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Ms. Amanda Burkhart
Grants Officer
City of Pittsburgh
414 Grant Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Dear Ms. Burkhart:

I am pleased to inform you that the City of Pittsburgh's application for the Frankstown Avenue Signal Improvement Project has been approved by the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC) for \$3,322,679 in regional Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program funding.

These funds will be programmed on the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which begins on October 1, 2022. Once projects are programmed on the TIP for CMAQ funding, close coordination is necessary between SPC, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), and project sponsors to ensure that CMAQ funds are used appropriately and to maximize their effectiveness in satisfying SPC's CMAQ policy and meeting federal transportation and Clean Air Act (CAA) goals. It is also essential that the CMAQ funds are able to be obligated in the year in which they are programmed to the TIP. Most awarded CMAQ projects from this cycle will be programmed for the TIP's third and fourth years, which are the federal fiscal years of 2025 and 2026 (Oct. 1, 2024 – Sept. 30, 2026).

CMAQ funds operate on a reimbursement system, which is contingent on strict adherence to all applicable federal and PennDOT project delivery requirements. It is recommended that you consult the PennDOT Local Project Delivery Manual (Publication 740) in regard to these requirements. Shortly after TIP adoption, SPC staff will contact the sponsor of each CMAQ project programmed on the TIP. At that time, the sponsor will be required to finalize key project milestones and a schedule for ensuring that CMAQ funds will be approved (obligated) during the year in which funding for the project is programmed on the TIP. SPC staff will also work with the project sponsor to coordinate a PennDOT Connects meeting with relevant stakeholders.

I look forward to the successful implementation of your project. If you have additional questions, please contact SPC's Project Development Planner, Lillian Gabreski, at (412) 391-5590, ext. 327 or lgabreski@spcregion.org.

Sincerely,

Vincent Valdes
Executive Director
Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission