



CHICAGO AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

## WORK PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

10:00 AM. FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2006  
233 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE, SUITE 800, CHICAGO, IL 60606  
COOK COUNTY CONFERENCE ROOM

1. **Call to Order – Chairman**  
*Jack Groner*
2. **Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of July 28, 2006**      The minutes are available at <http://www.catsmpo.com/min-wpc.htm>.
3. **Updates and Status Reports**  
    a. Committee and Task Force Meetings  
    b. Status Report on the Implementation of Projects  
    *Clarita Lao, Mark Pitstick, Dave Seglin,  
    Ross Patronsky*  
    c. Council of Mayors Update  
    *Mayor Arlene Mulder*  
    The summary report, covering the time period of July 28 through September 28, 2006, is available at <http://www.catsmpo.com/min-wpc.htm>
4. **FY 05-09 TIP Changes**  
    *Teri Dixon*  
    **Action Requested:** Approval of TIP Changes  
    As requested, implementing agencies have kept TIP changes to a minimum as we transition from the FY 05-09 TIP to the FY 07-12 TIP. The few changes requested are available at the CATS website, <http://www.catsmpo.com/prog-tip.htm>.

5. **New Freedom and JARC Programs**  
*Teri Dixon*

**FTA Subarea Allocation between Indiana-Illinois and Wisconsin-Illinois and Designated Recipients of New Freedom and JARC funds.**

**Action Requested:** Recommendation of Policy Committee endorsement of the northeastern Illinois/northwestern Indiana subarea allocation and the northeastern Illinois/southeastern Wisconsin subarea allocations for 5316 New Freedom and 5317 JARC funds, and designation of the Regional Transportation Authority as the designated recipient of these funds.

Letters of Understanding have been negotiated by RTA with SEWRPC and with NIRPC on the division of funds apportioned to our urbanized areas. Policy Committee consideration of endorsing these allocations of 5316 New Freedom and section 5317 JARC funds between Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin is expected at its October meeting.

6. **2007 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program**  
*Ross Patronsky*

**Action Requested:** Concur in responses to public comments and recommend that Policy Committee approve the proposed 2007 CMAQ program.

The public comment period concluded August 29, 2006. Staff prepared responses to the comments received, which were accepted by the CMAQ Project Selection Committee. The comments and draft responses are attached. The documentation is available at <http://www.catsmpo.com/min-wpc.htm>.

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

**Action Requested:** Concur in responses to public comments and recommend that Policy Committee make a conformity determination and approve the update of the capital element of the 2030 RTP and the proposed FY 07-12 TIP.

The public comment period concluded August 29, 2006. Staff worked with the implementing agencies and the consultation team to prepare responses to the comments received. The comments and draft responses are attached. The documentation is available at <http://www.catsmpo.com/min-wpc.htm>.

8. **High Tension Cable Median Treatment**

*Dave Piper*

Staff from IDOT's Bureau of Safety Engineering will discuss highlights of the effectiveness and benefits of high tension cable median treatment.

**Action Requested:** Information.

9. **Regional Planning Act**

Staff will review the strategic report on the vision, governance and funding of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) and address next steps. The report, which has been submitted to the Governor and the General Assembly, is available at <http://www.catsmpo.com/min-wpc.htm>.

10. **Nominating Committee**

*Jack Groner*

The chairman will appoint a nominating committee for the offices of Chairman and Vice Chairman for next year.

**Action Requested:**

11. **Other Business**

12. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. in Suite 800, Sears Tower (233 South Wacker Drive).

13. **Adjournment**

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