



UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

January 6, 2005

The meeting was held at 10:00 AM at the Chicago Area Transportation Study, Cunningham-Williams Conference Room, 300 West Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois. Those present at the meeting were:

Unified Work Program Members

Gordon Smith, <i>Chair</i>	Illinois Department of Transportation
Ralph Coglianesi	NIPC
Jack Groner	Metra
John Kravcik	Council of Mayors
Mark Pitstick	Regional Transportation Authority
David Seglin	Chicago Department of Transportation
David Simmons	Chicago Transit Authority
Lorraine Snorden	Pace
Mark Thomas	CATS

Transportation Operators, Planning Officials and Municipal Staff

Chuck Abraham	IDOT DPT
Linda Bolte	NIPC (<i>Alternate Member</i>)
Mike Erickson	Metra (<i>Alternate Member</i>)
Patty Mangano	RTA (<i>Alternate Member</i>)
Beth McCluskey	NC Council
Janice Metzger	CNT
David Spacek	IDOT DPT
Jason Tai	IDOT DPT
David Tomzik	Pace (<i>Alternate Member</i>)

CATS Staff

Patricia Berry	Craig Heither	Thomas Palzer
Janet Bright	Ryan Herren	Tom Vick
Parry Frank	Bill Kiley	Kermit Wies

MEETING SUMMARY

A. Approval of Minutes

On a motion from Mr. Pitstick and seconded by Mr. Seglin, the minutes of the December 21, 2004 subcommittee meeting were approved without change.

B. FY 2006 UWP Goals Discussion

Mr. Thomas summarized the goal information staff was asked to compile for the meeting. Goals from the RTP and *Common Ground* were synthesized with the federal Planning Emphasis Areas for FY 2005 and the planning and policy issues for Metropolitan Planning into three goal areas: 1) Improve Transportation System Performance, 2) Employ Transportation to Sustain the Region's Vision and Values, and 3) Planning Process Goals. Chairman Smith opened the floor to discussion on the goals.

Mr. Coglianese felt the goal areas were too broad and would not help the UWP committee effectively identify critical projects. Mr. Pitstick agreed and stated it was not a prioritization list but a compilation of goals. Mr. Smith stated that CATS staff did exactly what the subcommittee requested, recognizing that it would be a starting point to develop an initial list of goals.

Ms. Metzger suggested developing the goals with the perspective of expressing clear priorities that the public could connect with. She stated this could help people connect the long-term RTP goals with near-term actions. She offered improving freight movements and improving bicycle and pedestrian access as examples of UWP goals. Mr. Tai supported the idea of making real plans for real people and proposed a vision statement be included in the UWP along with 3-5 specific goals. Mr. Smith asked about a vision statement in *Shared Path 2030*, and Mr. Wies stated that the RTP has two overarching intention statements: 1) to promote efficient travel behavior and accommodate it, and 2) to promote an efficient urban economy and sustain it.

Mr. Coglianese presented the following list of goals for discussion that he developed based on conversations with public officials and the general public:

1. Land use and transportation planning coordination.
2. Increased coordination in the joint activities of agencies.
3. Increased use of transit.
4. Increased density centers served by transit and other transportation corridors.
5. Increased pedestrian, bicycle and other non-motorized movements.
6. Efficient freight movement.
7. Efficiencies in planning efforts through joint activities, services and standards.

The subcommittee agreed to use Mr. Coglianese's list of goals as a starting point. Mr. Spacek and Mr. Tomzik believed "increasing mobility" would be better wording than "increasing transit usage". Ms. Bolte suggested "increasing transportation choices" as an alternative after Mr. Seglin voiced concerns about what "mobility" may imply. Mayor Kravcik suggested the list should include a goal to increase the efficiency of traffic movements beyond commercial goods. Mr. Smith proposed it be framed in terms of system operations and management improvements.

There was some discussion regarding how the goals would be used to fund federal requirements versus other planning projects. Ms. Metzger suggested that planning process goals which are part of the continuing planning process, such as goals 1, 2 and 7 from Mr. Coglianese's list, be differentiated from the UWP focus goals for the year. Mr. Pitstick commented that funding for

the federal requirements should be examined to determine if that is the best use for UWP funds or if other funds are available to use.

Mr. Thomas stated staff will compile the focus goals from Mr. Coglianese's list, will add the goal of improving highway operations and will incorporate the changes discussed by subcommittee members. The draft list of focus goals will be e-mailed to members on January 7th to allow time for review prior to the UWP Committee meeting on January 14th.

C. Coordination with Work Program Committee and Policy Committee

Mr. Smith stated that one of the charges of the Work Program Committee (WPC) is to provide direction every year to the UWP Committee on program areas for the UWP. Due to time constraints in the development of the program, Mr. Herren suggested that the UWP Committee develop the goals for the FY 2006 program but seek WPC guidance for future programs. Mr. Smith agreed with the proposal and stated the UWP has an item on the agenda for the WPC meeting on January 21st to inform the committee of the goal development.

On a motion from Mr. Groner and seconded by Mr. Seglin, the UWP Committee agreed to request that the WPC provide guidance on emphasis areas for the FY 2007 UWP. The UWP Committee can then develop program goals based on the emphasis areas.

Mr. Smith stated the UWP has an item on the agenda for the Policy Committee meeting on January 13th and the goal development work will be presented for discussion.

D. FY 2006 Submittal Form

Mr. Thomas stated that staff is developing a new project submittal form for the FY 2006 UWP. It will aid in the automation of some of the clerical duties with the submittals and will shorten the turnaround time between the submission deadline and when the proposals are distributed to the committee, as the committee had requested. A draft form for review will be e-mailed to members on January 7, along with the draft focus goals.

On a motion from Mayor Kravcik and seconded by Mr. Seglin, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.

NEXT MEETING

The UWP Committee will meet Friday, January 14, 2005 at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark S. Thomas
Secretary