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Chicago Area Transportation Study
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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the FFY06 CMAQ Program. Public participation is vital in maintaining open communication in the region. McHenry County is grateful for the CMAQ Program and its benefits to the air quality in Northeastern Illinois.

McHenry County and its municipalities applied for a total of 4 CMAQ projects. Two have been accepted into the program and are awaiting final CMAQ selection committee approval, as well as Policy Committee approval, and ultimately final Federal Highway Administration eligibility. This year, there were a total of 142 project applications requesting a total amount of \$229,853,148. Although it would be outstanding if all applications submitted were awarded, McHenry County understands the obstacle of fiscal constraint and appreciates the work undertaken to select projects.

The Conformity Analysis Supplement for the PM_{2.5} is an excellent resource for explaining the conformity analysis. However, it is difficult for staff to provide comment on such a unique technical document. In the future, more information regarding assumptions, (assumed improvement attributes such as the calculated time savings for an improvement and how these changes are incorporated into the model), for each project would be helpful to ensure projects are modeled as submitted.

Once again I would like to thank you for the chance to comment on these topics. If you have any concerns, questions, or comments please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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