



Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT)
MAP-21 and the Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Improvement Program
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The Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ)¹ was reauthorized by the *Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act* (MAP-21), which was signed into law in July 2012 and effective as of October 1, 2012. CMAQ was established in 1991 to fund transportation-related projects that improve air quality and reduce congestion in air quality non-attainment and maintenance areas.

Sponsor Eligibility

The following eleven counties are eligible to receive funding in the CY 2013 WisDOT CMAQ award cycle:

<u>Region</u>	<u>Counties</u>
NE Region	Door; Kewaunee; Manitowoc; Sheboygan
SE Region	Kenosha; Milwaukee; Ozaukee; Racine; Walworth; Washington; Waukesha

Eligibility is subject to change in future CMAQ award cycles in the event of changes to air quality designations.

Project Eligibility

Projects eligible for CMAQ funding pursuant to the *Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users* (SAFETEA-LU) generally remain eligible for MAP-21 CMAQ funding. Applicants should consult Federal Highway Administration CMAQ Interim Guidance for a complete list of eligible CMAQ projects and activities.² Applicants should note that MAP-21 provisions emphasize certain project categories such as electric and natural gas vehicle infrastructure and diesel retrofits.

Approved CMAQ projects will have the following three elements of eligibility:

- Relation to surface transportation;
- Demonstrable emissions reduction; and
- Location in, or benefit to, an air quality non-attainment or maintenance area.

Prioritization of PM_{2.5} Projects

MAP-21 requires transportation agencies in states with fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) non-attainment or maintenance areas to dedicate a specific percentage of funding to projects that address ambient levels of PM_{2.5}. WisDOT will therefore dedicate a portion of its CMAQ funds to Wisconsin counties with particulate matter non-attainment or maintenance areas.

Transferability of CMAQ Funds

MAP-21 affords state transportation agencies the increased flexibility to transfer up to 50% of CMAQ funds to other federal aid programs.

Performance Measurement

The pervasive performance goals of MAP-21 include reduction of traffic congestion and on-road mobile source emissions. Applicants should anticipate the necessity of cooperating with the CMAQ selection committee to determine estimated emissions reductions and other measures of the efficacy of approved CMAQ projects. This cooperation was similarly required by WisDOT CMAQ guidelines that were published during previous award cycles.

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¹ See 23 U.S.C. § 149 *et seq.*

² Source: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/map21/guidance/guidecmaq.cfm>.