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Request for Projects for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Funding Nogales PM2.5 Nonattainment Area

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Dear CMAQ Applicant,

The Arizona Department of Transportation is seeking applications for projects to be funded under the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program for Federal Fiscal Years 2026-2029. These CMAQ funds are available for eligible transportation projects that reduce emissions in nonattainment and maintenance areas. On June 21, 2024 the State Transportation Board adopted and approved the *2025-2029 Five-Year Transportation Facilities Construction Program* that included a subprogram PM2.5 Air Quality Projects for use in the Nogales PM2.5 nonattainment area. This funding is currently programmed at \$2,400,000 for FY 2026-2029 as listed on page 158 of the 2025-2029 Five-Year Transportation Facilities Construction Program. ADOT is requesting applications for CMAQ funding for Federal Fiscal Years 2026, 2027, 2028 and 2029 with the total amount for each year **not exceeding \$600,000** (including local match requirement, as applicable, up to \$34,200).

BACKGROUND

The CMAQ program was created under the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) of 1991 and continued under the subsequent transportation funding bills, Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), and reauthorized by Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) July 6, 2012. Under the recent provisions of MAP-21, any state with a PM 2.5 nonattainment or maintenance area must use 25 percent of its funds apportioned based on the weighted population of such area to address PM 2.5 emissions. The Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST) Act was signed into law on December 4, 2015 expanding on the MAP-21 CMAQ program. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), enacted as the Infrastructure Investment Jobs Act, was signed into law on November 15th, 2021, further expanding eligibility for use of CMAQ funds.

PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for PM2.5 CMAQ funds a project must have an PM2.5 air quality benefit and/or reduce congestion. A selected project must be included in ADOT's current Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP), meet transportation conformity provisions in section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act Amendments and complete National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements for funding under Titles 23 and 49 of the United States Code. Additionally, all capital improvement projects must follow the ADOT Local Public Agency Projects Manual and other Federal programming provisions.

PROJECT SELECTION

Existing Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) guidance states that the CMAQ project selection process should be transparent, in writing, and publically available and that proposals for funding should include a precise description of the project size, scope, location and an assessment of the expected emission reduction benefits. More details on the *FHWA 2024 CMAQ Program Interim Guidance* can be found on the FHWA CMAQ website at: https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/air_quality/cmaq/policy_and_guidance/2024_cmaq.cfm

ADOT is accepting applications for the Nogales PM2.5 nonattainment area. Project sponsors will complete the application form provided and the blank emissions calculation sheets for the following project types that reduce particulate matter emissions. As ADOT is currently revising the CMAQ Guidelines and Procedures PM2.5 Nonattainment Areas (ADOT, August, 2017), to reflect the newly issued FHWA Interim Guidance, other expanded project types identified in BIL, can use the FHWA CMAQ Emissions Calculator Toolkit found on the FHWA CMAQ website at: https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/air_quality/cmaq/toolkit/

SCHEDULE

March 3rd, 2025 All completed project application materials must be received by 5pm.

Email: AdotAirNoise@azdot.gov

March 10th, 2025 ADOT will start notifying the local sponsors that their CMAQ projects were selected for funding and provide information on when projects can proceed.

March 13th, 2025 Project Sponsors Submittal of the selected CMAQ projects to SouthEastern Arizona Governments Organization (SEAGO)

RESOURCES

Additional materials required for the CMAQ application process are provided in this email, additional information found on the ADOT CMAQ website at:

<https://azdot.gov/business/environmental-planning/air-quality/congestion-mitigation-air-quality-transportation-control>

CERTIFIED STREET SWEEPERS UNDER South Coast AQMD RULE 1186 (AS OF JULY 10, 2024)

<https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/support-documents/rule-1186/certified-street-sweepers-equipment-list.pdf?sfvrsn=56>

Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) map of the Nogales PM2.5 nonattainment boundary website:

<https://adeq.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=001f08fef6584b66b48ef256b0e84c8b>

Please forward to any local agencies contacts, as needed, and let me know if you have any additional questions.



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