



CHICAGO AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

## **SUMMARY OF CATS COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE MEETINGS**

*April 28, 2006 – June 22, 2006*

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](http://www.catsmpo.com).

### **ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY TASK FORCE**

Chair: Dave Zattero & Duana Love

CATS Contact Person: *Craig Heither*

Meeting Date: May 17, 2006

The task force received an update on regional Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) initiatives being undertaken by IDOT and the toll authority, including the new IDOT e-mail traffic alert system. Representatives from DuPage, Kane and Will counties briefed members on their county traffic management and coordination activities, and the draft ITS Deployment Plan for Will County. Staff discussed the status of the maintenance update to the Regional ITS Architecture.

### **Air Quality and Transportation Management Task Force**

Chair: Mike Rogers

CATS Contact Person: *Tom Vick*

Meeting Date: April 20, 2006

The task force was briefed on the Traffic Signal Interconnect Inventory, Rideshare Services Transition to Pace to be effective 7/1/2006. The task force concurred in staff initiation of strategy solicitation for the TM&O Specific Plan at two levels particular strategies and ranking of strategies most appropriate for consideration in northeastern Illinois. Information was provided on the Value Pricing Q Bypass proposal to FHWA drafted by CATS and submitted by ISTHA, the regional value pricing agency.

**BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN TASK FORCE**

Chair: Tom Rickert

CATS Contact Person: *Tom Murtha*

Meeting Date: Did not meet.

**CMAQ PROJECT SELECTION COMMITTEE**

Chair: Patricia Berry

CATS Contact Person: *Ross Patronsky*

Meeting Date: Did not meet.

**Community Mobility Task Force**

Chair: Jacky Grimshaw

CATS Contact Person: *Claire Bozic*

Meeting Date: Did not meet.

**INTERMODAL ADVISORY TASK FORCE**

Chair: Tom Zapler

CATS Contact Person: *Gerald Rawling*

Meeting Date: May 16, 2006

The agenda items were: an update on the CREATE project (from Chuck Allen, Norfolk Southern Railway); an overview of the RTP update process (from Tom Murtha, CATS); a report on the Illinois Center for Transportation freight-related problem statements (from Chuck Abraham, IDOT-DIPT); an introduction to the TRB's AT045 committee and the new Freight Cooperative Research Program (from Harold Cerveny, Tioga Group & chairperson of AT045); a report on the GCM Corridor program and the recently released Freight Enhancement Plan (from David Zavattero, IDOT-ITS Program Office). Randy Blankenhorn, Executive Director of the Regional Planning Board also addressed the Task Force.

**MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

Chair: Mark Pitstick

CATS Contact Person: *Kermit Wies*

Meeting Date: Did not meet.

**Private Providers Task Force**

Chair: Phillip Paige

CATS Contact Person: *William Kiley*

Meeting Date: May 19, 2006

Bola Delano, new Assoc Exec Director of CATS and RPB Director of Economic Development was introduced to the group. Ms Delano explained the RPB role in economic development for the region. Ms Delano explained the importance of using private transportation as well as the need for private input and participation in planning. Besides attracting new business she stated to the private providers, "Our job is to keep you in business". The group discussed their roles, concerns, and vision for development.

Mr. Vick of CATS gave the group an update on the Park-n-Ride program, with the 1<sup>st</sup> of six planned lots to open early 2007.

Mr. Mysek of UIC explained the progress of an Emergency Ride Home program for the region. Initial funding is in place and match funds are being studied.

John DeLaurentiis of RTA more fully explained the RTAMS program to list Private Provider's information on-line for the convenience of the traveling public. It was decided that at the July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting to be held at RTA offices, they will make full presentation on the program to show Private's the advantages of RTAMS.

Ms Delano offered to have Homeland Security address Privates at the July meeting.

Next Meeting: July 20, 2006 10 am at RTA Board Room 175 W Jackson, Chicago IL, 15<sup>TH</sup> floor.

**Public Involvement Task Force**

Chair: JoAnn Eckmann

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: June 15, 2006

RTP Committee will meet to review the draft 2030 RTP Update.

**TIP PROCEDURES COMMITTEE**

Chair: Lorraine Snorden

CATS Contact Person: *Teri Dixon*

Meeting Date: Did not meet.

**TASK FORCE FOR SENIORS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

Chair: Kerwin Terry

CATS Contact Person: *Claire Bozic*

Meeting Date: Did not meet.

**Unified Work Program Committee**

Chair: Gordon Smith

CATS Contact Person: *Craig Heither*

Meeting Date: June 19, 2006

1. **SAFETEA-LU**  
The committee will discuss the NPRM as it relates to the UWP.
2. **Quarterly Updates**  
Historically, non-federally funded UWP projects have been solicited on an annual basis. The committee will discuss more frequent solicitations.
3. **Project Monitoring**  
Approaches to meet the federal certification recommendation on project monitoring will be discussed.
4. **Carryover**  
Status of projects utilizing FTA funds will be discussed.
5. **Development of FY 2008 Program**  
Discussion of the process and schedule for developing the FY 2008 UWP.