Chicago Area Transportation Study

CHICAGO AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN TASK FORCE

Wednesday, November 3, 2004 2:00 p.m.
CATS Conference Room, Second floor
300 W. Adams, Chicago, IL 60606

AGENDA

1. **Introductions (2:00 p.m.)**

Meeting participants will introduce themselves. **Estimated Duration:** 5 minutes.

SUGGESTED ACTION: Information.

2. **Approval of Meeting Notes from June 11, 2004 and July 23, 2004 (2:05)**

Meeting notes for the subject meetings are included as Attachment 1 and Attachment 2. **Estimated Duration:** 5 minutes.

SUGGESTED ACTION: Approval of meeting notes.

3. **Task Force Membership. (2:10)**

Staff suggests additional appointments to the Task Force. A memo with suggested appointments and realignment in membership structure is included as Attachment 3. **Estimated Duration:** 10 minutes.

SUGGESTED ACTION: Approval of new members and membership realignment.

4. **Federal Activities (2:20)**

Federal highway staff has been invited to discuss Federal Highway Administration activities. **Estimated Duration:** 10 minutes.

SUGGESTED ACTION: Information and Discussion

5. **Metra's 2003 System-wide Bicycle Parking Inventory Report (2:30)**

Metra staff will make a brief presentation regarding the results of their 2003 bicycle parking inventory. **Estimated Duration:** 15 minutes.

SUGGESTED ACTION: Information and Discussion

6. **City of Chicago South Lakefront Access Study (2:45)**

City of Chicago staff will make a brief presentation regarding the recently released South Lakefront Access Study. **Estimated Duration:** 15 minutes.

SUGGESTED ACTION: Information and discussion.

7. **Soles and Spokes Training Workshops (3:00)**

Staff requests approval of a work plan for technical training activities. The Soles and Spokes Workshop Group met to discuss a two-year plan for technical training activities. This plan is included in Attachment 4.
Estimated Duration: 5 minutes.

SUGGESTED ACTION: Approval of technical training plan.

8. **Soles and Spokes Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan for Chicago Area Transportation (3:05)**

The Soles and Spokes Plan Steering Group has accepted several reports and transmitted them to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force. Staff will briefly review progress in plan development. Staff will also present the "Bicycle Inventory System" developed as part of the plan with consultant assistance. Staff requests that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force receive the Soles and Spokes reports.
Estimated Duration: 15 minutes

SUGGESTED ACTION: Receive Soles and Spokes reports.

9. **Highway Project Priority for Projects with Routine Accommodation in CMAQ Funding (3:20)**

The League of Illinois Bicyclists (LIB) has worked with staff on a recommendation regarding the CMAQ program. LIB requests that the Task Force recommend that, when programming highway improvements, the CMAQ Project Selection Committee should provide programming priority highway projects that either provide accommodations for pedestrians or bicycles or where such accommodations are already provided. LIB also requests that the Task Force recommend that when ranking pedestrian and bicycle projects, the CMAQ Project Selection Committee consider future population and employment projections in programming bicycle and pedestrian improvements. The League's request is included Attachment 5.
Estimated Duration: 10 minutes

SUGGESTED ACTION: Adopt LIB recommendation, transmit to CMAQ Project Selection Committee.

10. **Next Meeting (3:30)**

A meeting is suggested for early February.

11. **Adjourn (3:35)**

Public comment is encouraged throughout the meeting. The chair will recognize non-task force members as appropriate. The chair will have the discretion to limit discussion if it becomes redundant or is irrelevant.

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