



CHICAGO AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

WORK PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

10:00 AM. FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 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 August 12, 2005** The minutes are available at the CATS website, www.catsmpo.com.

3. **Updates and Status Reports** The summary report, covering the time period of August 12, 2005 through September 29, 2005, is available at the CATS website.
 - a. Committee and Task Force Meetings

 - b. Status Report on the Implementation of Projects RTA's second quarter report is available at the CATS website.
*Pat Pechnick, Mark Pitstick, Dave Seglin,
Ross Patronsky*

 - c. Council of Mayors Update
Mayor Mulder

4. **State/Regional Resources Table and FY 05-09 TIP Changes** The State/Regional resources table has been updated. Fund source, year and cost changes and the addition of exempt projects have been requested. The resources table and the TIP changes are available at the CATS website.
Teri Dixon
Action Requested: Approval of TIP Changes

5. **Proposed FY 2006 CMAQ Program**
Ross Patronsky

Action Requested: Recommendation to Policy
Committee

The CMAQ Project Selection Committee met September 20 to consider the public comments received on the proposed FY 2006 CMAQ program. The proposed program, comments received, and the response to the comments are posted on the CATS website. The Selection Committee recommended a revised program for Work Program Committee consideration and recommendation to the Policy Committee.

6. **Public Comments on Conformity Analysis for the PM_{2.5} Standard**
Ross Patronsky

Action Requested: Recommendation to the Policy
Committee

The draft Supplemental Conformity Analysis for the PM_{2.5} Standard was released for public comment on August 12, 2005. The comment period ended September 10, 2005. One comment was received. The staff response was considered at a Consultation meeting. The comment received and the response are posted on the CATS website. A recommendation for Policy Committee finding of conformity is requested.

The federal agencies will need to approve a PM_{2.5} conformity determination for the entire non-attainment area, which includes both northeastern Illinois and northwest Indiana. Discussions are ongoing with NIRPC, INDOT and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) to ensure that a conformity determination for the entire area can be completed in a timely manner. NIRPC currently anticipates submitting their portion of the analysis to their Executive Board in November or December.

7. **TIPIMS**
Matt Rogus/Tom Weaver

A status report on the project will be given.

8. **Regional Signal System Management**
Kermit Wies

The Illinois Department of Transportation has asked CATS to confirm that all traffic signal systems in northeastern Illinois are being actively monitored to ensure that they respond to current traffic patterns and conditions. The method by which this confirmation is prepared will be discussed.

9. **SAFETEA-LU**
Chris DiPalma

At the August meeting, the Federal Highway Administration staff gave an overview of the new federal transportation legislation. An update will be given.

10. **Proposed FY 07-12 Transportation Improvement Program**
Teri Dixon

Progress on the proposed FY 07-12 TIP will be described. The schedule is available on the CATS website.

11. **Paratransit Plan**
Jay Ciavarella

Public Act 094-0370 (previously HB 1663) assigns the responsibility for providing the entire region's required ADA complementary paratransit service to Pace, and responsibility for funding, financial review and oversight of that service to the Regional Transportation Authority. The legislation requires that a [new paratransit plan be submitted to the FTA in January](#). The text of Public Act 094-0370 can be found at <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/94/PDF/094-0370.pdf>.

12. **FY 2007 Unified Work Program Procedures**
Mark Thomas

Action Requested: Approval of UWP Development Procedure and Schedule

The Unified Work Program committee has prepared a recommendation for the development of the FY 2007 Unified Work Program. The committee will develop projects that address core elements during the fall time frame and will follow with a competitive selection process for remaining funds in the winter time frame. The proposed schedule and a listing of the core elements are available on the CATS website.

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. **RTA Financial Capacity Report**
Bill Lachman

Action Requested: Recommendation for Policy Committee approval

The RTA 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 federal investment in the region. The 2004 report will be distributed at the meeting.

15. **Nominating Committee**
Tom Rickert

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

16. **Other Business**

17. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2005.

18. **Adjournment**