

August 10, 2009

TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee

FROM: Dean Giles, Air Quality Planning Program Specialist

SUBJECT: PM-10 CERTIFIED STREET SWEEPER PROJECTS FOR FY 2010 CMAQ FUNDING

The Maricopa Association of Governments is soliciting PM-10 Certified Street Sweeper Projects for FY 2010 federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) funding in the Maricopa County PM-10 Nonattainment Area from member agencies. The purchase of PM-10 Certified Street Sweeper Projects supports the committed measure "Sweep Streets with PM-10 Certified Street Sweepers" in the MAG 2007 Five Percent Plan for PM-10. The purpose of the PM-10 certified street sweeper program is to reduce particulate emissions reentrained by vehicles traveling on paved roads.

On August 19, 2009 a workshop on the MAG Transportation Programming and Federal Fund Project Applications is planned. Two open working groups are also scheduled. The project application form (attached) and details about the application workshop and open application working group meetings are available at www.maricopa.gov/project.cms?item=413. **Signed project applications for PM-10 Certified Street Sweeper Projects for FY 2010 CMAQ funding are due to MAG by 12:00 p.m. Noon, on September 18, 2009.** Late applications will not be accepted.

The FY 2010 Unified Planning Work Program and FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, approved by the MAG Regional Council on July 25, 2007, identifies \$1,310,000 in CMAQ funding to purchase PM-10 Certified Street Sweepers. A minimum local cash match of 5.7 percent on the CMAQ eligible portion of the project is required.

Project requests should include PM-10 Certified Street Sweepers which meet South Coast Air Quality Management District Rule 1186 certification standards. The current list of Rule 1186 Certified Street Sweepers, dated September 18, 2008, is provided in Attachment One. Please attach a detailed price summary from the vendor that itemizes the equipment features for the proposed sweeper project. Additional costs for equipment beyond the specifications necessary for compliance with Rule 1186-certification are not eligible for reimbursement. Examples of ineligible equipment are provided in Attachment Two. A separate application should be completed for each PM-10 certified street sweeper requested.

MAG staff will estimate the emissions reduction for each sweeper project in accordance with federal CMAQ guidance, and cost-effectiveness based on the amount of CMAQ funding requested. Methods contained in the MAG Methodologies for Evaluating Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Projects, April 16, 2009, will be used to calculate the emissions reduction and cost-effectiveness. The cost-effectiveness for each sweeper project will be used to rank order the eligible candidates for CMAQ funding.

In general, the methodology estimates air quality benefits from PM-10 certified street sweepers based on the reduction in reentrained dust emitted from vehicles traveling on the roadway. PM-10 certified street sweepers may be eligible for CMAQ funding if they replace a noncertified sweeper, replace an older certified street sweeper, increase the frequency of sweeping, and/or expand the area swept in the PM-10 nonattainment area.

The MAG Street Committee will initially review the project applications for data completeness in October 2009. Any additional data requested at the first Street Committee meeting will be provided at a second Street Committee meeting tentatively scheduled for November 2009. The MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee may make a recommendation to forward a ranking of the sweeper projects on December 10, 2009. The recommendation may be considered in January 2010 by the MAG Management Committee and MAG Regional Council. It is anticipated that the project ranking would be retained for any additional CMAQ funds that may become available to the region in FY 2010.

After Regional Council approval of funded projects, MAG will issue a formal notification to proceed with the purchase of the street sweeper in a letter to the project sponsor. If approved for a sweeper, the purchase should occur expeditiously. **It is important to note that the Federal Highway Administration has advised MAG that the procurement of CMAQ funded street sweepers should proceed after funding has been authorized by the MAG Regional Council.**

If there are questions regarding the form or process, please contact me at (602) 254-6300.

Attachments

cc: Public Works Directors
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