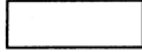




Chicago Area Transportation Study



To: CMAQ Project Selection Committee
From: Doug Ferguson, TIP Division Cadre
Ross Patronsky, Chief of the CMAQ Program
Date: September 16, 2005
Subject: Public Comment on proposed FY 2006 CMAQ Program - Revised

The following is a summary of the comments received on the proposed FY 2006 CMAQ program and staff notes on those comments. 79 comments were received, 78 on specific proposals. One comment was received on the CMAQ program in general or on other topics. Copies of the individual comments are attached.

*BP05062607 – Brookfield – Purchase Pedestrian Bridge over Salt Creek and
CP05062542 – Western Springs – Western Springs Station Commuter Parking - BNSF*
The Central Council of Mayors passed a resolution supporting these two proposals.

- These proposals are included in the proposed program.

South Suburban airport

Walter McElligott sent an e-mail opposing the South Suburban Airport.

- This project is not the subject of a CMAQ proposal.

SI12062530 – Joliet – Essington Rd from Hennepin Dr to US-52/Jefferson St
The City sent a letter supporting the proposal.

- This proposal is included in the proposed program.

BP08062606 – Wheaton Park District – Union Pacific Pedestrian Overpass
Seventy-one people sent e-mails supporting the proposal.

- This proposal is included in the proposed program.

BP12062567 – Homer Glen – Homer Glen Community Bike Trail
Village Trustee Andrews sent an e-mail supporting the proposal.

- This proposal is included in the proposed program.

BP01062543 – CDOT – Lakefront Trail Underpass of Solidarity Dr and
BP01062570 – CDOT – Navy Pier Flyover Stage I

The Chicagoland Bicycle Federation sent an e-mail opposing the inclusion of the Lakefront Trail Underpass of Solidarity Drive in the program. Instead, they recommended inclusion of the Navy Pier Flyover.

- The choice between these two projects was made on the basis of project readiness. The comment was forwarded to CDOT, who provided this more detailed response:

“The Navy Pier Flyover was not selected because it has become clear that it will need to be integrated into newer solutions for making a complete crossing of the Chicago River via a new bicycle and pedestrian bridge (as presented in the recent CDOT design competition) or - if it is determined that funding for that design is not forthcoming - a modification of the existing vehicular bridge. Until this is resolved, the total funding needed for flyover construction is not certain.

“While it did not score as highly as the flyover in the air quality rankings, the Solidarity Drive Underpass would be able to be completed independently of other projects and therefore provide air quality and other benefits in a more timely manner.

“Both projects serve the same trail corridor and grade separate bicycle and pedestrian traffic from vehicular traffic going to tourist attractions (in the case of Solidarity Drive, these are Adler Planetarium and the Northerly Island Park concert venue). The underpass project will extend the longest segment of Lakefront Trail without a motor vehicular crossing, and work in coordination with other recent grade separation projects in the vicinity: The 11th St. Bridge over the Metra Electric trains, the Columbus Drive Underpass, and the Lake Shore Drive Underpass near Field Museum and Shedd Aquarium.”

OT11062642 – Johnsburg Community School Dist. 12 – Retrofit Diesel Particulate Matter Filters and the Purchase of Ultra-Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel for School Buses and
OT13062621 – ISTHA – Advanced Truckstop Electrification

The American Lung Association of Metropolitan Chicago sent a letter supporting these two proposals.

- These proposals are included in the proposed program. It should be noted, however, that the Johnsburg Community School District proposal does not have a local match at this time.

OT11062642 – Johnsbury Community School Dist. 12 – Retrofit Diesel Particulate Matter Filters and the Purchase of Ultra-Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel for School Buses

II11062576 – Algonquin – Bunker Hill Dr/Huntington Dr at Randall Rd

II11062587 – Crystal Lake – Pingree Rd at US14/Northwest Hwy

BE11062609 – McHenry County Highway Department – Walkup Rd from Bull Valley Rd to IL Route 176

The McHenry County Transportation Director sent a letter supporting the inclusion of two proposals in the proposed program, and expressing understanding that all proposals could not be funded.

- The Johnsbury Community School District and McHenry County Highway Department proposals are included in the proposed program. It should be noted, however, that the Johnsbury Community School District proposal does not have a local match at this time.

TI02062633 – Skokie – Oakton New Station on Yellow Line

Five commenters sent letters to Skokie supporting the proposal. (These were counted as one comment.)

- This proposal is included in the proposed program.