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TO:	Member Agencies and Interested Persons
FROM:	Jeff Findley, Principal Regional Planner
SUBJECT:	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program and Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Call for Projects

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

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 and Climate 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. Project 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) 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, including emission reduction calculation tools/methodology, application, and other supporting documents may be found on the MCTC website: <u>MCTC CMAQ Resource Page</u>

Applications are due by **3:00 PM on Friday, November 3, 2023**. Please submit completed application, calculations, and resolution with transmittal letter on agency letterhead to:

Attn: CMAQ/CRP Programs Madera County Transportation Commission 2001 Howard Road, Suite 201 Madera, CA 93637

Send electronically: digitally Via Dropbox link OR via mail on flash drive. Please contact MCTC staff for Dropbox access.

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