

DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

STATE OF COLORADO

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION NO. 15, 2013

A RESOLUTION REGARDING USE OF FEDERAL CMAQ FUNDS FOR THE COLORADO ENERGY OFFICE'S NATURAL GAS VEHICLE MARKET IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the Denver Regional Council of Governments, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization, is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the continuing comprehensive transportation planning and Federally required air quality conformity processes pursuant to state and federal statutes and regulations; and

WHEREAS, these processes are carried out by the council through cooperative agreements with the Regional Transportation District, the Colorado Department of Transportation, the Regional Air Quality Council, and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment; and

WHEREAS, Federal Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) funds have been, through CDOT and Transportation Commission actions, directly sub-allocated to air quality non-attainment MPOs and small communities in Colorado for more than 20 years; and

WHEREAS, CDOT and the Transportation Commission are considering taking \$30 million of federal CMAQ funds off-the-top over the period from FY 2013 through FY 2017, or approximately 20 percent of the statewide total, to fund the Natural Gas Vehicle Market Implementation Plan; and

WHEREAS, DRCOG would have normally received, through CDOT approved formulas, approximately 80 percent of the \$30 million proposed for the Natural Gas Vehicle Market Implementation Plan to choose projects on its own to address air quality in the Denver region; and

WHEREAS, on September 17, 2013, the DRCOG Board of Directors heard a presentation from the Colorado Energy Office and recommended preparing a letter to the governor of Colorado with an accompanying resolution; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Denver Regional Council of Governments hereby offers the following recommendations to improve the Natural Gas Vehicle Market Implementation Plan:

- Provide for the removal of pre-2010 diesel trucks from the road since vehicles manufactured after 2010 meet higher air quality standards and those manufactured before 2010 contribute more to poor air quality,
- Be more "fuel neutral" by co-locating electric vehicle fast-charging stations at the compressed natural gas stations to capitalize on economies of scale and saving taxpayer monies, and
- Make vehicle purchase subsidies available to other types of alternative fueled vehicles

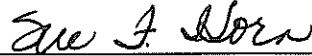
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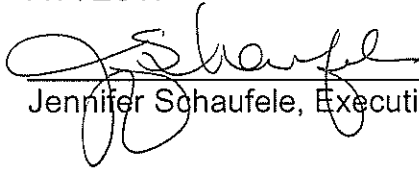
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Denver Regional Council of Governments urges CDOT to return to the historic CMAQ program non-attainment area sub-allocation funding formulas after the final year of off-the-top funding for the Natural Gas Vehicle Market Implementation Plan in FY 2017

RESOLVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of November, 2013 at Denver, Colorado.



Sue Horn, Chair
Board of Directors
Denver Regional Council of Governments

ATTEST:



Jennifer Schaufele, Executive Director