



**SUMMARY OF CATS COMMITTEE
AND TASK FORCE MEETINGS**
September 30th, 2005 through November 17th, 2005

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ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY TASK FORCE

Chair: Dave Zavattero & Duana Love
CATS Contact Person: *Mark Thomas*

Meeting Date: October 5, 2005

The ATTF discussed the development of County Traffic Management Centers throughout the region. The committee also approved a consultant scope for the Regional ITS Architecture Update.

Air Quality and Transportation Management Task Force

Chair: Mike Rogers
CATS Contact Person: *Tom Vick*

Meeting Date: October 20, 2005

The AQTM received a report on the IEPA’s Partner’s for Clean Air Public Education and Information media program by Darwin Burkhart of the IEPA. The season was viewed as highly successful given the number of responses received to each media and public education outreach effort. The Task Force was informed that the engineering firm of CH2MHill has been selected by the multi-agency proposal review team to accomplish Feasibility Engineering for the first 6 park n ride lots as proposed by the Non Central City Park n Ride lot program. It was reported that the TM&O Specific Plan development is proceeding and the tasks leading up to solicitation of new TSM, TDM and Freight Strategies scheduled for January of 2006 are on schedule. The plan vision, objective measures, and guidelines are nearing completion. However, the inventory phase

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except for traffic sign interconnects is on hold to key staff leaving the agency. Staff reported that the inventory of signal interconnect systems was proceeding towards its objective of a draft inventory and report by January 2006. Of note the inventory now includes information on system management. UIC reported to the Task Force with 3 alternate business plans for the regional emergency ride (ERH) home program they have been CMAQ funded to implement under the supervision of the AQTM. It was reported that system design and Beta testing of the Transportation Assistance Module for Planning (TAMP) utilizing RM 21 internet software has been completed through Beta testing, and is ready for a field or Gamma test. Initial discussions have been held with Kane County pertaining to the Randall Rd. corridor between I 88 and I 90, and Pace. It was reported that the Evacuation Subcommittee of the Illinois Terrorism Task Force's transportation committee had accepted the CATS' developed TDM Annex to the Central Area Evacuation Plan, with the City of Chicago motioning for acceptance. Work is now proceeding on how to inform the public and businesses of what might be requested of them during a major incident. The Task Force approved an MOU after review between CATS and NIRPC for the deployment of the SharetheDrive internet system to northwest Indiana. This system now spans through active promotion a 10 county area. Finally, the Task Force viewed an in progress work item between the TM&O Specific Plan work group and the Intermodal Advisory Task Force on alternate truck ways, now in the network development phase.

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: *Patricia Berry*

Meeting Date: November 1, 2005

The status of feedback received on the project follow-up was discussed and recommended actions were taken on three projects. The 2007 program development schedule was adopted. The Committee discussed measures to reduce future cost increases and the high level of unobligated CMAQ funds. Three cost increases and two sponsor changes were approved.

Community Mobility Task Force

Chair: Jacky Grimshaw

CATS Contact Person: *Claire Bozic*

Meeting Date: October 17, 2005

See report for TASK FORCE FOR SENIORS & PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

INTERMODAL ADVISORY TASK FORCE

Chair: Tom Zapler

CATS Contact Person: *Gerald Rawling*

Meeting Date: Did not meet.

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: November 15, 2005

The task force will discuss participation in RTA's RTAP and RTAMS efforts and the group's presence in Springfield.

Public Involvement Task Force

Chair: JoAnn Eckmann

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CATS Contact Person: *Jock Hardy*

Meeting Date: Did not meet.

Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Committee

Chair: David Seglin

CATS Contact Person: *Kermit Wies*

Meeting Date: November 10, 2005

On the agenda will be a discussion of major capital project priorities in the RTP, public involvement efforts, a discussion of the WPC's ad hoc safety conscious planning work group and a status report on the regional household travel inventory.

TIP PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

Chair: Jack Groner

CATS Contact Person: *Patricia Berry*

Meeting Date: Did not meet.

TASK FORCE FOR SENIORS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Chair: Kerwin Terry

CATS Contact Person: *Claire Bozic*

Meeting Date: October 17, 2005

JARC recipients gave project status reports, and other members reported on efforts underway for transportation for seniors and people with disabilities. The members discussed the need for a JARC project summary, which CATS staff will work on. The group discussed the need for a human services transportation plan, who would be working on it, and what programs require it (JARC, New Freedom, 5310 Van Program). The next meeting will be on December 5th.

Unified Work Program Committee

Chair: Gordon Smith

CATS Contact Person: *Mark Thomas*

Meeting Date: October 25, 2005

The UWP Committee met to initiate discussion of the core program project requests for fiscal year 2007. A work group was formed to analyze the submittals and prepare a recommended program to the UWP Committee. The committee will meet on November 15, 2005 to finalize the core elements program and to complete the development of emphasis areas for the winter competitive selection process.