



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, June 8, 2006**  
**10:00 a.m.**

***I. CALL TO ORDER***

***II. OLD BUSINESS***

**A. Approval of Minutes for  
March 9, 2006**

The minutes were previously mailed.

**ACTION REQUESTED**

Approval by Policy Committee

**B. Council of Mayors' Report**

**C. Executive Director's Report**

**D. Regional Planning Board**

The Regional Planning Board is moving ahead with the integration of staff for CATS and NIPC along with a governance structure defining the relationship between the RPB, the CATS Policy Committee and the NIPC Commission. The RPB is intending to consider a recommendation for governance at its July meeting. The CATS SAFETEA-LU Committee has met to discuss the implications of the options under consideration by the RPB. The Policy Committee will be updated on the status of these discussions.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Report on the 2030 RTP Update and FY 07-12 Transportation Improvement Program Development Process**

**ACTION REQUESTED**

Authorize the Work Program Committee to release the plan update, TIP and associated conformity analysis for the public comment period

Staff will brief the Committee on the current status of the 2030 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update and the development of the FY 2007-2012 Transportation Improvement Program. The schedule calls for adoption of the 2030 RTP Update and FY 07-12 TIP by the Policy Committee at its October meeting. Since the Policy Committee is not scheduled to meet again until October, action authorizing the Work Program Committee to release these documents for the required public comment period will be sought.

**B. Household Travel Activity Inventory**

Staff has begun discussions with the consultant selected to conduct the Household Travel Activity Inventory. The status and schedule of the project will be presented to the Committee.

**C. Fiscal Year 2007 Unified Work Program**

**ACTION REQUESTED**

Approval of Resolution 06-10 endorsing the FY 2007 Unified Work Program

The proposed FY 2007 Unified Work Program for northeastern Illinois is enclosed. The proposed program includes both core and competitive selection projects. The attempt to identify core activities during this cycle resulted in a two-tiered core program. It is anticipated that in future years there will be more refinement from the UWP Committee on core program definitions. The goal is to move toward a core program that more accurately reflects federal requirements. The Work Program Committee has recommended Policy

Committee endorsement of the proposed FY 2007 UWP.

**D. CTA and Metra New Starts  
Alternative Analyses**

Staff from the CTA and Metra will provide the Committee with an update of their New Start application Alternative Analyses.

**E. FY 2005-2009 Transportation  
Improvement Program  
Changes**

IDOT-District 1 has identified several project additions and revisions necessary for projects scheduled for inclusion on the June letting. The FY 05-09 TIP changes are attached and are also available at the CATS Web site, [www.catsmpo.com](http://www.catsmpo.com).

**ACTION REQUESTED**

Approval of TIP changes

**F. USDOT National Strategy to  
Reduce Congestion on  
America's Transportation  
Network**

On May 16, 2006, U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary, Norman Mineta, announced a new national initiative to tackle highway, freight and aviation congestion. The *National Strategy to Reduce Congestion on America's Transportation Network* provides a blueprint for federal, state and local officials to tackle congestion.

The six-point plan seeks to 1) relieve urban congestion; 2) unleash private sector investment resources; 3) promote operational and technological improvements; 4) establish a "Corridors of the Future" competition; 5) target major freight bottlenecks and expand freight policy outreach; and 6) accelerate major aviation capacity projects and provide a future funding framework.

Staff will brief the Committee and begin discussion relating to how the region can become involved and incorporate the elements set forth in the initiative. A copy of the initiative is enclosed.

**G. 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.

***IV. OTHER BUSINESS***

***V. NEXT MEETING***

The next regularly scheduled meeting is October 12, 2006.

***VI. ADJOURNMENT***