

CHICAGO AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY
POLICY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION
Number 06-14

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2030 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION
PLAN CAPITAL ELEMENT UPDATE**

WHEREAS, the Policy Committee of the Chicago Area Transportation Study (CATS) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for northeastern Illinois, designated by the Governor and northeastern Illinois local officials as being responsible, together with the state of Illinois and public transportation operators, for carrying out the provision of 23 U.S. Code 134 and 49 U.S. Code 5303-06 for seven counties in northeastern Illinois and parts of Grundy County; and

WHEREAS, as the MPO, CATS is required to prepare a fiscally constrained, long-range surface transportation plan; and

WHEREAS, CATS through the conduct of a continuing, comprehensive and coordinated transportation planning process consistent with metropolitan transportation planning rules, has prepared the 2030 Regional Transportation Plan (2030 RTP); and

WHEREAS, the 2030 RTP includes recommendations for regional transportation strategies, strategic guidance for transportation agencies and major capital recommendations intended to meet the needs of the region's growth and

WHEREAS, the 2030 RTP recognizes the high priority of maintaining our existing transportation system in the short-term as well as long-term; and

WHEREAS, the 2030 RTP recognizes that there are many unmet regional transportation system needs and that additional funds are necessary to meet these needs, and

WHEREAS, the 2030 Regional Transportation Plan for northeastern Illinois was approved by the Policy Committee by Resolution 03-09 on October 9, 2003; and

WHEREAS, 23 CFR 450.322 requires periodic updates of regional transportation plans; and

WHEREAS, this Capital Element Update complies with the requirements for periodic updates; and

WHEREAS, the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission prepared the socioeconomic growth forecast scenario for 2030 for use in the 2030 RTP Capital Element Update; and

WHEREAS, the 2030 RTP Capital Element Update conforms to the purposes of the State Implementation Plan (SIP) and Sections 174 and 176(c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506{c} and {d}); and

WHEREAS, public comment on this update has been received and considered by the Policy Committee and consultation has been carried out with federal, state and local agencies; both according to the procedures outlined in 23 CFR Part 450 and 40 CFR Part 93.

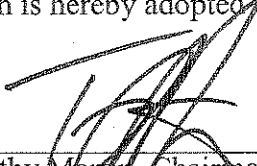
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Policy Committee approves the 2030 Regional Transportation Plan and Capital Element Update as the official transportation plan for the metropolitan area;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, efforts should be made to see that the regional strategies, strategic guidance and major capital recommendations in the 2030 RTP Capital Element Update are pursued and implemented consistent with the stated goals and objectives of the 2030 RTP; and

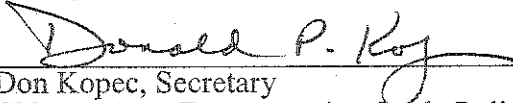
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Policy Committee believes that the region should continue to pursue increased funding for transportation improvements in northeastern Illinois; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Secretary of the Policy Committee is hereby authorized and directed to transmit certified copies of this resolution and approved document to the Governor of Illinois and, through the Illinois Department of Transportation, to the Division Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration and the Regional Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration.

The above and foregoing Resolution is hereby adopted on this 12th day of October 2006.

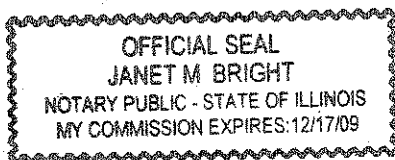


Timothy Martin, Chairman
Chicago Area Transportation Study Policy Committee



Don Kopec, Secretary
Chicago Area Transportation Study Policy Committee

Subscribed and Sworn to
before me this 12th day of
October 2006





Notary Public