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To: Chief Administrative Officials
From: Jennifer Carrier, Director of Transportation Planning
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c: Transportation Committee, Town Engineers
Subject: *CMAQ Additional Information*

As a follow-up to the request for CMAQ proposals that was sent out October 26, I have this additional information:

1. The State has extended its deadline to **February 1, 2012**, so we are revising our project schedule as follows:
 - a. A simplified “Notice of Intent to Apply” (attached and also posted on the CRCOG website with the other CMAQ materials) will be submitted by the project sponsor to us by 4:00 p.m., **November 30, 2011**.
 - b. A summary list of all submitted projects will be prepared by staff for the **December 12, 2011** Transportation Committee meeting, as well as a discussion paper on a proposed methodology for ranking of projects. It is possible that a generalized ranking of projects will also be available at the meeting.
 - c. From the December 12 discussion, project sponsors can decide whether or not to move their project forward. Final project applications (available on the CRCOG website) will be accepted until 10 a.m. on **January 9, 2012**.
 - d. Final projects with preliminary rankings suggested by staff, will be available for action by the Committee at its meeting on **January 23, 2012**.
 - e. The final list will be reviewed, modified if appropriate, and approved by the Policy Board at its meeting on **January 25, 2012**.
2. We also want to point out to you that the transmittal memo dated October 26 states that ConnDOT’s Census / Modeling unit will analyze each project submitted to ConnDOT for air quality benefits. While this is mostly true, the State Guidance recognizes that some projects are not amenable to analysis by the model. These include projects that “do not historically provide enough data to prepare a quantitative analysis”: specifically marketing, telecommuting, research & support, and variable message signs (see page 13 and 14 of the guidance). In addition, ConnDOT invites project sponsors to include their own analysis as part of the project application. For these projects, DOT says the information “could” be used in assessing the projects; so there is no guarantee that those analyses will be used. In all cases, project sponsors are encouraged to read through both the federal and State guidance regarding projects proposed for funding with CMAQ funds.

Again, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Karen Olson about this project solicitation.