



CHICAGO AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

**MEETING OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE**  
to be held at the

CHICAGO AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY  
233 South Wacker Drive, Suite 800  
Chicago, Illinois

Cunningham-Williams Conference Room

**Thursday, August 17, 2006**  
**10:00 a.m.**

***I. CALL TO ORDER***

***II. OLD BUSINESS***

**A. Approval of Minutes for  
June 8, 2006**

The minutes were previously mailed.

**ACTION REQUESTED**

Approval by Policy Committee

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. CATS Executive Director**

**ACTION REQUESTED**

Approval by Policy Committee

CATS Bylaws state that the Policy Committee is the governing body of CATS and that the Policy Committee shall appoint an Executive Director. Because there have been some recent changes to the CATS staff, the Policy Committee is being asked to confirm the appointment of an Executive Director

**B. Job Access and Reverse Commute and the New Freedom Initiative Programs**

RTA will brief the committee on the project selection process they are developing for these programs for 2006. The objective of this year's program is to identify multiple, sustainable projects that can be implemented in the shortest possible timeframe. Beginning in 2007, the Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom (NF) projects selected for implementation will derive from a Human Services Transportation Plan. The development of that plan will begin shortly. FY 06 projects will be selected in early November. Due to this timing, in October the RTA will be requesting that the Policy Committee authorize the Work Program Committee to approve the projects at their November 17th meeting.

The draft application for 2006 funding for the JARC and NF programs has been included in your packet and is available at <http://www.catsmpo.com/min-wpc.htm>. A description of the selection process and criteria as well as a program overview is available at the same site.

**C. Report to the General Assembly from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)**

The Board of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP), formerly the Regional Planning Board, has released for review and comment the draft report that is intended to be delivered to the General Assembly this September. The report discusses the vision and direction the board wishes to pursue along with how it intends to achieve that vision through governance, staffing and funding. A copy of the draft report is enclosed.

**IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

**V. NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled meeting is October 12, 2006.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**