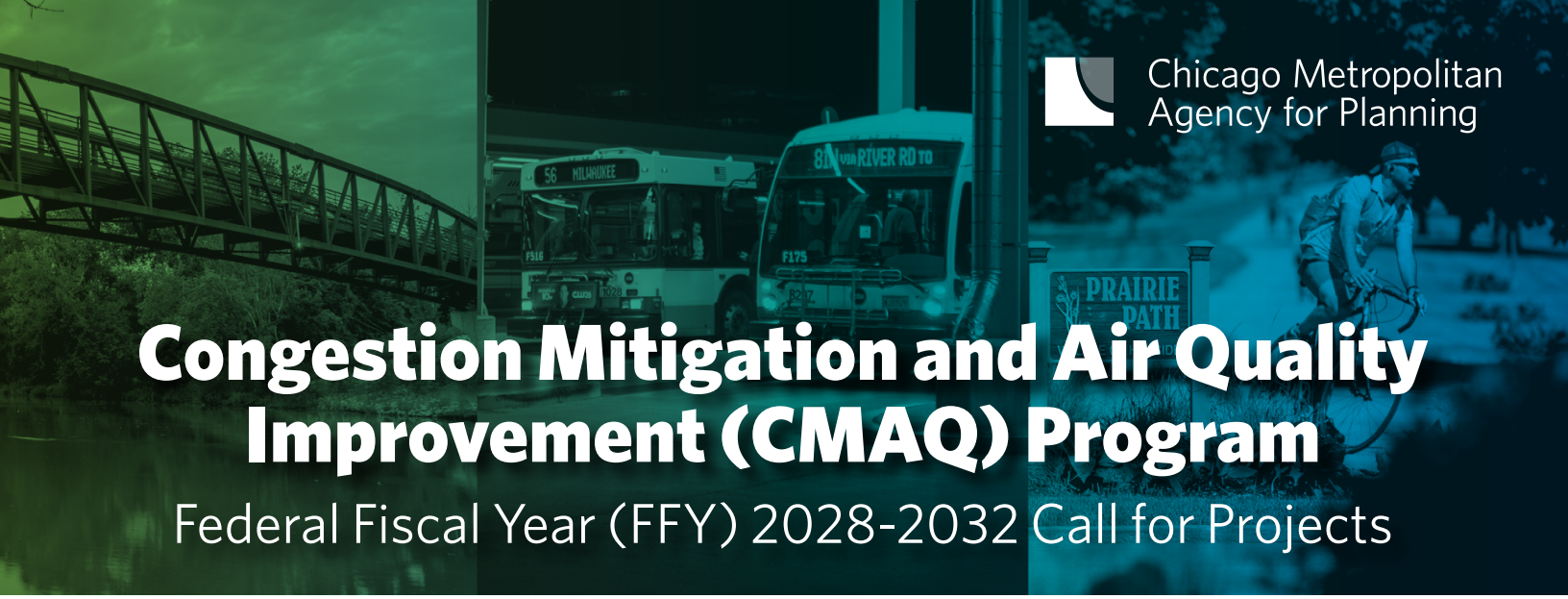

Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program

Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2028-2032 Call for Projects

The Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program is a federally funded program of surface transportation improvements designed to improve air quality and mitigate congestion. The CMAQ funds are programmed by the CMAQ and TAP-L Project Selection Committee and administered by Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) staff.

CMAQ supports a multimodal transportation system, promotes efficiency, ensures accessibility, and strengthens sustainability, while supporting the goals of 2026 Regional Transportation Plan and ON TO 2050.

Call for Projects (CFP) Timeline

CFP opens	Webinar	CFP closes	Staff recommended program	Public comment period	Project selection committee	Transportation committee	Final MPO Policy Committee Approval
October 19 2026	October 28, 2026	December 18 2026	April 2027				June 2027

Eligible project types

- Transit improvements related to service, equipment, facilities, or access
- Traffic flow improvements related to intersections, signals, and bottlenecks eliminations
- Improvements that directly reduce emissions
- Bicycle or pedestrian facilities
- Intelligent Transportation Systems

Eligibility requirements

Eligible sponsors or partners include any state agency or unit of government that can levy taxes (e.g., municipality, county, township, park district, forest preserve district, or transit agency).

All awarded CMAQ funding requires a 20% local* match.**

Phase I engineering is ineligible for funding, exceptions.**

Motor fuel tax, Rebuild Illinois bond funds, state and private funds can be used for local match

***Local match and preliminary engineering eligibility requirements could be waived for Cohort 4 communities.*

Project scoring criteria

- **60%** Cost benefit of emission reduction
- **30%** Transportation impact criteria
- **10%** Inclusive Growth

Individual scoring criteria are based on the project type. See the CMAQ application workbook on the call for projects webpage for details.

For more information, visit the Call for Projects webpage: cmap.is/2026callforprojects

Please contact your Planning Liaison for project-specific questions or transportation@cmap.illinois.gov for general inquiries.

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