The Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program: *Five project issues...at least...*

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Three Basic Requirements

- Transportation Project
- Nonattainment or Maintenance Area
- Reduces Emissions
Alternative Fuels

- Eligible with conditions
- Only the increment of private-sector vehicles
- AQ portion of general government vehicles—cost principles prevail
Diesel Retrofits

- Eligible and supported by Administration
- Replacements must result in emissions reduction
- Equipment retrofits only if tied to Title 23 projects
Full Federal Funding Flexibility

- CMAQ projects remain available for 100 percent Federal share

- State flexibility provided by the Energy Independence & Security Act of 2007

- Continues at least through SAFETEA-LU
Operating Cost Limitation

- Still restricted to three-years of start-up costs
- No exceptions for year 4 when funding is targeted for following years—sorry!
- Capital cost support is available during these three-years of start-up
Port & Intermodal

- Stand-alone freight projects are eligible

- Added highway element e.g. port AND TSE, not a must

- Emissions reduction required from tailpipes or highway trips