

Evansville MPO Call for Projects **Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program**

The Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization (EMPO) is announcing a "Call for Projects" for the fiscal years 2010 and later. This call for projects includes any project funded by Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds. Projects or programs which demonstrate air quality benefits, such as reductions in ozone or carbon monoxide levels, are eligible to receive these CMAQ funds. These projects may include traffic flow improvements, transit strategies, and other demand management techniques. However, projects which result in expanded capacity for single-occupant vehicles (such as added travel lanes) are ineligible for CMAQ funds. The federal obligation for CMAQ projects and programs is 80%.

FY 2010-13 CMAQ Project Call Schedule

- Send out Call for Projects - May 27th, 2010
- Call for Projects Due to MPO - June 18th, 2010
- Review of projects by MPO Staff - June
- Technical and Policy Committees review and prioritize projects – July 1st, 2010 MPO Meetings
- Prioritized projects due to state CMAQ committee for review – July 26th, 2010
- Selected projects will be amended into the 2010-2013 TIP after confirmation of eligibility by the state CMAQ committee

Call for projects

The EMPO staff will distribute a "Call for Projects" package to area Local Public Agencies, and the EMPO Technical and Policy Committees. Additionally, the application and procedures will be available on the EMPO's website (www.evansvillempo.com). Most projects require a 20 percent match and must therefore be sponsored by a governmental entity. **Completed applications must be received by the EMPO no later than June 18th, 2010.** Please contact the MPO if you have any questions regarding the application form.

Available Funding

Project programming is impacted by the amount of federal funds available in a given fiscal year. MPO practice has given priority to projects furthest along in their development in order to complete existing projects before accepting new funding commitments:

For any given year, if the funding allocation is greater than the total cost of the projects to be funded, the remaining allocation is carried over to the following year. If the total cost of the projects applying for the available funds is greater than the allocation, including any carryover funds, the lower ranked projects (as selected by the MPO Policy Committee) will be moved to future years for ranking with all other projects in that given year.

Currently Programmed Projects

FY 2010: Green River Rd. @ Lincoln Ave. intersection; City of Evansville Rideshare program

FY 2011: Burkhardt Rd. @ Virginia St. intersection; Boeke Rd. @ Walnut St. intersection; City of Evansville Rideshare; METS Transit Awareness and Route Map improvements

FY 2012: Maxx Rd. @ Lynch Rd. intersection

FY 2013: No projects programmed

Project evaluation and programming

All projects seeking funding will be evaluated and prioritized according to the MPO's adopted project prioritization process. MPO staff will review and score candidate projects and present the information at MPO Technical Committee. The Technical Committee will make a final recommendation to the MPO Policy Committee. The Policy Committee is not obligated to fund projects based on the recommended project ranking. State CMAQ committee eligibility determination will be requested for locally selected projects. Once eligibility is verified, projects will be programmed for construction/implementation by amending them into the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).