



MEETING OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE
to be held at the

CHICAGO AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800
Chicago, Illinois 60606

Cook County Conference Room

Monday, November 13, 2006
11:00 a.m.

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. OLD BUSINESS

**A. Approval of Minutes for
October 12, 2006**

The minutes were previously mailed.

ACTION REQUESTED

Approval by Policy
Committee

B. Memorandum of Understanding with the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Board

A revised draft of the Memorandum of Understanding addressing the relationship between the Policy Committee and the CMAP Board related to transportation planning and programming in northeastern Illinois is enclosed. The CMAP Board is not meeting in November and has yet to review the Policy Committee input. Continued discussion and direction as to how to proceed is requested.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Unified Work Program

The UWP Committee, per last year's Policy Committee direction, is continuing to refine the project selection process. The process under discussion for the upcoming fiscal year is a three tiered approach. The first would fund the regional agency staff to comply with the five major federal requirements (Regional Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program, Congestion Management Process, Public Participation Process, Unified Work Program). Phase two would fund staff efforts of other member agencies that support those required processes. The third phase would fund projects that are regional priorities as outlined in the 2030 RTP, the 2040 Framework Plan, the RTA Strategic Plan or the CMAP Report to the General Assembly. Policy Committee direction is requested.

B. CMAQ Program

The CMAQ Project Selection Committee is improving its approach to programming. Project sponsors are being contacted to ascertain the most realistic year in which to obligate existing programmed projects. The goal of this reprogramming, along with the new multi-year programming of projects, is to obligate CMAQ funds expeditiously. The Committee will be briefed on these efforts.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

V. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting is January 11, 2007.

VI. ADJOURNMENT