



CHICAGO AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

**SUMMARY OF CATS COMMITTEE
AND TASK FORCE MEETINGS**
May 26th, 2005 through August 11th, 2005

The agendas and minutes for all committees and task force meetings are posted in the “Events Calendar” section of the CATS website, www.catsmpo.com.

ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY TASK FORCE

Chair: Dave Zavattero & Duana Love

CATS Contact Person: *Mark Thomas*

Meeting Date: Did not meet.

Air Quality and Transportation Management Task Force

Chair: Mike Rogers

CATS Contact Person: *Tom Vick*

Meeting Date: June 29, 2005

Air Quality & Transportation Management, Transportation Management & Operations Plan Development Working Group

The Working Group met on June 29, 2005 at 10 AM. 35 persons present.

The WG accepted the resolution of comments on TM&O recommendations submitted to the 2030 RTP update process, accepted the following working definition of TM&O for TM&O plan development.

“Actions, strategies, protocols, and policies to optimize the performance of existing and new infrastructure in the provision of efficient, reliable, safe and secure mobility and accessibility under real time conditions. In a regional setting transportation management and operations is accomplished through the deployment of

transportation system monitoring and information systems to meeting customer needs.”

Directed staff to continue development of the plan format for their review at the September meeting. Prior to the format acceptance the WG took under review the objectives that TM&O strategies, plans, programs, project and protocols should achieve. These objectives for review are:

- Increase safe operations by reducing crash rates
- Enhances accessibility by reducing travel times during peak travel periods.
- Improves mobility by increasing operating speed.
- Upgrades system productivity by increasing the person carrying capacity of or commerce transported through during peak periods.
- Provides a more reliable system through reductions in travel time variability.
- Reduces annual facility maintenance costs.
- Improves the environment through reduced travel related emissions.
- Supports system sustainability over time through lower cost means.

The WG also heard reports on inventory development status, planning factors to be used and the regional traffic signal interconnect inventory.

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN TASK FORCE

Chair: Tom Rickert

CATS Contact Person: *Tom Murtha*

Meeting Date: Did not meet.

CMAQ PROJECT SELECTION COMMITTEE

Chair: Don Kopec

CATS Contact Person: *Don Kopec*

Meeting Date: June 21 and July 12, 2005

A staff-developed recommendation for the FY 2006 CMAQ program was discussed; a revised proposal was approved for submission to the Work Program

Committee. A program mark of \$105 million was adopted. Two cost increases, four internal cost increases, two sponsor changes and two scope changes were approved.

Community Mobility Task Force

Chair: Jacky Grimshaw

CATS Contact Person: *Don Kopec*

Meeting Date: Did not meet.

INTERMODAL ADVISORY TASK FORCE

Chair: Tom Zapler

CATS Contact Person: *Gerald Rawling*

Meeting Date: June 2, 2005

There were two feature presentations: Dr. Rong, Chaohe, of the Beijing Jiaotong University, visiting professor at Northwestern, presented on China's transport policies, organization and performance, with emphasis on the railway system. Andy Sze, CEO of FASTRAXX, translated.

Bob Gernon, VP Logistics, Pacer Global Logistics, presented on the N.E.W [Northern East-West] Freight Corridor project to link China, via Khazakhstan and Russia to northern Europe as a land-bridge, with onward sea movement to the east coast of the US

CATS staff reported on enhancements made to the www.catsiatf.com web site since the last meeting.

MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Chair: Mark Pitstick

CATS Contact Person: *Don Kopec*

Meeting Date: Did not meet.

Private Providers Task Force

Chair: Phillip Paige

CATS Contact Person: *William Kiley*

Meeting Date: Did not meet.

Public Involvement Task Force

Chair: JoAnn Eckmann

CATS Contact Person: *Jock Hardy*

Meeting Date: June 22, 2005

The PITF discussed “Partners in Progress” public outreach meetings with the Steger Chamber of Commerce, at Grace Place in Printer’s Row, and at Coppin Church in Englewood. Also discussed were the results of the 2005 children’s poster contest, public involvement in the RTP update and the status of the merger between CATS and NIPC. Results for the June and July Partners in Progress Meetings are attached.

Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Committee

Chair: David Seglin

CATS Contact Person: *Kermit Wies*

Meeting Date: May 26,2005

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The RTP Committee met and approved a resolution in support of NIPC's 2040 Framework Plan that was subsequently approved by the Work Program Committee and passed by the Policy Committee on June 10. The RTP Committee also heard a presentation from the Private Providers Task Force promoting more active consideration of their services in regional transportation planning. The RTP Committee requested that the Task Force draft a set of specific private provider strategies for inclusion in the 2030 RTP Update.

TIP PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

Chair: Jack Groner

CATS Contact Person: *Patricia Berry*

Meeting Date: July 14, 2005

The TIP internet Mapping System that is under development was demonstrated. A working group was established to evaluate various concerns of programmers and to ensure a useful user friendly system for public use. A status report will be given at the August 12, 2005 WPC meeting.

TASK FORCE FOR SENIORS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Chair: Kerwin Terry

CATS Contact Person: *Claire Bozic*

Meeting Date: August 2, 2005

Northeastern Illinois Area Agencies on Aging reported on meetings they've had in Kendall County with township officials. They are discussing ways to get better service for seniors and people with disabilities. They are very interested in taking some action on the subject, which we will be watching closely.

RTA (Kimberly Robb) reported on RTA's activities in response to HB1663 which shifts responsibility for the region's ADA Paratransit service entirely to Pace. A transition team consisting of RTA, CTA and Pace have been meeting and exchanging information. An ad hoc team of ADA Advisory group members from Pace, CTA, and RTA has been assembled. Their task will be how to best inform the public on the impacts of the change. CATS will be represented on the transition team, as this is a significant to the region's transportation planning efforts.

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The reauthorization bill has been signed by the House and Senate, and should be signed by the President shortly. A summary of three parts of the bill was distributed by staff. As expected, the JARC program the (new) New Freedom program and the 5310 program all require the existence of a locally developed coordinated human services transportation plan. Selected projects must demonstrate consistency with the plan.

This meeting was intended to be a joint meeting with the Community Mobility Task Force, the meeting reminder and agenda had inadvertently been sent only to the Task Force for Seniors and People with Disabilities.

Unified Work Program Committee

Chair: Gordon Smith

CATS Contact Person: *Mark Thomas*

Meeting Date: June 28 and July 28, 2005

The UWP Committee met to discuss program development for the FY 2007 UWP. The Committee has determined that there will be an allocation component as well as a competitive selection component. MPO core functions will be identified for CATS, the Council of Mayors and NIPC and a determination of core functions by other agencies will be decided on. Remaining funds will be allocated through a competitive selection process.