

5) How much of that CMAQ funding comes to the RVMPO?

The RVMPO currently receives approximately \$2.5 million per year to implement transportation projects which address air quality issues. Amounts change slightly each year consistent with the rate of annual growth of overall federal transportation funding to the state. In general, the funds have grown slightly over time and with no changes in the sub-allocation formula would be approximately \$2.8 million by the end of the current federal authorization bill in 2020.

6) What is currently happening with CMAQ in Oregon and why is this discussion happening now?

FHWA recently made a determination the Eugene and Salem regions are eligible to receive CMAQ funding. The Eugene and Salem MPOs have now requested ODOT to update the state distribution method to account for their eligibility. ODOT is considering how to update the distribution process and is expected to propose a process in the very near future.

7) If new places become eligible for CMAQ funding, does that mean the State of Oregon receives more CMAQ funding?

No, the federal transportation reauthorization does not increase or decrease the level of CMAQ funding each state receives based on the current air quality conditions and newly eligible areas.

8) How soon can the RVMPO be affected/impacted by the outcomes of the statewide CMAQ allocation discussions?

The impacts to the funding amounts will be determined by the Oregon Transportation Commission when they adopt a new distribution process, including the date the new process will go into effect.

9) How can the RVMPO contribute to the conversation about the statewide CMAQ funding allocation?

To date, ODOT has communicated a general description to undergo a process over the summer and looks to bring forward to the OTC a new recommendation on how to allocate CMAQ funds in the state by autumn 2016. As ODOT prepares to define a more specific process proposal, the RVMPO may consider sending a message to ODOT asking that there be adequate time to consider options.