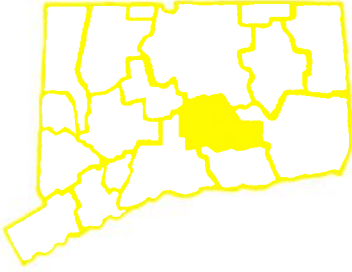


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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Chief Elected Officials  
Public Works Directors

**FROM:** Robert Haramut, Jr. *RH*  
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**DATE:** October 21, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) - Project Proposals

The CMAQ program is a federal program that funds transportation projects and programs that address congestion and air quality issues. These funds must be used for projects that reduce congestion and/or vehicular emissions and contribute to the attainment and maintenance of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards. In the past, this program has been administered by ConnDOT and has funded programs such as the CT clean fuels initiative, statewide transportation demand management, telecommuting partnerships, ridesharing programs, and alternative fuel busses. A worthwhile regional project could be a coordinated signal system on a congested main street, for example. ConnDOT has recently revised its CMAQ program to earmark \$10 million each year to project proposals from regional planning organizations and expects to solicit CMAQ projects ever two years.

CMAQ projects are typically funded by an 80% federal share. Total project costs should range between \$200,000 and \$3,000,000. The enclosed CMAQ Program Guide provides additional information regarding eligibility, project selection, and ConnDOT application form. Also enclosed is FHWA's Final Program Guidance.

Please submit three (3) copies of the CMAQ application form to MRPA by November 22, 2011. The projects will be prioritized at the December 6, 2011 regularly scheduled board meeting based on the project selection criteria in the guide. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at your convenience.

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cc: Town Planners  
Middletown Transit District