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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Members of the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) Advisory Committees on Transportation System Planning and Programming for the Kenosha, Milwaukee, Racine, and Round Lake Beach Urbanized Areas (TIP Committees)

FROM: Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission Staff

DATE: October 14, 2011

SUBJECT: **CANDIDATE PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR \$15 MILLION IN CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUNDING AVAILABLE AS A RESULT OF CANCELLATION OF KENOSHA-RACINE-MILWAUKEE COMMUTER RAIL PROJECT**

A solicitation was made for \$15 million in Federal Highway Administration Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) funding available as a result of the cancellation of the Kenosha-Racine-Milwaukee (KRM) commuter rail project. The CMAQ funding was made available for eligible transit projects within Kenosha, Milwaukee, and Racine Counties because the funds were originally intended for a major public transit project in those three Counties, the KRM commuter rail line would have provided emission reductions in those three Counties, and the three Counties have historically experienced, or currently experience, exceedances of ozone and particulate matter standards. Solicitation was also made for eligible transit projects by transit operators within Southeastern Wisconsin outside these three counties for transit service which links their counties with Kenosha, Milwaukee, and/or Racine County, and for transit projects entirely within their counties. However, these projects were only to be considered for funding should there not be sufficient well qualified candidate projects from within Kenosha, Racine, and Milwaukee Counties to utilize the available funding. A total of 6 candidate projects were submitted for public transit projects within Kenosha, Milwaukee, and Racine Counties seeking a total of \$29.4 million in CMAQ funding. One candidate project was submitted for a transit project outside of Kenosha, Milwaukee, and Racine Counties seeking a total of \$350,000 in CMAQ funding.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation staff, the Commission staff, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources staff, and the TIP Committee chairs have reached a tentative agreement on the candidate CMAQ projects to be considered for approval for funding by the TIP Committees. The projects recommended for funding – three projects with a total CMAQ funding of \$15.0 million – are listed in Attachment 1 to this Memorandum. It is necessary to advance these projects as an amendment to the 2011-2014 TIP. In developing this joint recommendation with respect to the CMAQ projects to be funded, the process approved by the TIP Committees was followed as set forth in Attachment 2 to this Memorandum.

Attachment 3 to this Memorandum is a listing of the candidate CMAQ projects – four projects seeking an estimated \$12.0 million of CMAQ funds – which were not recommended for funding. Attachment 3 also shows one project which was recommended for funding but not at the level requested.

Attachment 4 to this Memorandum is a listing of the proposed necessary amendments to the TIP adding to the TIP the CMAQ projects recommended for funding.

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Attachment 1

Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Projects Recommended for Funding

Category	Project Title	Project Description	Sponsor	Federal Funding
Transit Projects Within Kenosha, Racine, and Milwaukee Counties	Capitol Drive Express Bus Service	Operation of an express bus route to provide frequent limited stop service along a 11-mile corridor of Capitol Drive and Downer Avenue between 124th Street and the UW-Milwaukee campus.	Milwaukee County	\$4,092,624
	Bayshore - Airport Express Bus Service	Operation of an express bus route to provide frequent limited stop service along a 12-mile corridor that connects Bayshore Shopping Center, UW-Milwaukee Campus, Downtown Milwaukee, and the General Mitchell International Airport.	Milwaukee County	\$8,607,376
	Purchase of 15 Replacement Buses ^a	Purchase of 15 new Gilling buses to replace existing buses for Kenosha Area Transit System.	City of Kenosha	\$2,300,000

^aThe City of Kenosha intends to utilize the \$2.3 million in CMAQ funding to purchase 7 replacement buses, rather than 15 buses.

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Attachment 2

Procedure for Selection of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program Projects

1. Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WisDNR), and Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (Commission) staffs would each complete a fair and impartial independent evaluation of candidate CMAQ projects. The independent evaluations are combined and discussed at interagency staff meetings to provide joint prioritization of projects.
2. The three Chairmen of the Advisory Committees for Transportation System Planning and Programming for the Kenosha, Milwaukee, and Racine Urbanized Areas would meet with the WisDOT, WisDNR, and Commission staffs to review the project priority list and formulate their recommendations.
3. The Committee Chair recommendations would be transmitted to the WisDOT Secretary for consideration and approval. If the WisDOT Secretary does not approve the Committee Chair recommendations, a meeting of the Chairmen, WisDOT staff, WisDNR staff, and Commission staff will be held to negotiate a project prioritization which would be forwarded to the three Advisory Committees for consideration and approval.
4. The WisDOT Secretary and Committee Chair recommendations would be considered at a joint meeting of the three Advisory Committees. The Committees would approve the preliminary project selection recommendations, or develop a revised project selection list.
5. The Committee recommendations are transmitted to WisDOT for consideration and approval. If the WisDOT Secretary does not approve the Committee recommendations, the WisDOT Secretary will advise the Committee Chairmen, and a meeting of the Chairmen, WisDOT staff, and Commission staff will be held to establish a final project selection which is then forwarded to the three Advisory Committees for approval.

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Attachment 3

**Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Projects Not Recommended for Funding and
Projects Recommended for Funding But Not at the Level Requested**

Projects Not Recommended for Funding

Category	Project Title	Project Description	Sponsor	Federal Funding Requested
Transit Projects Within Kenosha, Racine, and Milwaukee Counties	27th Street Express Bus Service	Operation of an express bus route to provide frequent limited stop service along a 13-mile corridor of 27th Street between College Avenue (Sycamore Ave.) and Hampton Avenue.	Milwaukee County	\$4,553,280
	Water Main Relocation Element of Milwaukee Streetcar Project ^a	Relocation of water main facilities required for the construction of the Milwaukee Streetcar project.	City of Milwaukee	\$2,328,000
	Purchase of 14 Replacement Buses ^b	Purchase of 14 new Gilling buses to replace existing buses for Belle Urban System.	City of Racine	\$4,760,000
Transit Projects Within Ozaukee, Walworth, Washington and Waukesha Counties	Purchase of 4 Replacement Shared Ride Taxi Vehicles	Purchase of 4 hybrid shared ride taxi vehicles to replace existing gasoline and diesel powered vehicles.	Washington County	\$352,000

^a Project was deemed ineligible for CMAQ funding because of WisDOT's longstanding policy of not funding public utility work with Federal and State funds on highway and transit projects.

^bThe City of Racine has withdrawn this project as it has been funded with a Federal Transit Administration State of Good Repair grant.

Projects Recommended for Funding But Not at the Level Requested

Category	Project Title	Project Description	Sponsor	Reduction in Federal Funding Requested
Transit Projects Within Kenosha, Racine, and Milwaukee Counties	Purchase of 15 Replacement Buses	Purchase of 15 new Gilling buses to replace existing buses for Kenosha Area Transit System.	City of Kenosha	\$2,740,000

**NEW PROJECTS TO BE ADDED TO THE
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE MILWAUKEE TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA --
MILWAUKEE COUNTY 2011-2014**

PROJECT SPONSOR	PROJECT			ESTIMATED COSTS (\$1,000)						AIR QUAL STAT	
	NO	DESCRIPTION / STATE ID	TYPE		2011	2012	2013	2014	REMAINING		
MILWAUKEE COUNTY	747	OPERATION OF AN EXPRESS BUS ROUTE TO PROVIDE FREQUENT LIMITED STOP SERVICE ALONG A 11-MILE CORRIDOR OF CAPITOL DR AND DOWNER AVE BETWEEN 124TH ST AND THE UW-MILWAUKEE CAMPUS 4009907	TI	DETAIL COSTS	PE	--	--	--	--	--	EXEMPT
					ROW	--	--	--	--	--	
					CONST	--	--	--	--	--	
					OTHER	--	2,493.3	2,622.5	--	--	
				TOTAL	--	2,493.3	2,622.5	--	--		
SOURCE OF FUNDS CMAQ	LOCAL	--	498.7	524.5	--	--					
	STATE	--	--	--	--	--					
	FEDERAL	--	1,994.6	2,098.0	--	--					
	TOTAL	--	2,493.3	2,622.5	--	--					
	748	OPERATION OF AN EXPRESS BUS ROUTE TO PROVIDE FREQUENT LIMITED STOP SERVICE ALONG A 12-MILE CORRIDOR THAT CONNECTS BAYSHORE SHOPPING CENTER, UW-MILWAUKEE CAMPUS, DOWNTOWN MILWAUKEE, AND THE MITCHELL INTL. AIRPORT 4009905	TI	DETAIL COSTS	PE	--	--	--	--	--	EXEMPT
					ROW	--	--	--	--	--	
					CONST	--	--	--	--	--	
					OTHER	--	5,285.6	5,473.6	--	--	
				TOTAL	--	5,285.6	5,473.6	--	--		
SOURCE OF FUNDS CMAQ	LOCAL	--	1,057.1	1,094.7	--	--					
	STATE	--	--	--	--	--					
	FEDERAL	--	4,228.5	4,378.9	--	--					
	TOTAL	--	5,285.6	5,473.6	--	--					

**NEW PROJECT TO BE ADDED TO THE
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE KENOSHA, RACINE, WALWORTH TRANSPORTATION
MANAGEMENT AREA -- KENOSHA COUNTY 2011-2014**

PROJECT SPONSOR	PROJECT			ESTIMATED COSTS (\$1,000)						AIR QUAL STAT	
	NO	DESCRIPTION / STATE ID	TYPE		2011	2012	2013	2014	REMAINING		
KENOSHA (CITY)	749	PURCHASE OF 7 NEW GILLING BUSES TO REPLACE EXISTING BUSES FOR KENOSHA AREA TRANSIT 1039974	TP	DETAIL COSTS	PE	--	--	--	--	--	EXEMPT
					ROW	--	--	--	--	--	
					CONST	--	--	--	--	--	
					OTHER	--	2,875.0	--	--	--	
				TOTAL	--	2,875.0	--	--	--		
SOURCE OF FUNDS CMAQ	LOCAL	--	575.0	--	--	--					
	STATE	--	--	--	--	--					
	FEDERAL	--	2,300.0	--	--	--					
	TOTAL	--	2,875.0	--	--	--					