

## COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE

### INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE: April 7, 2014

TO: Michael Mayo, Sr., Chair, Transportation Public Works  
& Transit Committee

FROM: Brian Dranzik, Director, Department of Transportation

SUBJECT: Authorization to Accept Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ)  
Grant Funds

#### **POLICY**

Chapter 56 of the Milwaukee County Administrative Code requires authorization from the County Board to accept state or federal discretionary grant awards.

#### **BACKGROUND**

On April 15, 2013, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) began accepting applications for Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) grant projects to take place during the 2015 – 2018<sup>1</sup> State Fiscal Year (SFY) period. CMAQ applications were due on June 14, 2013.

The Milwaukee County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) solicited candidate projects from County departments and submitted applications for \$78.3 million in federal CMAQ funds for Transit, Highway, and Parks projects over the 2015 – 2018 SFY period.

Milwaukee County has been notified that of the \$38.9 million of federal CMAQ funds being awarded over the 2015-2018 SFY period, it will receive approximately \$23.4 million. The attached spreadsheet details the projects that were approved as submitted, approved but at an amount less than the submitted request, and projects that were not approved.

CMAQ projects require a 20 percent local matching funds contribution. Total approved project costs of \$29,351,437 would be funded by \$23,481,150 in federal funding and \$5,870,287 in required Milwaukee County matching funds.

The \$23,481,150 in federal funds includes \$22,601,150 for Transit and \$880,000 for Highway.

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<sup>1</sup> The CMAQ program cycle applications due on June 14, 2013 covered State Fiscal Years (SFY) 2014 – 2018. However, SFY 2014 was already fully programmed with existing projects and therefore 2015 was the first year in which funding was available for project submissions.

The Department of Transportation is recommends that Milwaukee County accept the federal CMAQ funds for approved projects at this time. Subsequently, as the start dates for each of the approved projects are refined in coordination with WisDOT, the MCDOT would identify the individual project and funding, including the required County matching contribution for each project, as part of the annual budget process over the grant period.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Director, Department of Transportation, is recommending that authority be granted to accept \$23,481,150 in Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funds covering the grant award period of State Fiscal Years 2015 – 2018.

### **FISCAL NOTE**

The Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) grant program requires a local match of 20 percent for projects included in both the operating and capital improvement budgets.

Total approved project cost of \$29,351,437 would be funded by \$23,481,150 in federal CMAQ revenue and \$5,870,287 in required Milwaukee County matching funds.

The cost for each individual approved project, including the offsetting federal revenue and required Milwaukee County matching funds contribution, would be included for County Board approval in the appropriate annual County budgets over the grant period.

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**CMAQ PROJECTS - SFY 2014 to 2018 Program Cycle**

**APPROVED  
PROJECTS**

Category	Project Title	Project Description	Federal Funds Requested	Federal Funds Awarded	Shortfall between Federal Funds Requested and Federal Funds Awarded	County Match for Project Amounts Approved	Total Approved Project Cost
Transit Operating	Route 27X	New Limited Stop Express Route 27 Bus Service.	\$ 8,080,607	\$ 8,080,607	\$ -	\$ 2,020,152	\$ 10,100,759
Transit Operating	Route 10X and 30X	New Limited Stop Express Route 10 and 30 Bus Service.	\$ 18,161,085	\$ 9,080,543	\$ (9,080,542)	\$ 2,270,135	\$ 11,350,678
		<b>TRANSIT OPERATING SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 26,241,692</b>	<b>\$ 17,161,150</b>	<b>\$ (9,080,542)</b>	<b>\$ 4,290,287</b>	<b>\$ 21,451,437</b>
Transit Capital	Clean Diesel Bus Replacement	Request to Replace 121 Transit Buses. Amount Awarded will Replace 19 Transit Buses.	\$ 41,140,000	\$ 5,440,000	\$ (35,700,000)	\$ 1,360,000	\$ 6,800,000
		<b>TRANSIT CAPITAL SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 41,140,000</b>	<b>\$ 5,440,000</b>	<b>\$ (35,700,000)</b>	<b>\$ 1,360,000</b>	<b>\$ 6,800,000</b>
Highway Capital	W. Good Hope Rd. (CTH PP)	N. 99th to N. Port Washington Rd - 6 miles. Purchase and install an adaptive traffic signal system to better serve vehicular traffic during times when traffic volumes fluctuate. The proposed project includes work in the communities of Brown Deer, Glendale, River Hills and Milwaukee.	\$ 460,800	\$ 460,800	\$ -	\$ 115,200	\$ 576,000
Highway Capital	S. 76th St. (CTH U) and W. Layton Ave (CTH Y)	S. 76th St. from W. Parkview Rd. to W. Forest Home Ave. (STH 24) and W. Layton Ave. from S. 92nd St. to 76th St. (CTH U) - 2.8 Miles. Purchase and install an adaptive traffic signal systems to better serve vehicular traffic during times when traffic volumes fluctuate. The two corridors provide access to the Southridge Mall Area from I-894 and include work in the communities of Greendale and Greenfield.	\$ 419,200	\$ 419,200	\$ -	\$ 104,800	\$ 524,000
		<b>HIGHWAY CAPITAL SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 880,000</b>	<b>\$ 880,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 220,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,100,000</b>
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 68,261,692</b>	<b>\$ 23,481,150</b>	<b>\$ (44,780,542)</b>	<b>\$ 5,870,287</b>	<b>\$ 29,351,437</b>

**PROJECTS NOT  
RECOMMENDED  
FOR APPROVAL**

			Federal Funds Requested	Federal Funds Awarded	Shortfall between Federal Funds Requested and Federal Funds Awarded
Transit Operating	Blue Line Express Route	Continuation of Funding for the Metro Express Blue Line Transit Route along Fond Du Lac and National	\$ 2,912,000	\$ -	\$ (2,912,000)
Transit Operating	Red Line Express Route	Continuation of Funding for the Metro Express Red Line along Capitol	\$ 2,024,000	\$ -	\$ (2,024,000)
Transit Operating	Green Line Express Route	Continuation of Funding for the Metro Express Green Line Bayshore to Airport	\$ 3,676,000	\$ -	\$ (3,676,000)
		<b>TRANSIT OPERATING SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8,612,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (8,612,000)</b>
Highway Capital	W. Beloit Rd. (CTH T)	Adding turn lanes to the existing intersection of W. Beloit Rd and S. 112th St./W. Howard Ave.	\$ 303,200	\$ -	\$ (303,200)
Highway Capital	W. Rawson Ave (CTH BB)	Adding turn lanes to existing intersection of W. Rason Ave and Forest Home Ave.	\$ 372,000	\$ -	\$ (372,000)
		<b>HIGHWAY CAPITAL SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 675,200</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (675,200)</b>
Parks Capital	Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity	Path to connect the Oak Leaf Bike Trail along the Root River Parkway with The Rock athletic complex.	\$ 839,680	\$ -	\$ (839,680)
		<b>PARKS CAPITAL SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 839,680</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (839,680)</b>
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 10,126,880</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (10,126,880)</b>