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Gov. Beshear announces \$3 million in Congestion Mitigation funds to projects in Jefferson County

Funding will help improve safety, air quality

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Aug. 7, 2014) – Governor Steve Beshear and Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) officials today announced more than \$3 million in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds for three projects in Jefferson County to improve safety and air quality in one of the busiest areas of the Commonwealth.

The funding was awarded in three grants:

- \$2.32 million to Louisville-Jefferson County Metro Government and Kentuckiana Cleanfuel, which formed a public-private partnership to construct three fast-fill Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fueling stations.
- \$384,000 to Louisville-Jefferson County Metro Government to replace two diesel garbage packer trucks with CNG-powered trucks.
- \$300,000 to Louisville-Jefferson County Metro Government and M & M Cartage Co., which formed a public-private partnership to replace five diesel trucks with new CNG-powered trucks.

“To have a healthy Commonwealth, we must have clean air,” Gov. Beshear said. “CMAQ funding

helps us in working toward that goal.”

Federally funded CMAQ grants are for innovative transportation projects or programs aimed at reducing traffic congestion and improving air quality. Kentucky annually receives CMAQ funds for use in areas striving to meet the National Ambient Air Quality Standards. Such areas are designated “nonattainment” or “maintenance” for the standards.

CMAQ funds are available to state and local government agencies as well as private entities through public-private partnerships. Nonprofit organizations may also apply in partnership with state or local government agencies.

KYTC solicits applications and makes awards annually for CMAQ funds. The cabinet’s Office of Local Programs administers all CMAQ funds and project applications.

CMAQ projects support Gov. Beshear’s efforts to improve the health of all Kentuckians. The Governor launched [kyhealthnow](#) in February as an aggressive and wide-ranging initiative to reduce incidents and deaths from Kentucky’s dismal health rankings and habits. It builds on Kentucky’s successful implementation of health care reform and uses multiple strategies over the next several years to improve the state’s collective health.

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