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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** CMAQ, CRP, and TAP-L Project Selection Committee

**From:** CMAP Staff

**Date:** August 14, 2025

**Subject:** CMAQ, CRP, and TAP-L Project Change Requests

**Action Requested:** Approval

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Project sponsors requested consideration of changes to eight (8) projects. Three project requests are not being brought forward for consideration. The three requests that aren't being recommended for committee approval— two from Metra (18-25-0020 and 16-25-0011) and one from Park Forest (07-25-0007)— were awarded funds in the new FFY 2026-2030 program and are requesting schedule changes, however, the new program is not official until October 1, 2025.

The five (5) sponsors' requests that are being presented for consideration are included in the meeting packet. Staff recommends approval of the five requests. In addition, staff approved two requests administratively, which are outlined in the administrative section. Below is a summary of the impacts of the changes on the fiscal constraint of the three respective programs.

	CMAQ					
	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Request
Current Program*	\$75,485,693	\$133,694,013	\$132,733,423	\$132,372,000	\$106,411,395	
Unprogrammed Balance*	-\$46,899,939	-\$6,444,982	-\$2,939,411	\$17,892	\$28,626,295	
Sponsor requested changes - for Committee consideration						
CCDOH (03-96-0021)	\$6,441,650					Cost increase for C/CE in FFY 2025
Waukegan (10-18-0003)		\$40,800				Reinstatement of Eng2 in FFY 2026
Metra (18-22-0056)		\$72,575,000		-\$72,575,000		Transfer of funds from FFY 2028 to FFY 2026.
Metra (18-21-0027)		\$9,024,137	-\$9,024,137			Transfer of funds from FFY 2027 to FFY 2026.
Sum of Changes From Requests	\$6,441,650	\$81,639,937	-\$9,024,137	-\$72,575,000	\$0	
Sum of Recommended Changes	\$6,441,650	\$81,639,937	-\$9,024,137	-\$72,575,000	\$0	
Recommended Revised Program	\$81,927,343	\$215,333,950	\$123,709,286	\$59,797,000	\$106,411,395	
Rec. Rev. Unprogrammed Balance	-\$53,341,589	-\$88,084,919	\$6,084,726	\$72,592,892	\$28,626,295	

	CRP					
	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Request
Current Program*	\$9,663,058	\$18,000,000	\$15,000,000	\$45,000,000	\$0	
Unprogrammed Balance*	\$17,021,366	\$1,972,462	\$5,371,911	-\$24,220,651	\$21,194,936	
Sponsor requested changes - for Committee consideration						
Sum of Changes From Requests	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Sum of Recommended Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Recommended Revised Program	\$9,663,058	\$18,000,000	\$15,000,000	\$45,000,000	\$0	
Rec. Rev. Unprogrammed Balance	\$17,021,366	\$1,972,462	\$5,371,911	-\$24,220,651	\$21,194,936	

	TAP-L					
	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Request
Current Program*	\$58,428,148	\$19,555,306	\$25,250,335	\$19,669,286	\$0	
Unprogrammed Balance*	-\$1,742,155	\$124,283	-\$5,177,154	\$805,359	\$20,884,138	
Sponsor requested changes - for Committee consideration						
FPDDC (08-16-0019)	\$6,025,980					Reinstatement and cost increase for C/CE in FFY 2025 and cost increase of Eng 2 in FFY 2025.
Sum of Changes From Requests	\$6,025,980	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Sum of Recommended Changes	\$6,025,980	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Recommended Revised Program	\$64,454,128	\$19,555,306	\$25,250,335	\$19,669,286	\$0	
Rec. Rev. Unprogrammed Balance	-\$7,768,135	\$124,283	-\$5,177,154	\$805,359	\$20,884,138	

**For Committee Consideration:**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Action</b>
<p><b>Cook County DOTH – Touhy Ave and UPRR / Elmhurst Rd and Touhy Ave (03-96-0021)</b></p> <p>These segments of the project are programmed for \$11,450,000 and 23,289,000 CMAQ for construction in FFY 2025.</p>	<p>The sponsor is requesting a cost increase of \$6,441,650 CMAQ for construction in FFY 2025.</p> <p>The project has been let and bids for construction exceeded the engineer's estimate. The estimate was produced in 2013 for use in applying to the 2014-2018 CMAQ program. The additional \$6.44 million will provide the maximum 80 percent match for the CMAQ eligible construction cost total.</p> <p>The two segments were submitted as separate projects among both intersection improvement and bottleneck elimination categories in the 2014-2018 program. When re-ranking the two segments under a single project, it remained as the 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked project out of 2 selected in the bottleneck elimination category and as the 4<sup>th</sup> ranked project among 8 selected projects in the intersection improvement category.</p>	<p>Staff recommends approval of the requested cost increase of \$6,441,650 CMAQ for construction in FFY 2025.</p>
<p><b>Park Forest– Metra station access improvements (07-25-0007)</b></p> <p>The project was awarded \$250,000 for engineering 2 in FFY 2029, \$60,000 CMAQ for ROW in FFY 2029, and \$2,200,000 CMAQ for construction in FFY 2030.</p>	<p>The project is requesting a schedule change to advance \$250,000 for engineering 2 and \$60,000 CMAQ for ROW from FFY 2029 to FFY 2027.</p>	<p>Staff recommends postponing consideration of the request until later in FFY 2026 since this project was newly added to the program with the FFY 2026-2030 program which does not go active until October 1, 2025.</p>

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<p><b>Waukegan – Metra station access improvements (10-18-0003)</b></p> <p>The project is programmed for \$40,000 CMAQ for phase 2 engineering and \$168,704 CMAQ for construction. Both phases are in deferment.</p>	<p>The sponsor is requesting a reinstatement of \$40,000 CMAQ and a cost increase of \$8,000 CMAQ for phase 2 engineering in FFY 2026.</p> <p>The project received design approval in June 2024 and is preparing to submit phase 2 engineering draft agreements.</p> <p>The project was re-ranked among access to transit projects included in the 2018-2022 program. The project remained the 4<sup>th</sup> ranked project out of 4 selected projects.</p>	<p>Staff recommends approval of the requested reinstatement and cost increase for a total of \$48,000 CMAQ for engineering 2 in FFY 2026.</p>
<p><b>Metra – Zero Emissions Locomotives (18-22-0056)</b></p> <p>The project is programmed for \$29,024,137 CMAQ in FFY 2025, \$20,975,863 CMAQ in FFY 2027, and \$119,320,000 CMAQ in FFY 2028.</p>	<p>The sponsor is requesting a schedule change to advance \$72,575,000 CMAQ from FFY 2028 to FFY 2026.</p> <p>This project has an active contract that is ongoing. The contract schedule includes significant billing in 2026, and already executed CMAQ funding will be expended by March 2026.</p>	<p>Staff recommends approval of the requested schedule change of \$72,575,000 CMAQ from FFY 2028 to FFY 2026 pending staff ability to maintain fiscal constraint.</p>
<p><b>Metra – Alternative Fuel Locomotives (18-21-0027)</b></p> <p>The project is programmed for \$29,024,137 CMAQ for implementation in FFY 2027.</p>	<p>The project is requesting a schedule change to advance \$29,024,137 CMAQ from FFY 2027 to FFY 2026.</p> <p>A contract award for this project is anticipated in FFY 2026, which will require the advancement of funding.</p>	<p>Staff recommends approval of the requested schedule change of \$29,024,137 CMAQ from FFY 2027 to FFY 2026 pending staff ability to maintain fiscal constraint.</p>
<p><b>Metra – Edgebrook Access to Transit (16-25-0011)</b></p> <p>The project was awarded \$42,000 CMAQ for engineering in FFY 2029 and \$758,000 CMAQ for construction in FFY 2029.</p>	<p>The project is requesting a schedule change to advance \$800,000 CMAQ from FFY 2029 to FFY 2026.</p>	<p>Staff recommends postponing consideration of the request until November 2025 since the project was newly added to the program with the FFY 2026-2030 program which does not go active until October 1, 2025.</p>

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<p><b>Metra – Electric Switch Locomotives (18-25-0020)</b></p> <p>The project was awarded \$9,600,000 CMAQ for implementation in FFY 2029 and \$13,600,000 CMAQ in FFY 2030.</p>	<p>The project is requesting a schedule change to advance \$4,000,000 CMAQ from FFY 2029 to FFY 2026.</p>	<p>Staff recommends postponing consideration of the request until November 2025 since the project was newly added to the program with the FFY2026-2030 program which does not go active until October 1, 2025.</p>
<p><b>FPDDC– West Branch DuPage River Trail Connection (08-16-0019)</b></p> <p>The project is programmed for \$3,610,134 TAP-L for construction and construction engineering that is in deferment.</p>	<p>The project is requesting a reinstatement of \$3,610,134 TAP-L in FFY 2025 and a cost increase of \$124,941 for phase 2 engineering and \$2,290,905 for C/CE.</p> <p>The project submitted final plans in July 2025 and are on track for the November 2025 letting. The cost increase comes as a result of multi-year delays in ROW acquisition that caused increases in design costs and changes to the construction estimate due to rising steel costs.</p>	<p>Staff recommends approval of the phase 2 engineering cost increase of \$124,941 TAP-L and the construction reinstatement and cost increase for a total of \$5,901,039 in FFY 2025.</p>

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

**Administrative modifications:**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>CCFPD– Des Plaines River Trail at UPRR (03-19-0042)</b> The project is programmed for \$5,093,000 TAP-L for construction and construction engineering that is in deferment.	The sponsor requested a reinstatement of \$5,093,000 TAP-L for construction and construction engineering in FFY 2025.  The project submitted final plans in June 2025, received ROW certification in July 2025, and are on track for the September 2025 letting.	Staff approved the requested reinstatement of \$5,093,000 TAP-L for Con/CE in FFY 2025.
<b>North Chicago– Pace Bus Route Access Improvements (10-19-0039)</b> The project is programmed for \$63,176 CMAQ for phase 2 engineering and \$350,979 CMAQ for construction. Both phases are in deferment.	The sponsor requested a reinstatement of \$63,176 CMAQ for phase 2 engineering for FFY 2026.  The project is preparing to submit phase 2 engineering funding agreements for IDOT which will allow for a FFY 2026 obligation.	Staff approved the requested reinstatement of \$63,176 CMAQ for phase 2 engineering for FFY 2026.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information