

STAFF REPORT

- SUBJECT:** Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program: Scoring Criteria and Call for Projects
- RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Motion to recommend to the SJCOG Board the approval of:
- 1) 2009 Scoring Criteria for CMAQ Program
 - 2) Authorize CMAQ Call for Projects using 2009 Scoring Criteria

BACKGROUND:

SJCOG CMAQ Cost Effectiveness Policy

The Eight San Joaquin Valley Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) adopted CMAQ Cost Effectiveness policies in 2007. These policies require that SJCOG distribute at least 20 percent of the CMAQ funds available during the four-year programming period to projects that meet a cost-effectiveness threshold of \$30 per pound for emission reductions beginning in Fiscal Year (FY) 2011. SJCOG will receive \$34.6 million in CMAQ funds for Federal Fiscal years 10/11, 11/12, 12/13 and 13/14. These are the FFYs to be programmed for 2011 FTIP. Based on the CMAQ Policy adopted by SJCOG Board, SJCOG will allocate a minimum of \$6.9 million of those funds to projects that meet the cost effectiveness threshold.

SJCOG 2009 CMAQ Scoring Criteria

SJCOG formed a CMAQ Committee consisting of representatives from partner agencies to revise the existing CMAQ scoring criteria, to address our local partner's concerns over the existing criteria, and to incorporate the CMAQ Cost Effectiveness Policy into the criteria developed by the committee. These local agencies concerns specifically included creating manageable and transparent criteria as well as removing the subjectivity from current criteria. Some of the changes in the new scoring criteria have been made based on the discussion with the CMAQ Committee and a review of the 2008 FHWA CMAQ Guidance.

- Current Criteria is modified to provide points for projects that meet SJCOG adopted CMAQ Cost Effectiveness threshold of \$30 per pound.

- Criteria is color coded to differentiate between the different types of improvements (i.e.: Transit, Roadway, Pedestrian and Other improvements)
- Reference information is provided in the criteria related to the ARB model and other documentation
- Minor modifications made to the designation of different types of improvements
- Maximum points for any project application has been revised to 95 points
- Remove point ranges
- Subsequent update of the CMAQ application to reflect consistency with the Scoring Criteria and provide instructions on what information is to be provided (e.g.: Level of Service (LOS) data being peak hour data from Highway Design Manual)

CMAQ Call for Projects

Based on the estimates received from Caltrans, SJCOG will receive \$34.6 million in CMAQ funding for FFYs 10/11, 11/12, 12/13 and 13/14. Since FY 10/11 is currently fully programmed for the \$8.4 million available; the CMAQ Call for projects will be for the \$26.2 million available for the remaining programming years.

Schedule

November 19, 2009

SJCOG announces a CMAQ call for projects

December, 2009 (date TBA)

CMAQ Workshop

December 31, 2009

Local Partners submit their CMAQ applications to SJCOG

January 2010

CMAQ Committee evaluates applications

February 2010

SJCOG Committees and Board approve ranked list of projects

March 2010

SJCOG incorporates the final list in 2011 FTIP update

Recommendation

SJCOG staff recommends that the TAC recommend Board Approval for the:

- 1) 2009 CMAQ Scoring Criteria
- 2) 2009 CMAQ Call for Projects

Attachments:

SJCOG 2009 CMAQ Scoring Criteria

Score Sheet

Caltrans CMAQ Estimates for FFY 10/11, 11/12, 12/13 and 13/14

Prepared by: Sam Kaur, Associate Regional Planner

M:\STAFFRPT\2009\October\TAC\2009 CMAQ SCoring and Call for Projects-Skaur.doc

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program: Scoring Criteria and Call for Projects

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Motion to approve 2009 Scoring Criteria for CMAQ Program and Authorize CMAQ Call for Projects using 2009 Scoring Criteria

BACKGROUND:

SJCOG CMAQ Cost Effectiveness Policy

The Eight San Joaquin Valley Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) adopted CMAQ Cost Effectiveness policies in 2007. These policies require that SJCOG distribute at least 20 percent of the CMAQ funds available during the four-year programming period to projects that meet a cost-effectiveness threshold of \$30 per pound for emission reductions beginning in Fiscal Year (FY) 2011. SJCOG has been notified by Caltrans Office of Federal Programming Management that we will receive \$34.6 million in CMAQ funds for Federal Fiscal years 10/11, 11/12, 12/13 and 13/14. These are the FFYs to be programmed for 2011 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). Based on the CMAQ Policy adopted by the SJCOG Board, SJCOG will allocate a minimum of \$6.9 million of those funds to projects that meet the cost effectiveness threshold.

SJCOG 2009 CMAQ Scoring Criteria

SJCOG formed a CMAQ Committee consisting of representatives from partner agencies to revise the existing CMAQ scoring criteria, to address our local partner's concerns over the existing criteria, and to incorporate the CMAQ Cost Effectiveness Policy into the criteria. The local agencies' concerns specifically included creating manageable and transparent criteria as well as removing the subjectivity from current criteria. Some of the changes in the new scoring criteria have been made based on the discussion with the CMAQ Committee and a review of the 2008 FHWA CMAQ Guidance.

- Current Criteria is modified to provide points for projects that meet SJCOG adopted CMAQ Cost Effectiveness threshold of \$30 per pound.

- Criteria is color coded to differentiate between the different types of improvements (i.e.: Transit, Roadway, Pedestrian and Other improvements)
- Reference information is provided in the criteria related to the ARB model and other documentation
- Minor modifications made to the designation of different types of improvements
- Maximum points for any project application has been revised to 95 points
- Remove point ranges
- Subsequent update of the CMAQ application to reflect consistency with the Scoring Criteria and provide instructions on what information is to be provided (e.g.: Level of Service (LOS) data being peak hour data from Highway Design Manual)

CMAQ Call for Projects

Based on the estimates received from Caltrans, SJCOG will receive \$34.6 million in CMAQ funding for FFYs 10/11, 11/12, 12/13 and 13/14. Since FY 10/11 is currently fully programmed for the \$8.4 million available; the CMAQ Call for projects will be for the \$26.2 million available for the remaining programming years.

Schedule

November 19, 2009

SJCOG announces a CMAQ call for projects

December, 2009 (date TBA)

CMAQ Workshop

December 31, 2009

Local Partners submit their CMAQ applications to SJCOG

January 2010

CMAQ Committee evaluates applications

February 2010

SJCOG Committees and Board approve ranked list of projects

March 2010

SJCOG incorporates the final list in 2011 FTIP update

Committee Recommendations

Technical Advisory Committee recommended approval of this item to the SJCOG Board at their November meeting.

Citizens Advisory Committee is anticipated to take action on this item at their November meeting. Action can be reported to the Board as requested.

Attachments:

- SJCOG 2009 CMAQ Scoring Criteria
- Score Sheet
- Caltrans CMAQ Estimates for FFY 10/11, 11/12, 12/13 and 13/14

Prepared by: Sam Kaur, Associate Regional Planner

M:\STAFFRPT\2009\November\Board\2009 CMAQ Scoring and Call for Projects-SKaur.doc

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program: Scoring Committee Recommendations

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Motion to Approve Scoring Committee Recommendations

BACKGROUND:

SJCOG formed a CMAQ Scoring Committee consisting of representatives from partner agencies to score CMAQ applications submitted based on the 2009 CMAQ call for projects. To address Local Jurisdiction concerns regarding the application deadline and review time of the applications before the Scoring Committee meeting, SJCOG extended the deadline to submit CMAQ applications from December 31, 2009 to January 6, 2010 and Scoring Committee meetings were also postponed. The Scoring Committee will meet on January 11, 2010, to score roadway projects and will meet again on January 12, 2010, to score transit projects. SJCOG staff will then prepare a ranked list of projects based on the Scoring Committee recommendations. This ranked list of projects will then be presented to the Technical Advisory Committee at their meeting on January 14, 2010. The Committee recommendations will be submitted to the SJCOG Board for final approval. The 2011 FTIP will include programming of the projects as approved by the SJCOG Board. The 2011 FTIP will be released for public comment at the end of April and will include programming for FFY 10/11 through FFY 13/14.

Schedule:

January 11, 2010 & January 12, 2010

CMAQ Scoring Committee meeting to score applications

January 14, 2010

Scoring Committee results presented to the TAC for action

January 28, 2010

SJCOG Board approve Committee recommendations

March 2010

SJCOG incorporates the final list in 2011 FTIP update

Attachment:

List of total projects submitted for CMAQ funds.

Prepared by: Sam Kaur, Associate Regional Planner

M:\STAFFRPT\2010\January\TAC\2009 CMAQ Scoring Committee recommendations.doc