



CHICAGO AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

WORK PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

10:00 A.M. FRIDAY, JULY 28, 2006
SEARS TOWER, SUITE 800
233 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE, CHICAGO, IL 60606
COOK/CUNNINGHAM - WILLIAMS CONFERENCE ROOM

1. **Call to Order – Chairman**
Jack Groner
 2. **Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of June 23, 2006** The minutes are available at <http://www.catsmpo.com/min-wpc.htm>.
 3. **Updates and Status Reports**
 - a. Committee and Task Force Meetings
The summary report, covering the time period of June 23 through July 27, is available at <http://www.catsmpo.com/min-wpc.htm>. The latest reports from the Partners In Progress meetings are available at the same site.
 - b. Status Report on the Implementation of Projects
*Clarita Lao, Mark Pitstick, Dave Seglin,
Ross Patronsky*
 - c. Council of Mayors Update
Mayor Arlene Mulder
 4. **FY 05-09 TIP Changes**
Teri Dixon
Fund source, year and cost changes and the addition of projects have been requested. The TIP changes are available at the CATS website, <http://www.catsmpo.com/prog-tip.htm>.
- Action Requested:** Approval of TIP changes

5. **Selected Year of the FY 05-09 TIP**

Teri Dixon

Action Requested: Add FY 07 as a selected year of the FY 05-09 TIP

To facilitate the transition between the FY 05-09 TIP and the proposed FY 07-12 TIP, staff recommends that FY 07 be added as a selected year of the FY 05-09 TIP. Recently programmed exempt projects, including the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program, have been included in FY 07 of the FY 05-09 TIP so that TIP changes will not be required when the FY 07-12 TIP is approved.

6. **Regional Planning Act**

Jill Leary

Staff will present a status report on the activities resulting from Public Act 94-0510. The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) is preparing its strategic report on the agency's vision, governance, and funding. Prior to being submitted to the General Assembly in September, the draft report will be available for comment at www.chicagoareaplanning.org/docs/. The presentation discussed by the CMAP Board at its July 14 visioning workshop is available at the same site.

7. **2007 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program**

Ross Patrosky

Action Requested: Release of the proposed FY 2007 CMAQ Program for public review and comment

On July 20th, the CMAQ Project Selection Committee approved a proposed CMAQ program. Funds are programmed for FY 07, 08 and 09. The proposed program is available at <http://www.catsmpo.com/min-wpc.htm>. The Committee has been working to address programmatic approaches to reducing the region's unobligated balance of CMAQ funds. Staff will present a brief report on those efforts. The Committee recommends that the Work Program Committee release the proposed program for public review and comment. The CMAQ Project Selection Committee will review comments received, and a recommended program will be submitted to the Work Program Committee for consideration at its September meeting.

8. **Air Quality Conformity Analysis, Capital Element of the 2030 RTP Update, Proposed FY 07-12 Transportation Improvement Program**
Kermit Wies

Action Requested: Release of the air quality conformity analysis, the capital element of the 2030 RTP Update and the proposed FY07-12 TIP for public review and comment

The results of the conformity analysis are summarized on the enclosed table and are available at <http://www.catsmpo.com/min-wpc.htm>. The capital program element of the 2030 RTP Update and the proposed FY 07-12 TIP meet all applicable requirements for conformity with the State Implementation Plan. The draft capital element and the FY 07-12 TIP project listing are available at the same website. The conformity analysis documentation and the proposed FY 07-12 TIP will be available on the CATS website prior to the meeting.

Staff recommends that the conformity analysis documentation, the capital element of the 2030 RTP update and the proposed FY 07-12 TIP be released for public review and comment.

9. **SAFETEA-LU**

An update on activities related to SAFETEA-LU will occur. Most WPC agencies have been actively engaged in review of the NPRM on planning. USDOT will hold an outreach session in Chicago on August 7 from 1 pm to 4 pm in the Harold Washington Library's multipurpose room B. There will be two speakers delivering presentations regarding the proposed rule-making and following each presentation time will be allotted for questions and comments. Registration is not required, however, it is recommended. You can register at: www.environment.fta.dot.gov/nprm/register.asp.

10. **2006 CMS Status Report**
Craig Heither

Action Requested: Approval of CMS Status Report

A system status report is one of the elements of the Congestion Management System for northeastern Illinois. This report is produced periodically when updated information is available. Staff will present highlights from the current report, which is available at <http://www.catsmpo.com/min-wpc.htm>.

11. **JARC/NFI Process and Program**
RTA Staff

Action Requested: Recommendation of Policy Committee approval

The draft application for 2006 funding for Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedoms Initiative (NFI) is available at <http://www.catsmpo.com/min-wpc.htm>. A draft describing the selection process and criteria as well as a program overview is available at the same site. RTA has initiated a collaborative planning process with CATS, CTA, Metra, Pace and region-wide stakeholders to identify projects for the 2006 program.

The objective of the 2006 program is to select multiple, sustainable projects that can be implemented in the shortest possible timeframe. It is important to clarify that this approach is proposed for 2006 projects only. Beginning in 2007, the JARC and NFI projects selected for implementation will come from a Human Services Transportation Plan. Development of this plan is proposed to begin shortly and will run concurrently with the 2006 program. It is the RTA's goal to utilize the available 2006 funding while simultaneously working with the region's planning partners to develop the 2007 program.

The proposed process will be discussed at a joint meeting of the Community Mobility Task Force and the Task Force for Seniors and People With Disabilities on July 24.

12. **Other Business**

13. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for September 29, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. in Suite 800, Sears Tower (233 South Wacker Drive).

14. **Adjournment**

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