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**Re: 26-1003-00003 CDOT Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ)**

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Hi Doug,

Thank you for your assistance.

CDOT is requesting reinstatement of funds for **01-12-0004, Chicago Area Alternative Fuel Deployment**, which were previously deferred. We are seeking reinstatement at this time because the project delays have been resolved.

Historically, this project provided incentives to Chicago-area fleets to offset the upfront cost of electric vehicles. Since 2017, the project had been on hold due to the pause in FHWA's Buy America waiver process and CDOT's inability to obtain a waiver. Without a waiver, the program could not provide incentives for fleet electric vehicles.

On February 21, 2023, FHWA issued the **Build America, Buy America (BABA) Implementation Plan to Enhance Buy America for EV Chargers**, which clarified Buy America requirements for EV charging equipment. With this clarification, CMAQ funds could be used for EV chargers without requiring a waiver. As a result, CDOT rescope the project to focus on incentives for fleet EV charging infrastructure rather than the vehicles themselves.

In December 2025, IDOT issued CDOT the funding agreement for this project.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Best regards,

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