Federal Funding Opportunities for Trails



November 30, 2015

Federal funding sources

- Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program (CMAQ)
- Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)
- Surface Transportation Program (STP)



Project development and funding

- Federally funded projects are developed through the Highway Divisions' project development process
- All projects must be on a MPO's TIP
- Need to determine if project is eligible for CMAQ

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MPOs in Massachusetts



Project development overview



What is CMAQ?

The CMAQ program provides a flexible transportation funding source for projects and programs to help meet the requirements of the Clean Air Act.

The CMAQ program supports two important goals of the Department of Transportation: improving air quality and relieving congestion.



CMAQ eligibility

- Three Primary Areas of Eligibility:
 - Type of Project
 - Emissions Reduction
 - Location in or benefitting a nonattainment or maintenance area
- Projects must be included in a Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO)'s TIP, and/or the State Transportation Improvement Program.



What projects are eligible?

- Projects that improve vehicular traffic flow
- Bicycle transportation and pedestrian facilities and programs
- Ridesharing, pricing, and relative outreach activities
- Alternative fuel projects
- Installation of advanced truck stop electrification systems
- Transit investments, including transit vehicle acquisitions, construction of new facilities or improvements to facilities that increase transit capacity
- Vehicle inspection/maintenance programs
- Diesel Retrofits





CMAQ funded project Border-to-Boston Salisbury





CMAQ funded project Columbia Greenway Westfield





CMAQ funded project Ashuwillticook Berkshires



CMAQ consultation

- CMAQ Consultation Committee is responsible for determining whether a project shows an air quality benefit and is eligible for CMAQ funding
- The committee is composed of: MassDOT, DEP, FHWA, EPA, MPO Staff
- Each project proponent must quantitatively analyze the project for air quality benefit
- Once a project is determined eligible for funding, the MPO or MassDOT may consider programming in the TIP/STIP

CMAQ Air Quality Analysis Worksheet for Bicycle and Pedestrian Project

TIP YEAR:	2016							
MPO:	Boston Region				Municipality:		Natick	
Project:	Cochitituate Rail Trail Phase 2							
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Additional resources for CMAQ

FHWA Air Quality Guidance https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/air_qua lity/cmaq/policy_and_guidance/

MassDOT State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) http://www.massdot.state.ma.us/planning/Main /StatewidePlans/StateTransportationImprovem entProgram.aspx



What is TAP?

The TAP program provides the Commonwealth with a small pot of funds for improvements mostly to nonmotorized transportation networks

- Funding is split 3-ways
 - Statewide competitive program
 - MPO competitive program
 - Recreational Trails Program (DCR)



What are the rules for TAP?

- Nor MassDOT or MPOs may be project sponsors
- Projects must come from local governments, DCR, transit agencies, or schools
- Projects must be chosen through a competitive process



What is the competitive process?

MassDOT funds:

- Safe Routes to School projects are prioritized
- Schools are chosen on a competitive basis
- MPO funds:
 - MPOs use their Transportation Evaluation Criteria to award TAP funds to projects with TAP eligible elements



TAP project eligibility





TAP funded project Safe Routes to School infrastructure projects



Additional resources for TAP

FHWA TAP Guidance

https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/map21/guidance/ guidetap.cfm

MassDOT State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) http://www.massdot.state.ma.us/planning/Main /StatewidePlans/StateTransportationImprovem entProgram.aspx



What is STP?

- STP funds are the most flexible, but most sought after through the TIPs
- 27 eligible project types including construction of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure
- MPOs most often program STP funds towards standard roadway improvements



Additional resources for STP

FHWA STP Guidance

https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/map21/factsheets/ stp.cfm

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CMAQ / TAP/ STP funding

- Each MPO is allocated funds to prioritize in their TIP
- MassDOT also has a Statewide CMAQ program
 - Alternative fuels
 - Construction of shared-use paths
 - Bay State Greenway
 - Travel demand management
 - ITS
 - Transit
- \$189 million in 2016-2019 STIP for bicycle and pedestrian improvements vs. \$79 million in 2010-2013 STIP November 30, 2015



CMAQ / TAP / STP funding

about \$175 million per year for the MPOs to prioritize



(federal fiscal year 2016, in millions)

