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**MCHEMRY COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN ELECTED VICE CHAIRMAN OF CATS
POLICY COMMITTEE**

CHICAGO – McHenry County Board Chairman Ken Koehler has been elected vice chairman of the Policy Committee of the Chicago Area Transportation Study (CATS).

A member of the McHenry County board since 2000, Mr. Koehler has served on the board's transportation, human resources and planning and development committees. He is active in a number of other civic and community organizations, and holds a number of leadership positions, including McHenry County Conservation District liaison, ambassador to the Crystal Lake Chamber of Commerce, member of the Sherman Health Systems Urgent Care Facility Board and co-founder of the McHenry County Economic Development Commission.

Mr. Koehler expressed enthusiasm about being elected vice chairman of the CATS Policy Committee. "I'm looking forward to working with everybody. With the transition going forward and changes taking place, this is an especially exciting time for CATS and the future of transportation in the region," he said.

"Mr. Koehler has been a valued member of the CATS Policy Committee since he joined," said Don Kopec, acting executive director of CATS. "His leadership skills and commitment to comprehensive and inclusive transportation planning throughout the region will be put to good use in his new capacity."

CATS was formed in 1955 to develop the first comprehensive long-range plan for northeastern Illinois. Since then, the CATS Policy Committee has been designated by the governor of Illinois and local officials as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the northeastern Illinois region.