



CHICAGO AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

MEETING OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE
to be held at the

CHICAGO AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY
300 West Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois

Cunningham-Williams Conference Room

Thursday – 10:00 a.m. , January 13, 2005

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. OLD BUSINESS

**A. Approval of Minutes for
October 14, 2004 Meeting**
ACTION REQUESTED
Approval by Policy Committee

The minutes were previously mailed.

B. Council of Mayors' Report

C. Executive Director's Report

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. CATS Metropolitan Planning Area Boundaries

ACTION REQUESTED

Direct the Bylaws Subcommittee to prepare changes to the Bylaws expanding the MPO membership to include Kendall County.

It is anticipated that the Kendall County Board will make the decision to include the entirety of Kendall County in the Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary, effectively expanding the Metropolitan Planning Organization region to seven counties. If this action occurs, a written application requesting consideration of including Kendall County as a member of the Policy Committee will be available for consideration at the Committee's March meeting. If the Policy Committee agrees to expand the MPO membership, the appropriate text in the Bylaws must be updated. So that the 90 day written notice period required for changes to the Bylaws may occur as expeditiously as practical, the Bylaws Committee should prepare revisions to be considered should the Policy Committee vote to include Kendall County.

B. Northeastern Illinois Regional Transportation Task Force Issues

ACTION REQUESTED

Approval of Resolution 05-01 urging the General Assembly to address the state of transit funding for northeastern Illinois.

Two primary issues have evolved from the work of the Regional Transportation Task Force that have significant impact on transportation in northeastern Illinois. These are funding for public transportation operations and how the region plans for land use and transportation. The Special Committee on Mass Transit for Northeastern Illinois of the General Assembly is currently holding hearings that address these two issues. The Policy Committee will be asked to support a resolution encouraging the General Assembly to address the issue of public transportation operating funding for northeastern Illinois.

Approval of Resolution 05-02 creating the Transportation/Land Use Coordinating Committee to facilitate the integration of transportation and land use planning in northeastern Illinois.

The joint ad hoc committee of CATS and NIPC has prepared a recommendation calling for the creation of a Transportation / Land Use Coordinating Committee that would include the leadership of NIPC, CATS and the Council of Mayors Executive Committee. A resolution has been prepared that would establish such a committee. The ad hoc committee has recognized the importance of engaging the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus in this issue and therefore would seek its endorsement of this resolution.

C. Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program

The three year limitation on the use of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program funds to operate the Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program has been reached. Several discussions regarding the consequences of this limitation have taken place at recent Policy Committee meetings. The Committee will be briefed on the status of possible funding mechanisms for the program.

D. TIP Update and Conformity Schedule

ACTION REQUESTED

Authorization of the Work Program Committee to release the conformity determination for the eight-hour standard and the proposed FY 2005 - 2009 TIP for public comment.

The schedule for meeting the eight-hour ozone standard and the conformity neutral TIP update resulting in the FY 05-09 TIP calls for consideration of approval by the Policy Committee in June. Staff is working with the implementers to move that approval date up to the March Policy Committee meeting. If it is possible to compress the schedule, it will require the Policy Committee to authorize the Work Program Committee to release the conformity determination and updated TIP for public comment.

E. Reauthorization of TEA-21

The 109th Congress is expected to take action reauthorizing the surface transportation legislation. With a new Congress and committee members it is expected that new legislation will be prepared rather than advance one of the existing proposals of the House, Senate or Administration. A briefing on the status of the legislation will be presented.

F. Unified Work Program for Fiscal Year 2006

The Unified Work Program Committee has prepared a framework for the development of the Fiscal Year 2006 UWP. The framework is intended to reflect goals of regional planning agencies and federal planning guidance, and is designed to help select projects that best meet the goals of the program. The UWP Committee will be kicking off the FY 2006 UWP development process on January 14, 2005.

G. Soles and Spokes Plan

Work continues on *Soles and Spokes: Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan for Chicago Area Transportation*. The Soles and Spokes Plan Steering Group recently accepted and transmitted several reports to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force. These reports, posted at www.solesandspokes.com, include a report on Existing Conditions and Regional Trends and the results of public involvement activities. Staff will present these reports and information on current efforts to identify best practices as well as strategic and policy recommendations. This effort will be incorporated within the update of *Shared Path 2030*.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

V. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting is March 10, 2005.

VI. ADJOURNMENT