



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 9, 2005
10:00 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. OLD BUSINESS

**A. Approval of Minutes for
March 10, 2005**

The minutes were previously mailed.

ACTION REQUESTED

Approval by Policy Committee

B. Council of Mayors' Report

C. Executive Director's Report

D. Revisions to Designated Recipient Resolutions

ACTION REQUESTED

Approval of the revisions to Resolutions 05-04 and 05-05

Resolutions 05-04 and 05-05 designating CTA & Metra as recipients of Section 5307 funds were approved at the March meeting. The combined totals for 5307 and 5309(a) funds were cited in the resolutions instead of 5307 funds only. The Work Program Committee recommends that the resolutions be corrected.

E. CATS/NIPC Coordinating Committee

As a result of the work by the CATS/NIPC Coordinating Committee, the Illinois General Assembly has passed legislation creating a Regional Planning Board responsible for developing and adopting a funding and implementation strategy for an integrated land use and transportation planning process for the northeastern Illinois region. The draft final report, produced by the Government Assistance Program of DePaul University, describing the process and efforts of the Committee is enclosed.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2040 Regional Framework Plan

ACTION REQUESTED

Approval of Resolution 05-11

The Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission anticipates adopting its 2040 Regional Framework Plan later this summer. NIPC has requested a resolution from CATS in support of the Framework Plan, acknowledging its role in more closely integrating land use and transportation planning in northeastern Illinois. The Work Program Committee recommends such action.

B. Unified Work Program

ACTION REQUESTED

Approval of Resolution 05-12 endorsing the FY 2006 Unified Work Program

The Executive Summary of the recommended FY 2006 Unified Work Program for northeastern Illinois is enclosed. The Work Program Committee has recommended Policy Committee endorsement.

C. JARC

ACTION REQUESTED

Approval of transfer of JARC funds from DuPage County to Pace and Resolution 05-13 endorsing DuPage County and Ray Graham Association for People with Disabilities as Designated Recipients for FY 05

DuPage County and the Ray Graham Association for People with Disabilities have received funding for FY 05. The Work Program Committee recommends that these successful applicants for the FY 05 Job Access/Reverse Commute Program (JARC) allocation be named “Designated Recipients” of these funds.

DuPage County and Pace have agreed that Pace will receive \$197,000 (federal) of DuPage’s FY 03 JARC earmark. The TIP will be updated to reflect this change.

**D. Proposed FY 05-09
Transportation Improvement
Program (TIP)**

ACTION REQUESTED

Approval of Resolutions 05-14 and 05-15 making the conformity determination and approving the FY 05-09 TIP

The proposed TIP is conformity neutral. The conformity analysis on the proposed FY 05-09 TIP and the 2030 RTP meets all applicable requirements for the ozone standards. The public comment period on the conformity supplement and the TIP concluded April 20th. Staff worked with the implementing agencies and the consultation team to prepare responses to the comments received. The Work Program Committee concurred with the proposed responses. The comments and draft responses are attached.

The proposed TIP and the conformity documentation are available on the CATS website.

**E. CATS Interactive Web-based
Transportation Improvement
Program**

CATS has developed an interactive internet mapping application to provide information about TIP projects throughout the Chicago metropolitan region. This application will provide information for all types of transportation improvement projects programmed in the region’s TIP, including: highway, transit, and bike/ped. A small test group of potential users has been convened. It is anticipated that this new planning tool will be made available this summer to municipal officials, planners, engineers, and other members of the public.

F. Metropolitan Planning Area

ACTION REQUESTED

Approval of Resolution 05-16 changing the boundaries of the Metropolitan Planning Area of northeastern Illinois

Approval of Resolution 05-17 excluding Goose Lake Township from the MPA

Due to the 2000 Census and federal planning requirements, some adjustments to the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) are required. The Grundy County Board has recommended that only Aux Sable Township be included in the CATS MPA. The Kendall County Board has recommended that the entire county be included. A public comment period on these recommended changes was held from March 14th through April 20th. The Work Program Committee has reviewed comments received, approved responses and recommends expansion of the Metropolitan Planning Area to include Kendall County and Aux Sable Township of Grundy County. The comments and proposed responses are enclosed.

Since Goose Lake Township in Grundy County is part of the non-attainment area, excluding it from the CATS MPA must be approved by the Governor. IEPA, Grundy County and IDOT have already signed off on the exclusion and CATS will be added as a signatory after today's Policy Committee action on the MPA.

G. Bylaws Changes

ACTION REQUESTED

Approval of the revised bylaws

The proposed changes to the bylaws adding Kendall County as a member of the Metropolitan Planning Organization for northeastern Illinois along with minor editorial changes were released on March 10th. The revised by-laws are enclosed.

H. 2005 Certification Review of the Metropolitan Planning Process for the Northeastern Illinois Transportation Planning Area

The Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration must jointly certify the metropolitan planning process in Transportation Management Areas at least every three years. The last certification review for northeastern Illinois was conducted in 2002. The review generally consists of three primary activities: a site visit, review of planning products and preparation of a report that summarizes the review and offers findings. Staff from FHWA and FTA will preview the schedule and process for the upcoming review.

- I. Particulate Matter 2.5 (PM2.5)** Northeastern Illinois and northwestern Indiana are designated a PM2.5 non-attainment area. The FHWA has undertaken a PM Research Program to determine the contribution of mobile sources to PM emissions and to quantify this relationship as accurately as possible. Areas designated as nonattainment must develop plans for reducing their emissions. Staff will provide a brief outline of transportation planning opportunities that can contribute to reductions in PM in northeastern Illinois.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

V. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting is October 13, 2005

VI. ADJOURNMENT