



STAFF REPORT
Board Meeting of September 20, 2023

AGENDA ITEM: 4-L

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SUBJECT:

Call for Projects for the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program (CMAQ) and the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Funding

Enclosure: No

Action: Information and Discussion Only

SUMMARY:

The Madera County Transportation has released a Call for Projects for the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program (CMAQ) and the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funding.

BACKGROUND:

The purpose of the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program is to fund transportation projects or programs that will contribute to attainment of maintenance of national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS). Funding can be expended on projects to reduce ozone precursor emissions, (including nitrogen oxides (NOx) and volatile organic compounds (VOC), carbon monoxide (CO), and particulate matter (PM) emissions or PM precursor emissions from transportation. This program will also assist in meeting the intent of SB 375, also known as the Sustainable Communities Protection Act of 2008. Approximately \$8.9 million in CMAQ Apportionment (funding) is available for the CMAQ Call for Projects (FFY 2024/25 – FFY 2027/28).

The Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) is a federal funding program created through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). CRP was created to reduce transportation emissions through the development of State carbon reduction strategies and by funding projects designed to reduce transportation emissions. Projects eligibility is essentially identical to the CMAQ program, including the provisions that projects do not involve the construction of new capacity. The State has released a total of \$559,290 covering two fiscal years in CRP funding that are included as part of the September 2023 Call for Projects.

The tentative schedule for the MCTC CMAQ/CRP Call for Projects and related Federal Transportation Improvement Programming (FTIP) and Air Quality Conformity process are as follows:

September 1, 2023	Release of CMAQ/CRP Call for Projects
November 3, 2023	CMAQ/CRP Project Submittals Due
February 2024	Anticipated MCTC Board Adoption of Projects and Contingency List
December 16, 2024	Anticipated FHWA/FTA Approval of 2025 FTIP

Additional information on the CMAQ/CRP Call for Projects may be found on the MCTC website: [MCTC CMAQ Page](#)

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact to the approved 2023-24 Overall Work Program and Budget.