

MEMORANDUM

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DATE: March 15th, 2013
TO: STAC
FROM: Sandi Kohrs, Multimodal Planning Branch Manager
SUBJECT: MAP-21 Programs and FY 14 Budget

This memo summarizes the staff recommendations regarding TAP, CMAQ and STP funds to be presented at the Statewide Plan Committee of the Transportation Commission in March.

Background:

With MAP-21, the funding program categories and requirements changed. Several of these programs have suballocations to TMAs. These funding programs, the previous resource allocations and proposed suballocations for FY14 will be discussed with the Statewide Transportation Committee on March 20, 2013. The recommendations from the Committee will be presented to Commission on March 21, 2013. The staff recommendations for FY14 for these programs are summarized below.

Recommendation for FY14:

Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) - Most regions and MPOs have existing FY14 project lists for Transportation Enhancement (TE) projects which were selected through a competitive process and are eligible under TAP. Therefore, staff recommends that for FY 14 a regional distribution be implemented using the formula for the former TE program, and keeping all areas “whole” except DRCOG which would be reduced by \$300,000 (Federal), so that the total distribution does not exceed the MAP-21 funds received. DRCOG’s reduction of \$300,000 (Federal) would be backfilled with CMAQ funds.

Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality - Staff recommendation is that CMAQ funds for FY 14 be distributed to current recipients up to the FY 14 resource allocation amounts and that the remainder be held in reserve pending further development of the statewide CNG plan by the Colorado Energy Office (CEO). Staff will continue to work with CEO and will inform them of CMAQ grant requirements. In summer of 2013, further discussions on the use of the CMAQ funds held in reserve would be conducted with the goal of a decision on the use of those funds in fall of 2013.

Surface Treatment Program (STP) – CDOT will administer STP funds as required by MAP-21: 50 percent obligated by defined population area categories and 50 percent to any area of the state. For FY 14 the staff recommendation for the suballocation of STP-Metro funds is to meet MAP-21 requirements and calculate that suballocation to TMAs (of the 50 percent of STP funds obligated by population categories) based on the percentage of population in the urbanized areas over 200,000 as a percent of the state population.