



October 2, 2023

VILLAGE OF SKANEATELES

Dear Interested Party:

The Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council (SMTC) is pleased to inform you of the availability of funding through the federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ), administered by the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT). These reimbursement programs help support **bicycle, pedestrian, multi-use path, access to public transportation and transportation-related projects, as well as projects that reduce congestion and greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector.** To be eligible for CMAQ funding in the Syracuse metropolitan area, a project must be located in Onondaga County. The location stipulation does not apply to TAP funding. Also, although the statewide solicitation includes funding through the federal Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), CRP funds are not available in the Syracuse metropolitan area.

A Guidebook, Application Instructions, and other related materials are available on the NYSDOT TAP-CMAQ website at www.dot.ny.gov/TAP-CMAQ. Please be advised that all candidate applications and materials must be transmitted electronically on or before **Tuesday, January 9, 2024, by 5:00 PM**, through the New York State Grants Gateway. Additionally, an optional, but highly recommended application pre-review is offered. Although the pre-review process is not required, it provides sponsors the opportunity to receive bonus points during project evaluation. The "Application Pre-Review Request Form", available on the TAP-CMAQ website, must be submitted to TAP-CMAQ@dot.ny.gov.

If you are interested in applying for funding consideration, please be advised that attendance is required at a current TAP-CMAQ informational webinar. The person who will be directly responsible for the management and oversight of the project should attend an informational webinar. Webinar details, dates, and registration information are located on the TAP-CMAQ website.

For TAP questions in Onondaga or Oswego County, please contact Maranda Roth at Maranda.Roth@dot.ny.gov or (315) 428-4565. In Madison County, please contact Sharon Heyboer at Sharon.Heyboer@dot.ny.gov or (315) 793-2749. For CMAQ technical questions, please contact Carl Kochersberger at Carl.Kochersberger@dot.ny.gov or (518) 485-5316.

Many excellent projects have been funded through past solicitations, so if you have an eligible project, please consider applying.

Sincerely,

James D'Agostino
Director

The Metropolitan Planning Organization

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