

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2002, 10 A.M.
Cunningham-Williams Conference Room
Chicago Area Transportation Study
300 W. Adams St.
Chicago, IL

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes for March 14, 2002 Meeting

The minutes were previously mailed.

Council of Mayors' Report

Executive Director's Report

Report from the By-laws Subcommittee

The changes recommended by the Bylaws Subcommittee are enclosed and will be reviewed.

Requested Action: Approval of recommended changes.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Unified Work Program

The preliminary FY 03 UWP was approved by the Work Program Committee and submitted to the federal funding agencies and project review agencies in April. To date, no comments have been received. A final UWP Executive Summary, including estimate of carryover, is enclosed for your review, as is a draft endorsement resolution. The Work Program Committee, at its meeting of May 31, recommended Policy Committee endorsement.

Requested Action: Approval of Resolution 02-09 endorsing the FY 2003 UWP and authorizing staff to prepare the final document.

RTA Financial Capacity Assessment

The RTA is required to prepare an annual financial capacity analysis by the Federal Transit Administration. The analysis must demonstrate that there will be sufficient local revenue capable of covering operating expenditures to warrant further federal investment in the region. The enclosed 2001 report is recommended for approval by the Work Program Committee.

Requested action: Approval of financial capacity analysis for 2001.

Conformity Determination on TIP Amendment

The Work Program Committee recommends that the conformity determination on the TIP amendment to revise the scope of the Dan Ryan reconstruction project be approved. A travel demand analysis demonstrated that the region's transportation plan and program remain in conformity to the State Implementation Plan with inclusion of this project. The conformity determination was the subject of a public comment period and no comments were received.

Requested Action: Approval of conformity determination.

FY 2001-2006 TIP Amendment

A non-exempt scope change to the Dan Ryan (I-90/94) reconstruction project has been proposed. The change in scope will result in operational and safety improvements. The conformity determination on this amendment is discussed in agenda item C. The Work Program Committee recommends approval of the TIP amendment. This amendment will also be incorporated in the proposed FY 2002-2006 TIP.

Requested Action: Approval of TIP amendment.

Job Access and Reverse Commute Program

In April, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) published a notice of availability of funds for the Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Program for fiscal years 2002 and 2003. Applications for funding current JARC projects were requested by FTA on June 7th, along with a notice of intent to apply for new projects. New projects need to be submitted on July 8, 2002.

Requested Action: Authorize the Community Mobility Task Force to finalize new JARC projects and submit to the FTA.

CATS CMAQ Project Submittals

CATS staff has submitted two project proposals for consideration in the FY 2003 CMAQ program. The project submittal forms are included. Policy Committee approval of the submittals will allow the proposals to be considered by the CMAQ Project Selection Committee with all of the applications received for FY 03 CMAQ funding. The Work Program Committee has recommended that these proposals be included for consideration by the CMAQ Project Selection Committee.

Requested Action: Approval for submittals by CATS staff for the FY 03 CMAQ program.

Federal Certification Review of the Transportation Planning Process

U.S.DOT will have completed its desk audit, public hearing and site visit for the triennial review of the metropolitan transportation planning process in northeastern Illinois by the time of this meeting. U.S. DOT officials will explain the review process and Policy Committee members are encouraged to provide their views.

2030 Regional Transportation Plan

A progress report on the Shared Path 2030 process will be given.

FY 2004-2008/9 TIP

The Work Program Committee has reviewed and recommended a schedule for development of the next conformed TIP. The proposed schedule is enclosed.

Intermodal Connectors Assessment and Investment Study

Mr. Joe Alonzo of the Chicago Department of Transportation will report on the Intermodal Connectors Assessment and Investment Study sponsored by the City of Chicago, CATS and the Federal Highway Administration. The study characterizes the nature and extent of physical and operational problems on 17.19 miles of a 55.25 mile system of intermodal freight connector roadways. Connector roadways are designated truck routes in the Chicago metropolitan area used to link intermodal rail yards or port facilities to the National Highway System (NHS).

Connecting Communities-CNT's Public Outreach Process

The Center for Neighborhood Technology has been conducting a public outreach process on transportation issues. They will brief the Committee on the outcomes of their public participation process.

Status Report on the Northwest Corridor Transit Study

A status report on the project will be given.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS**V. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next regularly scheduled meeting is for October 10, 2002.

VI. ADJOURNMENT