



CHICAGO AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

MEETING OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE
to be held at the

CHICAGO METROPOLITAN AGENCY FOR PLANNING
233 South Wacker Drive, Suite 800
Chicago, Illinois

Cook County Conference Room

Thursday, June 14, 2007
10:00 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. OLD BUSINESS

**A. Approval of Minutes for
March 14 and May 25, 2007**

The minutes were previously distributed.

ACTION REQUESTED

Approval by Policy Committee

B. Council of Mayors' Report

C. Executive Director's Report

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Bylaws

Requested Action: Consider Approval of Revised Bylaws

The proposed changes to the Bylaws revising the composition of the Policy Committee, addressing the committee framework outlined in the MOU between the Policy Committee and the CMAP Board, and changing the period for written notice of such changes were released for public comment on March 14. No comments were received. The revised bylaws are attached.

B. Transportation Committee

Action Requested: Approval of composition of the Transportation Committee

The MOU between the Policy Committee and the CMAP Board calls for their joint determination of the membership of the Transportation Committee. The proposed membership is attached.

C. Regional Transportation Plan

Requested Action: Consider Approval of SAFETEA-LU Compliant Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)

The public comment period for the 2007 update to the 2030 RTP (2007 Update) ended on April 23. The Transportation Committee reviewed the 2007 Update and the summary of public comments and recommends Policy Committee approval of the 2007 Update. The 2007 Update and summary of public comments are attached.

D. Unified Work Program

Requested Action: Consider Approval of the Fiscal Year 2008 Unified Work Program

The public comment period for the Fiscal Year 2008 Unified Work Program ended on April 23. No comments were received. The Executive Summary of the FY 08 UWP for northeastern Illinois is attached. The Transportation Committee recommends approval of the Fiscal Year 2008 Unified Work Program. The Executive Summary, the individual projects and CMAP's total budget encompassing UWP funding are attached.

E. Legislative Activities

The language of House Bill 1134, which the Policy Committee and CMAP Board agreed to, went through several modifications and was eventually amended into Senate Bill 1201. This legislation has passed both houses of the legislature and will be sent to the Governor for his signature. Staff will report on the legislation as passed.

F. Public Participation Plan
Requested Action: Approval of the Public Participation Plan

The public comment period ended on May 10. The comments that were received were addressed and discussed with the Transportation Committee. Staff will review the plan and comments. The Transportation Committee recommends approval of the Public Participation Plan.

G. Agency Funding

In recent months, there have been several challenges related to current funding for the agency. The contract CMAP signed with IDOT to provide Unified Work Program funds called for quarterly advance payments. As of the mailing, neither the third nor fourth quarter payments have been received, requiring the agency to activate a line of credit. Staff continues to work with IDOT to resolve the issue. Staff will brief the Committee on the status of this situation.

H. MPO Agreements and Bylaws
Requested Action: Activation of the Bylaws subcommittee

The evolution of the planning process and the sunseting of NIPC necessitate revisions of the existing agreements and the Bylaws will need to be further revised. It is proposed that the Bylaws subcommittee be activated to review such agreements and make recommendations at the October Policy Committee meeting.

I. Regional Comprehensive Plan

Staff will provide a brief description of the expected involvement of the working committees in the development of the Regional Comprehensive Plan

J. Illinois Tollway Value Pricing Project

Staff continues to work on developing a regional proposal to submit an application for this program to the U.S. Department of Transportation. Applications are due April 30, 2007. The Committee will be updated on the status of this effort.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

V. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting is October 11, 2007.