, 2022	Applicants develop a letter of interest. This is mandatory for applicant to submit a formal application for CMAQ funds. Department will develop and release application for funding via DOT website
November 4, 2022	Letter of interest are due by end of day. Applicants will be notified of a mandatory workshop scheduled for December 2022
December 5-16, 2022	A 2 hour virtual CMAQ workshop will be scheduled for December. This is <b>mandatory</b> for applicants to submit a formal application for CMAQ funds



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<u>January 6, 2023</u>	Applications are due by end of day. All submissions will be electronic and saved on the Department FTP site.
January 20, 2023	Applications will be logged and copies sent to governing Regional Planning Commisions.
February 1, 2023	Department reviews applications for eligibility and reasonable costs. RPC's calculate Air Quality Benefit and rank projects in their region.
March 1-12, 2023	RPC continues with Air Quality Analysis and regional rankings. Department creates a scoring committee to review projects.
March 13 -24, 2023	RPC's submit regional rankings for projects in their region. Regional Ranking is one criterion used for scoring. Scoring committee reviews and scores applications. Develops a list of projects in order of ranking from high to low score.
Spring/Summer 2023	2023: CMAQ projects recommended for inclusion in the draft Ten Year Plan.

The new CMAQ round begins on September 26, 2022. All potential applicants will be asked to submit a non-binding letter of interest for their project. This will be a brief description of the project along with a map and other supporting documents that describes what category of eligible CMAQ activities the project falls under. Any sponsor that doesn't submit a letter of interest will not be allowed to submit an application for funding. All sponsors sending in a letter of interest will be required to attend a brief 2 hour virtual workshop. Any sponsor that doesn't attend the workshop will not be allowed to submit an application for funding. Funding for this CMAQ round is scheduled for federal fiscal years 2025 through 2028.

# Questions?

