



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

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Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act:  
A Legacy for Users

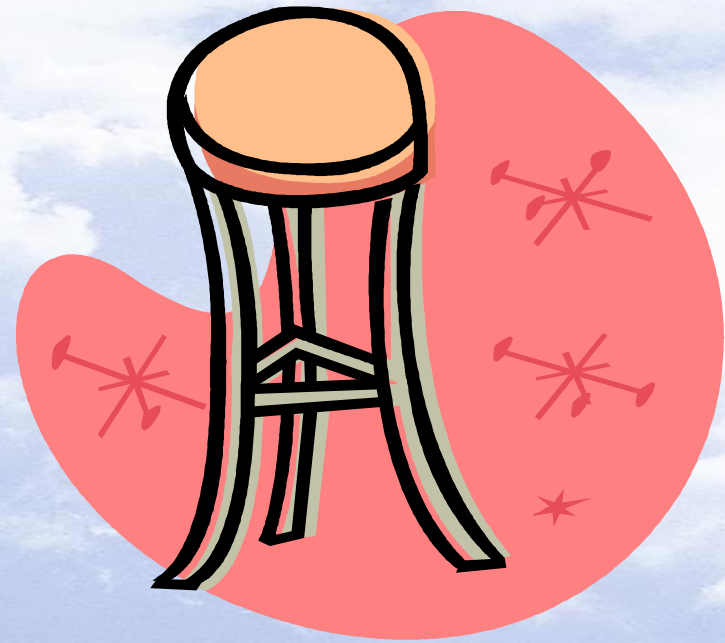


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# Three Basic Requirements

- 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

