



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

DuPage Conference Room

Wednesday, March 14, 2007
9:30 a.m.

NOTE TIME

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. OLD BUSINESS

**A. Approval of Minutes for
January 11, 2007**

The minutes were previously distributed.

ACTION REQUESTED

Approval by Policy Committee

B. Council of Mayors' Report

C. Executive Director's Report

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Bylaws

Requested Action: Release proposed CATS Bylaws for 90-day public comment period

The Bylaws Committee has met and is recommending changes to address the new planning structure in northeast Illinois. The current Bylaws specify a ninety-day comment period before such changes take effect. The Committee will be asked to review, approve and release for public comment the revised Bylaws.

B. Regional Transportation Plan

Requested Action: Authorize the Work Program (Transportation) Committee to release the plan for public comment

Staff is currently working on making *Shared Path 2030* compliant with requirements resulting from the passage of SAFETEA-LU. The Policy Committee will be asked to authorize the Work Program (Transportation) Committee to release the plan for public comment. The Policy Committee will be asked to consider approving the plan at its June meeting.

C. Joint CMAP / Policy Committee Resolution

Staff has prepared changes to proposed legislation modifying the enabling legislation of the Regional Planning Board. A resolution has been developed by the SAFETEA-LU Committee that supports the intent of the legislation relative to the transportation planning process. The resolution will be presented to both boards to consider as a joint statement.

D. Rescissions

A major rescission of FY 2007 federal transportation appropriations has been passed by Congress. The SAFETEA-LU Subcommittee discussed rescissions and recommended earlier dialogue between IDOT and the region. The SAFETEA-LU Committee agreed to meet at short notice to enable this dialogue. The committee also recommended further discussion by the full Policy Committee.

E. Capital Investment Accountability Act

The Metropolitan Planning Council has developed proposed legislation creating the Capital Investment Accountability Act. The purpose of the act is to maximize the value of transportation investments in the State of Illinois in order to optimize state and local economic development and the quality of public life for Illinois residents. The Act will have a significant impact on the transportation programming process throughout Illinois.

The SAFETEA-LU Committee has requested that a representative of the Metropolitan Planning Council brief the Policy Committee on how this legislation will improve the programming process.

F. Household Travel Inventory

Work is continuing on the Household Travel Inventory. Staff will update the Committee on the status of this work effort.

G. Urban Partnership Agreement

Staff continues to work on developing a regional proposal to submit an application for this program to the U.S. Department of Transportation. Applications are due April 30, 2007. The Committee will be updated on the status of this effort.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

V. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting is June 14, 2007.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT TO JOINT POLICY
COMMITTEE / CMAP BOARD
MEETING**