



CHICAGO AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

WORK PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

10:00 A.M. FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2005
300 WEST ADAMS STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60606
CUNNINGHAM - WILLIAMS CONFERENCE ROOM

1. **Call to Order – Chairman**
Thomas B. Rickert
2. **Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of September 30, 2005** The minutes are enclosed.
3. **Updates and Status Reports**
 - a. Committee and Task Force Meetings
The summary report, covering the time period of September 30, 2005 through November 17, 2005, is enclosed.
 - b. Status Report on the Implementation of Projects
*Clarita Lao, Mark Pitstick, Dave Seglin,
Ross Patronsky*
 - c. Council of Mayors Update
Mayor Arlene J. Mulder
4. **FY 05-09 TIP Changes**
Teri Dixon
Action Requested: Approval of TIP Changes
Fund source, year and cost changes and the addition of exempt projects have been requested. The TIP changes are available at the CATS Website, www.catsmpo.com.

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

Teri Dixon

Action Requested: Add FY 06 as a selected year of the FY 05-09 TIP

To ensure continuity of programming, FY 06 should be added as a selected year of the FY 2005-2009 TIP. FY 06 commenced on October 1 and this revision will allow projects programmed in FY 06 to proceed. Programmers will be asked to move, award, or delete 05 line items for the January 2006 WPC meeting.

6. **Regional ADA Paratransit Plan**

Jay Ciavarella

At their October meeting, the CATS Policy Committee authorized the Work Program Committee to certify the region's ADA Paratransit Plan. The plan is required by Public Act 094-0370 and FTA, based on changes to the region's ADA paratransit delivery system. The plan is being prepared jointly by RTA, CTA and Pace and the schedule calls for it to be submitted to FTA in January. RTA will present the draft plan to the Work Program Committee so they may review it before considering certification at the December meeting.

The plan may be viewed at <http://www.rtachicago.com>.

7. **2030 RTP Update**

Kermit Wies

The RTP Committee is presently updating information regarding major capital project recommendations in the 2030 RTP. Staff will provide make a brief report on the status of this effort.

8. **Self-Certification of the Planning Process**

Teri Dixon

Action Requested: Recommendation that the Policy Committee certify the planning process

The MPO is required to certify that the planning process is meeting federal requirements on an annual basis. The transportation planning process is documented in numerous publications including the Unified Work Program, the Transportation Improvement Program, the Regional Transportation Plan, and committee and task force meeting agenda and minutes.

9. **Flexible Funding Transferred to and Administered by the FTA in Northeastern Illinois**

Teri Dixon

Action Requested: Recommend that the Policy Committee endorse CATS as a “Designated Recipient” of flexible funds for the life of SAFETEA-LU.

With the new federal legislation, the designation of CATS as a recipient of flexible funding for the life of TEA-21 expired.

The new designation allows for the continued flow of federal funds to the region.

10. **Proposed TIP Amendment**

Ross Patronsky

Action Requested: Approval to release TIP amendment and conformity documentation for public comment.

A non-exempt TIP amendment for three projects has been requested and the consultation team has reviewed the proposed approach. The projects are:

- Haligus Road from Algonquin Rd to Reed Rd

Sponsor: McHenry County Council of Mayors

This is a new project extending Haligus Road.

- I-55 Stevenson Expy from Naperville Rd to US 6

Sponsor: IDOT-DOH District 1

This project includes increasing the lanes on I-55 from 4 to 6. This conformed project is advancing across analysis years.

- IL 60 at I-94

Sponsor: IDOT DOH-District 1

This project involves reconstruction of the IL 60 and I-94 interchange and the addition of 2 lanes on the IL 60 overpass. This project is in the TIP (engineering I only) and has not been conformed.

This proposed amendment necessitated an analysis of air quality impacts. The results of the analysis indicate that the TIP with the proposed amendment conforms to the State Implementation Plan.

It is recommended that the proposed amendment be released for a public comment period of November 18th through December 17th.

11. **FY 2007 Unified Work Program**

Gordon Smith

Action Requested: Information and Input

The UWP Committee is developing the core program for FY 2007 and will be providing a progress update. The committee has also prepared a list of emphasis areas that will be used to guide the development of the remaining FY 2007 Program. Input on emphasis areas will be requested.

12. **Calendar year 2006 Work Program Committee Schedule**

Ross Patronsky

Action Requested: Approval of 2006 WPC schedule

CATS Work Program Committee
Proposed 2006 meeting dates:

01/20/06
02/17/06
04/28/06
06/23/06
07/28/06
09/29/06
11/17/06

13. **Regional Planning Act**

Don Kopec

A status report on activities resulting from the passage of HB3121 (now Public Act 94-0510) will be given.

14. **Other Business**

15. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for December 16, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.

16. **Adjournment**