



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 12, 2003**

**10:00 A.M.**

### A G E N D A

*I. CALL TO ORDER*

*II. OLD BUSINESS*

**A. Approval of Minutes for March 13, 2003 Meeting**

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. FTA Subarea Allocation between Indiana and Illinois and Designated Recipients of Section 5307 Capital and Planning Funds**

The Policy Committee adopted designated recipient resolutions (Resolutions 03-01, 02 and 03) for the three service boards in March based on preliminary estimates of funding levels. The Committee agreed that once the Federal Register notice was published and the RTA Board had acted, the designated recipient resolutions would be re-submitted along with the resolution endorsing the subarea allocation for FY 03. The notice has been published and the RTA Board has acted.

REQUESTED ACTION

*Approval of amended resolutions 03-01, 03-02, and 03-03 endorsing CTA, Metra and Pace as designated recipients and approval of resolution 03-04 endorsing the northeastern Illinois/northwestern Indiana subarea allocation for FY 03*

The FY 03 apportionment of Section 5307 funds for the Chicago, Illinois/Northwestern Indiana urbanized area is \$207,630,956 as published in the March 12, 2003 *Federal Register*. The Work Program Committee reviewed and recommended Policy Committee endorsement of the following subarea allocation of the FY 03 apportionment: \$9,753,228 to northwestern Indiana and \$197,877,728 to northeastern Illinois.

The subarea allocation, when combined with the \$1,055,341 available to the other urbanized area in northeastern Illinois, results in a total of \$198,933,069. The funds have been distributed as follows: \$115,633,961 to the CTA; \$56,954,040 to Metra; and \$26,345,068 to Pace. The Work Program Committee recommends Policy Committee designation of the service boards (CTA, Metra and Pace) as designated recipients of the amounts indicated.

**C. Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Program**

REQUESTED ACTION

*Approval of resolution 03-05 endorsing DuPage County and ChildServ as designated recipients for FY 03*

The Federal Transit Administration has announced the FY 03 program for the Job Access/Reverse Commute Program. Successful applicants within northeastern Illinois include DuPage County and ChildServ. The Work Program Committee has recommended Policy Committee approval of these agencies as designated recipients of JARC funding.

**D. FY 2004 Unified Work Program**

REQUESTED ACTION

*Approval of Resolution 03-06 endorsing the FY2004 Unified Work Program for Transportation*

A draft FY2004 Unified Work Program for Transportation summary is enclosed. The Work Program Committee has recommended Policy Committee endorsement.

**E. Regional ITS Architecture**

REQUESTED ACTION

*Approval of Resolution 03-07 endorsing the Northeastern Illinois Regional ITS Architecture*

Technical efforts on the Northeastern Illinois Regional ITS Architecture are complete, including a Maintenance Plan to ensure continued consistency with the National ITS Architecture. The Work Program Committee recommends that the Policy Committee approve and submit the Architecture to U.S. DOT. We anticipate a “finding of consistency with the National ITS Architecture” from FTA and FHWA staff.

**F. RTA Financial Capacity Analysis**

REQUESTED ACTION

*Approval of financial capacity analysis for 2002*

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 2002 report has been recommended by the Work Program Committee for Policy Committee approval.

## **G. Interagency Agreement**

### REQUESTED ACTION

*Endorsement of the existing Interagency Agreement for Regional Planning in Northeastern Illinois*

The Interagency Agreement for Regional Planning in northeastern Illinois was signed in April of 2000 by NIPC, RTA, IDOT and CATS. Enclosed is a copy of the agreement. The agreement states “This agreement shall be evaluated every three years.” The Work Program Committee (WPC) recommends re-endorsement of the agreement without change. The WPC also recommends future evaluations should be synchronized with the completion of the three-year Regional Transportation Plan update cycle.

## **H. 2030 Regional Transportation Plan Development**

On April 7 the Regional Transportation Plan Committee released draft plan recommendations for public review. An extensive outreach effort was made to get public reaction to the recommendations. Under separate cover members were sent the report, Shared Path 2030 Regional Transportation Plan Recommendations: Public Information/Involvement Campaign Highlights, which documents the outreach process. Members were also sent the two volume set, Public Comments on the Draft RTP Recommendations which is a compilation of all the comments received during the outreach effort. At the meeting, the Committee will be briefed on the current status of the plan development process. The Work Program Committee is scheduled at its July meeting to release a draft plan document for public review during August. A recommended plan is expected to be ready for Policy Committee endorsement at the October meeting.

## **I. Non-attainment Boundary Designation for the 8-hour Ozone Standard**

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.

**J. Reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (TEA-21)**

REQUESTED ACTION

*Approval of TEA-21 Reauthorization Position Statement*

A status report on reauthorization efforts will be given. The TEA-21 Subcommittee met in April and made a slight modification to the reauthorization position statement approved by the Policy Committee at its March meeting. The position statement, *CATS Policy Committee Recommendations for the Reauthorization of TEA-21*, is enclosed.

**K. Northwest Corridor Transit Study**

A status report on the project will be given.

**L. Regional Transportation Task Force**

The State Legislature has 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. Among the ex officio (non-voting) members of the Task Force is one member designated by the Chicago Area Transportation Study. The Task Force will begin its work upon the designation of a majority of the voting members, including the chair and will submit a report to the Governor and General Assembly by March 1, 2004. The full text of Senate Bill 0726 creating the Task Force and awaiting Gubernatorial action is attached

*IV. OTHER BUSINESS*

*V. DATE OF NEXT MEETING*

The next regularly scheduled meeting is October 9, 2003.

*VI. ADJOURNMENT*