

Berrien CMAQ Meeting
Monday, November 7th at 10:00 am.
Southwest Michigan Planning Commission,
376 W. Main Street, Benton Harbor.

At this meeting, the Berrien CMAQ representatives will vote on the following changes to FY 2023 CMAQ projects.

Project	Currently Programed			Proposed				
	Programed Cost	Federal CMAQ	Match	Estimated Cost	Federal STBG	Federal CRP	Federal CMAQ	Match
SWMPC Rideshare	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$0	\$16,000	\$0	\$0	\$16,000	\$0
Benton Harbor Pipestone St. Signal	\$293,515	\$218,517	\$74,998	\$360,917	\$156,413	\$135,856	\$0	\$72,183
Buchanan Front St. Signal	\$369,189	\$287,341	\$81,848	\$400,000	\$246,703	\$78,873	\$0	\$80,000
TCATA Replace Two Buses	\$210,000	\$168,000	\$42,000	\$300,000	\$240,000	\$0	\$0	\$60,000
Berrien Bus Replace One Van	\$70,000	\$56,000	\$14,000	Remove Project	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Red Arrow Non-Motorized Path	Illustrative	Illustrative	Illustrative	\$760,852	\$0		\$608,682	\$152,170
Total Funds	\$958,704	\$745,858	\$212,846	\$1,837,769	\$643,116	\$214,729	\$624,682	\$364,353

Note: 2024-2026 approved CMAQ project list and approved illustrative list can be found in the November 9, 2021 Berrien CMAQ meeting minutes.

Summary of Proposed Changes

- The FY 2023 Berrien CMAQ allocation of \$804,254 can be used anywhere within the county (on a project that reduces transportation emissions).
- The Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) must be spent within the MPO boundaries which they allocated for.
- On October 28, 2022 MDOT announced substantial increases to the FY 2023 STBG allocations for TwinCATS and NATS.

Program	Allocated	Programed	Unprogrammed Balance
CMAQ Berrien	\$804,294	\$745,858	\$58,436
NATS STBG	\$1,521,872	\$604,000	\$917,872
NATS CRP	\$78,873	\$0	\$78,873
TwinCATS STBG	\$2,705,848	\$920,000	\$1,785,848
TwinCATS CRP	\$135,856	\$0	\$135,856
Total Allocated	\$6,330,197	\$3,353,312	\$2,976,885

- The proposal is to swap CMAQ funds for CRP and STBG funds, for all of the CMAQ projects currently programed in 2023, to free up CMAQ funding for a project elsewhere in the county. Additional STBG funding is included in the proposal to minimize the local or state match for each project based on the latest cost estimates.
 - \$386,517 in CMAQ funds will be replaced with \$396,413 of TwinCATS STBG and \$135,856 in TwinCATS CRP.
 - \$287,314 in CMAQ funds will be replaced with \$246,703 in NATS STBG and \$78,873 in NATS CRP

- Berrien Bus informed SWMPC that they do need the van in 2023 which is currently programed with \$56,000 in FY 2023 CMAQ funds.
- From the newly freed up CMAQ funds, \$608,682 are proposed for use on the Red Arrow Highway Non-motorized Path, which is a project on the approved CMAQ illustrative list. This project is already in design as a component of the road work on Red Arrow Highway.
- The proposed changes would leave a FY 2023 CMAQ balance of \$179,612.

Unprogrammed 2023 Balances with Proposed Changes

Program	Unprogrammed Balance
CMAQ Berrien	\$179,612
NATS STBG	\$671,169
NATS CRP	\$0
TwinCATS STBG	\$1,389,435
TwinCATS CRP	\$0

Next steps:

1. Berrien CMAQ representatives will vote on proposed changes at the November 7th meeting.
2. The TwinCATS and NATS Policy Committees vote to approve the proposal.
3. SWMPC will submit changes to MDOT, for state and federal approval.
4. TCATA will request flexing STBG to FTA 5307.

Berrien CMAQ Representatives

Agency	Representative
Berrien Bus	Dennis Schuh
Berrien County Road Department	Kevin Stack
City of Benton Harbor	Tim Drews
City of Buchanan	Heather Grace
Lincoln Township	Dick Stauffer
Niles Dial A Ride	Pepper Miller
Twin Cities Area Transportation Authority	Angel Crayton
Village of Berrien Spring	Jesse Hibler
Village of Three Oaks	Dan Faulkner

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