

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

1. Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), and Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (Commission) staffs 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 meet with WisDOT, WDNR, and Commission staffs to review the project priority list and formulate their recommendations.
3. The Committee Chair recommendations are 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, WDNR 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 are 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.