

Berrien County Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ)

January 26th, 2017 Immediately Following the RTF meeting which begins at 10 AM

Southwest Michigan Planning Commission, 376 W. Main St, Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Minutes

Attendance

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| Brian Berndt | Berrien County Road Commission |
| Evan Smith | Berrien Bus – Transit Representative |
| Bob Getz | Village of Baroda – City/Village Representative |
| Adam Umbrassas | Village of Three Oaks & State RTF Board |
| Bill Purvis | Twin Cities Area Transportation Authority |
| Chris Cook | City of Benton Harbor |
| Richard Stauffer | Lincoln Township |
| Brandon Kovnat | SWMPC |
| Kim Gallagher | SWMPC |

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Brian Berndt Called the Meeting to Order at 10:35 AM

2. Overview of Purpose of Meeting and CMAQ Program

Kim Gallagher said that Berrien County receives CMAQ funds because it was in non-attainment for certain air pollutants at one point. Now it is in attainment, but the County receives CMAQ funds to spend on projects that improve or maintain air quality conformity. Due to new standards Berrien County is likely to be labeled in non-attainment for ozone levels. It is still uncertain what this will mean for future funding.

Kim Gallagher said that typical projects in Southwest Michigan include the addition of turn lanes, traffic signal replacements and readying for interconnection, non-motorized paths, and transit vehicle replacements. Projects are decided on at a county level, and then submitted to the state to determine whether they eligible for CMAQ. CMAQ projects must prove an emissions reduction to be approved. Berrien County stakeholders meet annually to review projects and reprogram funds when projects do not proceed as planned.

3. Changes to the Agenda

None

4. Approval of the December 14, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Evan noticed that there was no nonfederal portion added for the 2017 Berrien bus purchase of 5 new busses or the 2019 bus purchase. Bill Purvis said that in 2020 that his bus purchase was incorrectly entered as Berrien Bus.

Motion to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2015 meeting by Evan Smith second by Chris Cook. Approved.

5. Review of the 2017 -2020 CMAQ Programed Projects

Kim Gallagher explained that the Rideshare program was administered through SWOC who work with MDOT passenger division. Kris Martin from SWMPC meets with companies to discuss how to get employee into carpools. If they want to use a van pool he refers them the Michvan program. It also pays for an ad campaign and a little bit is used for the carpool world website.

Brian Berndt asked if Cass County was repaid 8,000 that Berrien County had borrowed in 2016. Brandon said that this was not tracked. Evan asked why the bikeshare was cancelled. Kim Gallagher said that for a small city bikeshare was expensive to run. It also was hard to prove an emission benefit because it was hard to prove that people would actually reduce car trips.

Brian Berndt said he was canceling the Lemon Creek Non-Motorized path. This leave a total of \$264,254 to reprogram for 2018.

Chris Cook said that Benton Harbor was trying to redo all signals along pipestone. He proposed to move pipestone & Jefferson for the Illustrative list to 2018 for \$264,254.

Kim Gallagher proposed to add the Rideshare program to 2019 using an advance construct from 2020. In 2020 Bill Purvis proposed to add an additional bus for \$70,000 to bring the project to a purchase of three (3) Buses for \$210,000.

Kim Gallagher said that if there were small bid savings bike racks for buses. would be a good use. Bike racks cost about \$2,500 apiece.

Motion to approve all changes to the CMAQ project list as presented at the meeting by Chris Cook, second by Bill Purvis. Approved

6. New Business

Brian Berndt presented a proposal for a non-motorized path in Sawyer. It be 4,400 ft, from Green Bush Brewery to Red Arrow Highway. He said a survey was conducted among residents who indicated they would use the path.

7. Public Comment

None

8. Adjourn Meeting

Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM

FY 2017-2020 Berrien County CMAQ Project List

| Agency Name | Project Name | Federal Amount | Non-Federal Amount |
|-------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 2017 Target | | \$598,254 | |
| TCATA | Four (4) New Buses | \$230,000 | \$57,500 |
| Berrien Bus | Five (5) New Buss | \$356,254 | \$0 |
| SWMPC | Rideshare | \$12,000 | \$0 |
| 2017 Total | | \$598,254 | |
| Balance | | \$0 | |

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| 2018 Target | | \$598,254 | |
| SWMPC | Rideshare | \$12,000 | \$0 |
| Benton Harbor | Traffic Signal Replacement for Pipestone at Jefferson St | \$264,254 | \$0 |
| Berrien Bus | 1 New Van | \$42,000 | \$10,500 |
| Berrien Bus | 5 New Buses | \$280,000 | \$70,000 |
| 2018 Total | | \$334,000 | |
| Balance | | \$0 | |

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| 2019 Target | | \$598,254 | |
| Berrien County Road Commission | S Roosevelt Road over Hickory Creek Non-Motorized Path | \$398,254 | \$136,746 |
| SWMPC | Rideshare AC | \$12,000 (AC) | \$0 |
| Berrien Bus | Three New Buses | \$200,000 | \$0 |
| 2018 Total | | \$598,254 | |
| Balance | | \$0 | |

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| 2020 Target | | \$598,254 | |
| SWMPC | Rideshare | \$12,000 | \$0 |
| SWMPC | Rideshare ACC | \$12,000 | \$0 |
| Berrien County Road Commission | Traffic Signal Replacement on Napier Avenue at Leeds Avenue | \$240,000 | \$0 |
| Berrien Bus | 2 New Buses | \$120,000 | \$30,000 |
| TCATA | 3 New Buses | \$210,000 | \$35,000 |
| 2020 Total | | \$594,000 | |
| Balance | | \$4,254 | |

| Illustrative List | | | |
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| Buchanan | Traffic Signal Replacement for Red Bud Trail at River St | \$240,000 | \$0 |
| Benton Harbor | Traffic Signal Replacement for Pipestone at Market St | \$240,000 | \$0 |
| TCATA or Berrien Bus | Bike Racks for Buses | \$2,500-\$5,00 apiece | |