

MEMORANDUM

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DATE: November 14, 2013

TO: STAC

FROM: Debra Perkins-Smith, Director, DTD

SUBJECT: Program Distribution - CMAQ statewide program

Presentations have been made to STAC on the proposed statewide CNG program by staff from the Colorado Energy Office (CEO). The CEO is requesting that CMAQ funds be applied to this program over a 4 year period to provide “seed” funds with a goal of creating a sustainable market for CNG in Colorado.

The STAC subcommittee for program distribution discussed this potential allocation of CMAQ funds as part of the overall formula discussions for CMAQ. They reached a consensus recommendation to allocate a total of \$30M over the 4 year period (approximately 20% of CMAQ funds) to the statewide CNG program for the purpose of installation of fueling stations on key corridors in the state and for purchase of CNG vehicles based in the non-attainment or maintenance areas.

The Transportation Commission will be reviewing this request at its November meeting and staff plans to request action in December. A recommendation from STAC to advise the Commission on this matter is requested.

Potential motion: STAC recommends that CMAQ funds in the amount of \$30 million over 4 years (approximately 20% of CMAQ funding) be allocated to support a statewide CNG program including fueling stations and purchase of vehicles, to be executed in accordance with Federal regulations for CMAQ funds.