CMAQ FFY 2017 Update and Project Application Process

This is an update on Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) project prioritization for Kerr-Tar RPO. The Kerr-Tar Rural Planning Organization (KTRPO) is accepting project applications for **FFY 2017 CMAQ** Funds. KTRPO asks that any eligible local government agency informs KTRPO of their plans to submit a CMAQ Project Application for FFY 2017, so that we can plan accordingly to accommodate projects. The number of projects to be submitted for FFY 2017 will impact how we move forward with potential project ranking.

NC nonattainment areas in the KTRPO region that are eligible for CMAQ include **Granville**, **Person, and Franklin** counties. Kerr-Tar RPO is the point of contact for NCDOT, so applications must be submitted through the RPO. The project sponsor will be the local government agency.

- The CMAQ Project Application is available at <u>www.ktrpo.com</u> or you may contact KTRPO for a copy of the application. Please complete and send back to us. We anticipate getting multiple applications, so we will do our best to assist as needed, but we ask that you complete what you can of the application. The deadline to submit applications to KTRPO is <u>Friday October 2, 2015</u>. If more project applications are received than funding available, we will need to prioritize projects. KTRPO will review and prioritize projects. The KTRPO will seek a resolution of support for FFY 2017 CMAQ project applications at our October TAC/TCC meeting on 10/8/15. Following that KTRPO will submit finalized applications to NCDOT by their 10/15/15 deadline.
- The Emission Factors for CMAQ that will need to be used for calculating the emissions reduction criteria portion of the application is also available on the KTRPO website at: <u>www.ktrpo.com</u> or you may contact KTRPO staff for a copy. The emission reduction criteria is used to show that a project will decrease emissions & contribute to attainment or maintenance of NAAQS. If you need help with this, let us know.
- Most projects require a 20% match. There are safety projects that qualify that may be funded up to 100%.
- The **CMAQ Funding Target Allocation for KTRPO for FY 2017 is \$525,406**. We also anticipate that \$14,976 of unused funds from KTRPO FFY 2016 allocations should also be available for FFY 2017. KTRPO does not currently have any applications submitted for FFY 2017.