



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, June 10, 2004

10:00 A.M.

A G E N D A

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. OLD BUSINESS

**A. Approval of Minutes for
March 11, 2004 and April 5,
2004 Meetings**

The minutes were previously mailed.

B. Council of Mayors' Report

C. Executive Director's Report

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Nominating Committee for the office of Vice Chairman

The CATS bylaws state “each year during June, after notice to the membership in the call and agenda of a particular meeting, the Chairman shall appoint a subcommittee of three members of the Policy Committee to nominate at a meeting in October, the name or names of candidates for election to the office of Vice Chairman of the Policy Committee for the following year”. The members of the nominating committee must include one person from each of the following areas: municipal government or municipal corporation; highway or roads administration; and public transportation agency, mass transit district, or other transportation provider.

B. Authorization of Work Program Committee to act on a proposed TIP Amendment

A non-exempt TIP amendment has been requested by IDOT’s District 3. The proposed amendment, adding a project for an interchange at Brisbin Road on I-80 in Grundy County, was discussed by the Consultation Team. At the direction of the consultation team, an analysis including this project was conducted. The analysis demonstrates that air pollutant emissions from the region’s amended TIP would remain within established air quality budgets. The Work Program Committee (WPC) approved the release of the conformity documentation for a one month public comment period. It is anticipated that the public comment period will conclude prior to the next WPC meeting scheduled for July 30. The TIP Change and Project Grouping Procedures require that all TIP amendments except for signal interconnect projects must be approved by the Policy Committee. Since the next scheduled Policy Committee meeting will not occur until October, it is proposed that the Policy Committee authorize the WPC to act on this proposed TIP amendment so as not to impede progress on the project, assuming that any public comment can be reasonably addressed.

C. RTA Financial Capacity Analysis
REQUESTED ACTION
Approval of financial capacity analysis for 2003

FTA requires that annually RTA prepare a financial capacity analysis. 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 2003 report has been recommended by the Work Program Committee for Policy Committee approval.

D. Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Program

Resolution Number 04-07

REQUESTED ACTION

Approval of resolution 04-07

endorsing DuPage County and Ray Graham Association for People with Disabilities as designated recipients for FY 04

The Federal Transit Administration has announced the FY 04 program for the Job Access/Reverse Commute Program. Successful applicants within northeastern Illinois include DuPage County and Ray Graham Association for People with Disabilities.

E. FY Unified Work Program

REQUESTED ACTION

Approval of Resolution 04-08

endorsing the FY 2005 Unified Work Program for Transportation

A draft FY2005 Unified Work Program for Transportation summary is enclosed. The Work Program Committee has recommended Policy Committee endorsement.

F. Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's Vehicle Inspection Program

At the April 4, 2004 special meeting of the Policy Committee, staff was directed to investigate how other regions in the country fund their I & M programs and to develop estimates for funding the program under various scenarios. Staff's report will be provided.

G. Implication of the 2000 Census in Northeastern Illinois

A status report on activities related to the 2000 census will be given.

H. Non-attainment Boundary Designation for the 8-hour Ozone Standard classification and new conformity determination

IEPA will update the Committee on the process for developing the State's recommendation on the non-attainment boundary designation for the 8-hour ozone standard, and the need for a new conformity determination by June, 2005.

I. CMAQ Proposal from CATS

The Policy Committee has asked to be notified when a submission to the CMAQ program is made by CATS. A brief report on the project proposal will be provided.

J. Reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21)

Congress continues to address a new six year transportation bill. After weeks of inactivity, the Senate has named conferees to a House-Senate Conference Committee. The House is expected to act soon. The latest status of reauthorization will be discussed along with its implications for the northeast Illinois program.

K. Regional Transportation Task Force

The State Legislature had created a Regional Transportation Task Force to gather information and make recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly regarding metro area transportation programs in northeastern Illinois. The RTTF completed its review in April and transmitted its recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly.

To prepare for pending action by the state legislature on the possible restructuring of the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission (NIPC) and the Chicago Area Transportation Study (CATS), NIPC has created an ad hoc committee to evaluate the financial, organizational and governance impact of a new or merged agency. With the enclosed letter, Mayor Michael Smith of New Lenox, President of NIPC, is requesting that the Policy Committee appoint a comparable ad hoc committee to form a joint committee with NIPC. President Smith is also seeking Policy Committee authorization for CATS staff to participate in these discussions.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

V. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting is October 14, 2004.

VI. ADJOURNMENT