



CHICAGO AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

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

Thursday, October 12, 2006
10:00 a.m.

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. OLD BUSINESS

**A. Approval of Minutes for
August 17, 2006**

The minutes were previously mailed.

ACTION REQUESTED

Approval by Policy
Committee

B. Council of Mayors' Report

C. Executive Director's Report

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Nominating Committee for the Office of Vice-Chairman

ACTION REQUESTED

Election of Vice-Chairman of the Policy Committee for 2007

The report from the Nominating Committee appointed at the June meeting will be given and the election of a Vice-Chairman will be held.

B. Proposed 2007 – 2009 Multi-Year CMAQ Program

ACTION REQUESTED

Adoption of the program

The public comment period on the proposed CMAQ program concluded August 29. Staff prepared responses to the comments received, which were accepted by the CMAQ Project Selection Committee and the Work Program Committee. The documentation is available at <http://www.catsmpo.com/min-policy.htm>. The Work Program Committee recommends approval of the proposed program.

C. FTA Subarea Allocation between Indiana-Illinois and Wisconsin-Illinois of Section 5316 (JARC) & 5317 (New Freedom) Funds

ACTION REQUESTED

Adoption of Resolutions 06-10 and 06-11

The MPO endorses the allocation of Section 5316 (JARC) & 5317 (New Freedom) funds between Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin over the life of SAFETEA-LU. The RTA Board has negotiated splits with northwestern Indiana and southeastern Wisconsin.

The negotiated splits and FY 2006 allocations can be found at <http://www.catsmpo.com/min-policy.htm>.

D. Designated Recipient of Section 5316 and 5317 Funds ACTION REQUESTED

Adoption of Resolution 06-12 endorsing the RTA as a Designated Recipient

The MPO endorses the designation of recipients of Section 5316 (JARC) & 5317 (New Freedom) funds. The Regional Transportation Authority is to be a designated recipient of funds for the life of SAFETEA-LU.

E. Air Quality Conformity Determination of the Plan and Program ACTION REQUESTED

Approval of Resolution 06-13 finding the proposed plan and program in conformity to air quality standards

The analysis of the proposed update to the *2030 RTP* and the *FY 2007-1012 TIP* found them to meet all applicable requirements for conformity to the applicable *State Implementation Plan (SIP)* and applicable provisions of the Clean Air Act. The WPC recommends approval of the air quality conformity determination of the plan and program. The documentation is available at <http://www.catsmpo.com/min-policy.htm>.

F. Regional Transportation Plan ACTION REQUESTED

Approval of Resolution 06-14 endorsing the *2030 RTP Update to the Capital Element*

The RTP Committee reviewed public comments and staff summary at their September 14, 2006 meeting. Staff will summarize this review. The WPC recommends approval of the 2030 RTP Update to the Capital Element. The documentation is available at <http://www.catsmpo.com/min-policy.htm>.

G. FY 2007-2012 Transportation Improvement Program ACTION REQUESTED

Approval of Resolution 06-

Comments received on the proposed FY 07-12 TIP were reviewed by the implementers and the Work Program Committee. The WPC recommends approval of the proposed TIP. The documentation is available at <http://www.catsmpo.com/min-policy.htm>.

15 endorsing the *FY 2007-2012 Transportation Improvement Program*

- H. Job Access and Reverse Commute Program, New Freedom Program**
Action Requested
Authorization of Work Program Committee to consider approval of the FY 2006 JARC and NF projects.
- The RTA staff will update the Committee on the progress made in developing the JARC and New Freedom programs for 2006 and the Human Services Transportation Plan. FY 06 projects will be selected in early November and the Policy Committee is not scheduled to meet again until January. Therefore, the Policy Committee will be asked to consider authorizing the Work Program Committee to consider approval of the projects for inclusion in the TIP.
- I. Memorandum of Understanding with the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Board**
- A draft 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. Committee input is requested on the draft and direction as to how to proceed.
- J. Household Travel Inventory**
- Work has begun on the design and testing of the instrument that will be used to conduct the region's Household Travel Inventory. Staff will update the Committee on the progress of this effort.
- K. CATS Committee Structure**
- A preliminary recommendation for changes to the CATS committee and task force structure is enclosed. Committee input is requested. CMAP's proposed committee structure is also enclosed.
- L. Regional Transportation Authority Financial Capacity Report**
ACTION REQUESTED
- The Regional Transportation Authority is required to prepare an annual financial capacity analysis by the Federal Transit Administration. The analysis must demonstrate that there will be sufficient local revenue capable of covering operating expenditures to warrant further investment in the

Approval of the RTA
Financial Capacity Report

region. The 2005 report is available at <http://www.catsmpo.com/min-policy.htm>

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

V. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting is January 11, 2007.

VI. ADJOURNMENT