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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Advisory Committees on Transportation System Planning and Programming for the Kenosha, Milwaukee, Racine, Round Lake Beach, and West Bend Urbanized Areas (TIP Committees)

**FROM:** SEWRPC Staff

**DATE:** April 12, 2019

**SUBJECT: CANDIDATE CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUNDING IN YEARS 2021 THROUGH 2022**

During the first half of 2017, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) solicited new projects for available years 2021-2022 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) funding. Following the completion of the CMAQ project solicitation in June 2017, WisDOT conducted a review of the procedures utilized by the Commission staff, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), which included the staffs of the three agencies independently rating each candidate project seeking CMAQ funding and, working with local governments in Southeastern Wisconsin, prioritizing the projects for funding. Based on the results of its review, WisDOT determined that it would solely evaluate and prioritize projects for CMAQ funding and that the Commission and WDNR staffs' role would be developing and reviewing the estimated emission reductions that would be used in WisDOT's evaluation. In addition, WisDOT decided—after the projected solicitation period had closed—that a number of signal coordination projects on the State trunk network in Southeastern Wisconsin would also be considered, along with the previously submitted local projects for years 2021-2022 CMAQ funding. Commission staff submitted to WisDOT staff in early May the emission reduction estimates for all of the candidate CMAQ projects in Southeastern Wisconsin.

In mid-2018, WisDOT developed a list of years 2021-2022 CMAQ projects proposed for funding. Subsequent to WisDOT completing the list, a number of project sponsors expressed concerns regarding the process utilized by WisDOT, and requested that the process and its results be reconsidered. Following discussions earlier this year between WisDOT, the Commission, and the concerned local governments, WisDOT agreed to a number of changes to their initial list of prioritized CMAQ projects:

1. Milwaukee County Bus Rapid Transit would receive an additional \$1.0 million in funding.
2. The City of Milwaukee would be permitted to substitute City projects initially prioritized for funding with their top priority project.
3. WisDOT would drop all but two of their candidate traffic flow projects initially prioritized for funding.

4. The funds initially prioritized for the other traffic signal coordination projects on the State trunk network will be available for projects during the next CMAQ project selection cycle expected to be initiated soon.

As such, the Commission staff is requesting concurrence from the five TIP Committees for the five urbanized areas in Southeastern Wisconsin on the funding of eight projects that the Department recommends for \$11.5 million in years 2021-2022 CMAQ funds, as listed in Attachment 1 to this memorandum. The Attachment 1 also shows the candidate CMAQ project that was recommended for CMAQ funding but not at the level of funds requested. Attachment 2 to this memorandum is a listing of the candidate CMAQ projects—44 projects seeking an estimated \$70.5 million of CMAQ funds—that were not recommended for funding.

If the TIP Committees concur with the project selection, it will be necessary to add the projects recommended for years 2021-2022 CMAQ funding to the TIP as amendments to the 2019-2022 TIP. Since amending the approved projects into the TIP would require public comment, it is expected that the TIP amendments for these projects would be provided to the relevant TIP Committees for approval in early May 2019.

WisDOT intends to hold another solicitation for CMAQ projects this year, and have indicated a desire to work with the WDNR and the Commission staffs in evaluating and prioritizing projects for CMAQ funding available in the next cycle, as was done in the past. Applicants with projects not included in the project selection shown in Attachment 1 are encouraged to apply again during this soon to be initiated cycle, as more than the typical amount funding is expected to be available.

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**Attachment 1**  
**Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Projects**  
**Recommended by WisDOT for Funding**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Federal Funding (\$)</b>
Transit	East - West Bus Rapid Transit Project between Downtown Milwaukee and the Regional Medical Center (operating assistance)	Milwaukee County	3,960,000 <sup>a</sup>
	Milwaukee Streetcar Operating Assistance	City of Milwaukee	1,514,132
Traffic Flow Improvement	Fiber Optic Interconnect, ATC Controller, and Travel Time Data Monitoring Installation along Various Corridors in the City of Milwaukee - Lisbon Avenue, Walnut Street, and 27th Street	City of Milwaukee	1,601,920
	Fiber Optic Interconnect, ATC Controller, and Travel Time Data Monitoring Installation along Various Corridors in the City of Milwaukee - Cesar Chavez Drive and National Avenue	City of Milwaukee	765,120
	ATC Controller and Communication Upgrade Grant #3 - 79 Intersections in Near-North/Near-West Sides of the City of Milwaukee	City of Milwaukee	1,513,040
	Coordination of Traffic Signals Along STH 11 Between IH 94 and Ohio Street in Racine County	WisDOT	839,232
	Coordination of Traffic Signals Along STH 20 Between IH 94 and STH 31 in Racine County	WisDOT	580,838
Bicycle/Pedestrian	Hank Aaron State Trail Ramp Connection to STH 100	WDNR	760,000

<sup>a</sup> This project is being recommended for \$3,960,000 of the \$8,880,000 requested by Milwaukee County in years 2019-2020 CMAQ funding.

**Attachment 2**  
**Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Projects**  
**Not Recommended for Funding**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Federal Funding (%)</b>
Transit	City of Waukesha Transit Commission Fixed Route Bus Replacement	City of Waukesha Transit Commission	552,000
	City of Waukesha Transit Commission Marketing	City of Waukesha Transit Commission	80,000
	Clean Diesel Bus Purchase Project	Milwaukee County	39,600,000
	Milwaukee County Transit Marketing Program	Milwaukee County	2,560,000
	Milwaukee Streetcar Operating Assistance	City of Milwaukee	1,514,132
Traffic Flow Improvement	Silver Spring Traffic Signal Improvements	Milwaukee County	284,800
	Signal Improvements Along Portions of CTH 76th Street, 92nd Street, and Oklahoma Avenue	Milwaukee County	625,600
	North Port Washington Road Traffic Signal Improvements	Milwaukee County	484,800
	ATC Controller and Communication Upgrade Grant #6 - 81 Intersections in Near-South Side of the City of Milwaukee	City of Milwaukee	1,551,280
	Continuous Count Station Installation	City of Milwaukee	695,520
	Fiber Optic Interconnect and Travel Time Data Monitoring Installation	City of Milwaukee	1,215,120
	Coordination of Traffic Signals Along STH 241 Between CTH Z (College Avenue) and CTH BB (Drexel Avenue) in Milwaukee County	WisDOT	261,144
	Coordination of Traffic Signals Along STH 241 Between Howard Avenue and CTH Y (Layton Avenue) in Milwaukee County	WisDOT	237,559
	Coordination of Traffic Signals Along STH 38 Between CTH ZZ (College Avenue) and Grange Avenue in Milwaukee County	WisDOT	186,041
	Coordination of Traffic Signals Along USH 18/STH 164 Between Kossow Road and Wolf Road in Waukesha County	WisDOT	210,102
	Coordination of Traffic Signals Along STH 164 Between Main Street and Sunset Drive in Waukesha County	WisDOT	281,851
	Coordination of Traffic Signals Along STH 31 Between CTH MM and STH 11 in Racine County	WisDOT	839,232
	Coordination of Traffic Signals Along STH 83 Between Hillside Drive and Golf Road in Waukesha County	WisDOT	459,613
	Coordination of Traffic Signals Along STH 67 Between CTH DR and Old Tower Road in Waukesha County	WisDOT	407,498
	Coordination of Traffic Signals Along STH 100 Between STH 241 (27th Street) and CTH V (13th Street) in Milwaukee County	WisDOT	238,464
	Coordination of Traffic Signals Along STH 100 Between Theo Trecker Way and Burleigh Street and Forest Home Avenue and Lincoln Avenue in Milwaukee County	WisDOT	2,532,620
Coordination of Traffic Signals Along STH 190 Between Brookfield Road and Calhoun Road in Waukesha County	WisDOT	134,709	

**Attachment continued on next page.**

## Attachment 2 (Continued)

Category	Project Description	Sponsor	Federal Funding (%)
Traffic Flow Improvement (continued)	Coordination of Traffic Signals Along USH 18 Between Sunnyslope Road and STH 181 (Glenview Avenue) in Waukesha and Milwaukee Counties	WisDOT	530,744
	Coordination of Traffic Signals Along STH 59 Between CTH O (Moorland Road) and STH 100 (108th Street) in Waukesha and Milwaukee Counties	WisDOT	51,667
	Coordination of Traffic Signals Along STH 181 Between Villard Avenue and CTH PP (Good Hope Road) and between Calumet Road and Dean Road in Milwaukee County	WisDOT	824,423
	Coordination of Traffic Signals Along STH 33 Between Tower Drive and IH 43 in Ozaukee County	WisDOT	492,825
	Coordination of Traffic Signals Along STH 38 Between Rawson Avenue and Ryan Road in Milwaukee County	WisDOT	797,345
	Coordination of Traffic Signals Along STH 158 Between IH 94 and STH 31 in Kenosha County	WisDOT	950,330
	Coordination of Traffic Signals Along STH 50 Between IH 94 and STH 31 in Kenosha County	WisDOT	582,504
	Coordination of Traffic Signals Along Port Washington Road/Silver Spring Drive Between IH 94 and Ramps in Milwaukee County	WisDOT	325,872
	Coordination of Traffic Signals Along STH 190/STH 164 Between STH 16 and Costco Drive in Waukesha County	WisDOT	305,321
	Coordination of Traffic Signals Along STH 24 Between 76th Street and Morgan Avenue in Milwaukee County	WisDOT	853,569
	Coordination of Traffic Signals Along STH 31 Between 78th St and 31st Street in Kenosha County	WisDOT	1,079,807
	Coordination of Traffic Signals Along STH 100 Between 66th Street and Kildeer Court and Between STH 181 and 95th Street in Milwaukee County	WisDOT	651,669
	Coordination of Traffic Signals Along STH 36 Between Cold Spring Drive and Layton Avenue in Milwaukee County	WisDOT	387,475
	Coordination of Traffic Signals Along STH 57/STH 167 Between STH 181 and CTH W in Ozaukee County	WisDOT	975,687
Bicycle/Pedestrian	County C Shared-Use Path, 128th Avenue to County MB	Kenosha County	942,976
	County C Shared-Use Path, County MB to US 45	Kenosha County	1,151,472
	Milwaukee Public Bike Share System - Phase 4 Expansion	City of Milwaukee	1,351,864
	Bicycle Lane Installations	City of Milwaukee	998,400
	Washington Road Connection (overpass and trail)	City of Kenosha	1,223,800
Other	Transportation Demand Management Plan	City of Milwaukee	140,000
	Central Repair Garage Service Bay Upgrades	City of Milwaukee	460,036
	Smart Trips Connect 53204	City of Milwaukee	466,400
	CNG Fueling Station at the Central Repair Garage	City of Milwaukee	1,508,892