

**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, March 13, 2008**  
**10:00 a.m.**

***I. CALL TO ORDER***

***II. OLD BUSINESS***

**A. Approval of Minutes for  
January 10, 2008**

The minutes are attached.

**ACTION REQUESTED**

Approval by Policy Committee

**B. Council of Mayors' Report**

**C. CMAP Report**

### **III. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Bylaws**

##### **ACTION REQUESTED**

Approval of Revised Bylaws

The proposed changes to the Bylaws reflecting the evolution of the planning process in northeastern Illinois were released for public comment on January 14. The comment period closed February 13 and no comments were received. The revised bylaws are attached.

#### **B. MOU with CMAP**

##### **ACTION REQUESTED**

Continuation of the Current MOU with the CMAP Board

The *Memorandum of Understanding Between the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning and the Policy Committee Encompassing Transportation Planning and Programming in Northeastern Illinois* adopted last March calls for an annual review. Staff is recommending that no changes need to be made to the MOU at this time. The document is attached.

#### **C. Tollway**

The Illinois Tollway received a federal award under the Value Pricing Project. It is beginning to examine if and how value pricing or congestion pricing can be effectively introduced to northeastern Illinois. Because of the potential impacts of such a project, the study will not be exclusively limited to toll facilities. Tollway staff will present an outline of the study to the Committee.

#### **D. Energy Bill**

##### **ACTION REQUESTED**

Recommendation to IDOT regarding 100% federal funding for CMAQ projects

At the January meeting of the Policy Committee, the implications for the CMAQ program of the recently passed Energy Bill were discussed. The legislation allows CMAQ projects to be funded up to 100% with federal funds at the discretion of the state. IDOT has asked for a recommendation by the MPO prior to its decision. Staff will brief the committee on the discussions at the CMAQ Project selection Committee meeting regarding this issue.

#### **E. City-suburban STP Split**

Representatives from the city of Chicago and the suburban Mayors have agreed on a formula

**ACTION REQUESTED**

Approve the proposed city-suburban STP split

allocating local STP funds. The agreement between the city and suburbs is reviewed after every new federal transportation authorization. The proposed split will take 5% off the top of the region's local STP allocation to be used to program projects within the city of Chicago that have a regional impact. Both the city and the suburban mayors, through the Executive Committee, will agree on these projects. The balance of the funding will be split 55% to the suburbs and 45% to the city. The proposed agreement is attached.

**F. Pedestrian Safety**

The FY 2007 UWP Program included a Pedestrian Safety Initiative in response to USDOT's identifying Illinois and metropolitan Chicago as a focus state and focus city, respectively, for pedestrian safety. Staff will review work to date on this project. Staff will also review related on-going work, including implementation of recently passed Complete Streets legislation, proposed changes in the MUTCD, and work to improve access for people with disabilities.

**G. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Procedures**

**ACTION REQUESTED**

Adopt new TIP Project Change and Grouping Procedures

New federal regulations supporting SAFETEA-LU have necessitated some changes to the TIP procedures covering changes (administrative modifications) and amendments. The consultation team met a number of times to develop the new procedures. The Transportation Committee recommends adoption of the new TIP Project Change and Grouping Procedures.

**H. Update to 2030 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), TIP Amendment and Conformity Analysis**

**ACTION REQUESTED**

Approval of conformity determinations, Plan Update and

At the January meeting of the Policy Committee, the Transportation Committee was authorized to release for public comment a long range plan update adding a project constructing additional lanes to I-355 between 75<sup>th</sup> Street and I-88. The project is also being added to the TIP. Also released for public comment was the addition of a project implementing a segment of the Prairie Parkway. While the Prairie Parkway is in the long range plan and has been conformed, it appears in the 2030 networks. IDOT proposes to have the segment between IL 71 and US 34 operational before 2020. Full model conformity analyses were conducted for each project. No comments were received regarding the

TIP amendment

Tollway project. Two comments were received regarding the construction of the roadway between IL 71 and US 34. The comments and proposed responses are attached. The Transportation Committee has recommended approval of the conformity determination, plan update and TIP amendments.

**I. New Freedom Program**

**ACTION REQUESTED**

Approval of Resolution 08-02 endorsing the northeastern Illinois/southeastern Wisconsin and northeastern Illinois/northwestern Indiana splits of New Freedom funds

The MPO endorses the allocation of Federal Transit Administration's New Freedom funds between Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin. The RTA Board has negotiated splits with northwestern Indiana and southeastern Wisconsin.

The total apportionment for the Chicago IL/IN urbanized area is \$2,464,753. The northeastern IL portion is \$2,282,123. The northwestern IN portion is \$182,630. The total apportionment for the Round Lake Beach/McHenry/Grayslake, IL/WI urbanized area is \$50,051. The northeastern IL portion is \$44,873. The southeastern WI portion is \$5,178.

**J. Intelligent Transportation Systems**

**ACTION REQUESTED**

Approval of Resolution 08-03 endorsing the Regional ITS Architecture V.2

The Regional ITS Architecture identifies a 15 year road map for the integration of transportation technologies that will improve the efficiency of the transportation system. The U.S. DOT published a rule designed to promote integration of these technological systems through agreements between operating agencies and with other stakeholders outside the transportation community. A major element in the rule is the development of Regional ITS Architectures that conform with the National ITS Architecture. The Advanced Technology Task Force, the Transportation Committee, and the Programming Coordinating Committee have each recommended that the MPO Policy Committee approve the northeastern Illinois ITS Architecture V.2. A link to the Architecture Documentation is posted on the CMAP web site under Regional ITS Architecture: <http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/transportation/its.aspx>.

**K. FTA Subarea Allocation between Indiana-Illinois and Wisconsin-Illinois and**

The MPO endorses the allocation of Section 5307 and Section 5340 Capital and Planning funds between Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin, and designates recipients on an annual basis. The RTA Board has negotiated splits with northwestern Indiana and southeastern Wisconsin

**Designated Recipient of Section 5307 and Section 5340 Combined Capital and Planning Funds**

**ACTION REQUESTED**

Approval of Resolution 08-04 endorsing the northeastern Illinois/northwestern Indiana subarea allocation, Resolution 08-05 endorsing the northeastern Illinois/southeastern Wisconsin subarea allocation, and Resolutions 08-06, 08-07 and 08-08 endorsing CTA, Metra and Pace as designated recipients for FY 08

and approved the FY08 allocations to the service boards.

The total apportionment for the Chicago IL/IN urbanized area is \$235,016,015. The northeastern IL portion is \$224,607,638. The northwestern IN portion is \$10,408,377. The total apportionment for the Round Lake Beach/McHenry/Grayslake, IL/WI urbanized area is \$4,027,448. The northeastern IL portion is \$3,940,764. The southeastern WI portion is \$86,684. The Section 5307 and 5340 combined capital and planning funds for northeastern Illinois total \$228,548,402. The funds have been distributed as follows: \$132,287,951 to the CTA; \$65,239,235 to Metra; and \$31,021,216 to Pace.

***IV. OTHER BUSINESS***

***V. NEXT MEETING***

The next regularly scheduled meeting is June 12, 2008.