



CHICAGO AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

## SUMMARY OF CATS COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE MEETINGS

*March 23, 2007 – May 24, 2007*

The agendas and minutes for all committees and task force meetings are posted in the “Events Calendar” section of the CATS website, [www.catsmpo.com](http://www.catsmpo.com).

### **Advanced Technology Task Force**

Chair: Dave Zavattero & Duana Love

CMAP Contact Person: *Claire Bozic*

Meeting Date: April 18th.

The consultants briefed the group on the progress of the **Northeastern Illinois Regional ITS Architecture Update**. The review of existing ITS documents was almost complete and produced many changes which will be reflected in the architecture. The ITS Architecture webcast, held on April 12<sup>th</sup>, attracted 36 viewers. Slides can be viewed at

[http://www.catsmpo.com/prog/its\\_planning/2007-04-12\\_its\\_webcast\\_charts.pdf](http://www.catsmpo.com/prog/its_planning/2007-04-12_its_webcast_charts.pdf).

Four Architecture workshops were held at CMAP May 8th, 9th, and 10th with sessions for Transit Management, Expressway Management, Emergency Management & Security, and Arterial Management.

CMAP staff gave an overview of the **Urban Partnership Agreement (UPA)** application that is being submitted for the region

Members gave updates on **County ITS Efforts**. *Kane County* - the steering committee for the Kane County ITS/TMC Feasibility Study met in March for a needs assessment wrap up and a discussion of a Concept of Operations. A workshop is scheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup> to generate a list of potential projects. *Lake County* – phase one of the Lake County system is almost complete. Lake County PASSAGE is unique because it is one of the first programs in the country to implement ITS at the arterial and collector road network level.

[www.lakecountypassage.com](http://www.lakecountypassage.com)). Lake County DOT is currently working on a plan to re-coordinate traffic signals in the event of an incident. Automating this task will improve traffic flow faster than adjusting each signal individually. *DuPage*

*County* – The last steering committee meeting for the DuPage TCI project was held in February. The project is advancing and the next task is to complete the Implementation Plan. Information on the TCI project can be found in the TCI Newsletter ([http://www.dupageco.org/emplibrary/TCINewsletter\\_Feb2007.pdf](http://www.dupageco.org/emplibrary/TCINewsletter_Feb2007.pdf)) and the Implementation Document will be completed soon and will be posted at [http://www.dupageco.org/dot/generic.cfm?doc\\_id=2684](http://www.dupageco.org/dot/generic.cfm?doc_id=2684).

The next meeting will be held on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **Bicycle & Pedestrian Task Force**

Chair: Tom Rickert

CMAP Contact Person: *Tom Murtha*

Meeting Date: Did not meet.

### **CMAQ Project Selection Committee**

Chair: Patricia Berry

CMAP Contact Person: *Ross Patronsky*

Meeting Date: Did not meet.

### **Intermodal Advisory Task Force**

Chair: Tom Zapler

CMAP Contact Person: *Brian Rademacher*

Meeting Date: April 26, 2007

Tom Zapler gave an update on meetings that were held prior to the April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting and informed members that those meetings were mostly planning meetings to ensure that the group had a good action plan for the year. Bola Delano gave a brief update on HB1134 and the current status in CMAP. A comment was made that the profile of the group should also include air and maritime projects as part of the intermodal industry. Tom Zapler agreed and said

that air freight had been constantly invited to meetings but had never participated. He however welcomed the maritime representative to the meeting.

The group's mission statement was handed to members and asked to forward all comments to Bola Delano.

Each meeting will feature a speaker from a private sector freight company. Speakers will focus on the economic value of freight in the region and on trends related to doing business in Chicago. This meeting featured Mike Howard, Vice President – J.B. Hunt Trucking Company. He gave a detailed presentation on what it is like doing business in Chicago. He highlighted the importance for the region to improve its basic infrastructure to assist, retain and encourage the industry to stay within the region. He commented on recent efforts to improve services in the region with the acknowledgement that more needs to be done.

Kermit Wies gave a detailed presentation on data resources available in CMAP.

Libby Ogard of Prime Focus LLC, gave a presentation about a performance measures proposal for the region. She asked the group for suggestions on the best way to get information to feed into this model. There was some concern about the relevance of this project and concern about whether the data proposed will produce accurate and relevant data. It was agreed that this project should start on a small basis and its developments will be carefully monitored.

The next meeting will be June 28, 2007. The Intermodal Speaker series will continue with Mr. Tracey Rosser, Vice-President, Transportation with Wal-Mart. IATF will meet every other month on the last Thursday at 10:00 a.m. at the CMAP offices.

### **Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Committee**

Chair: David Seglin

CMAP Contact Person: *Ty Warner*

Meeting Date: May 7, 2007

As the public comment period for the draft 2007 Update of the 2030 RTP closed on April 23, the Committee reviewed and discussed appropriate disposition of the public comments, as well as CMAP committee and partner agency comments. They agreed to the handling of comments and voted to accept staff recommendations on the text of the draft 2030 RTP Update. They authorized the RTP text with minor additional edits, to be forwarded to CMAP's Transportation Committee and Planning Coordinating Committee and then the CMAP Board and CATS Policy Committee.

CMAP staff provided an overview of the development process for the 2040 Regional Comprehensive Plan. The Committee discussed the relevance of an RTP Committee or similar ad hoc committee particularly for the aspects dealing with capital project submissions and ensuring that the federal SAFETEA-LU regulations are met. It was the consensus of the RTP Committee that the CMAP Transportation Committee should consider the future committee needs related to transportation aspects of the 2040 Regional Comprehensive Plan.

The RTP Committee is not expecting to meet again, but is “on call” if an unforeseen need should arise.

### **TIP Procedures Committee**

Chair: Lorraine Snorden

CMAP Contact Person: *Teri Dixon*

Meeting Date: April 13, 2007

Items discussed at the meeting included:

#### Active program management

The committee was updated on active project management. CMAP staff, IDOT and programmers are working together to include lettings and other pertinent information in the TIP to ensure that the region uses all funding available. STP and HPP-funded projects will be the first to have this information added.

#### TIP Database RFP

Proposed improvements to the TIP database were discussed including improved database security, incorporating more error-checking into the database itself, improving the user interface, and improving the interface with the geospatial representation of the TIP. The RFP for this work is attached with the Transportation/Work Program Committee materials.

#### Transportation projects and ecosystem

Ms. Leigh provided an explanation of ecosystem and defined biodiversity which is the diversity of biological systems and functions within a broad continuum that links to the broader landscape, and in particular promotes connectivity of systems rather than fragmentation for the committee. She also explained that IDOT has been working with stakeholders to be have consideration of such systems more integrated into the design process.

#### Rescissions

Rescissions were discussed at a meeting with the SAFETEA-LU committee and other stakeholders; CMAP staff was charged with contacting implementers to frame a response to IDOT so that programs with higher unobligated balances would not have to bear the brunt of the rescissions. Upon discussion it was stated that Springfield's response to the rescission is to implement the rescissions across the board and not specifically target programs that had higher balances.

#### SAFETEA-LU compliant TIP

Ms. Bozic gave a short presentation on a visualization method she has been working on as an add-on to the federally required obligation report. Draft graphs and tables were linked together to interactively produce visual and numeric summaries for data in the obligation report. This type of capability will give the public a way to view the data in simple graphical format.

Mr. Kos explained that the TIP database RFP makes reference to the TIPIMS or ArcIMS. Development of the database and the visualization of the TIP features (linear & site specific) will be done simultaneously, but the two projects are not necessarily dependent on each other. The display or availability of transportation data and applications is part of a larger effort of to get this information to the public.

The committee was briefed about the public participation plan.

To conclude the meeting the committee's mission and the committee's relevance in the new CMAP organization was discussed. The Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) has been investigating ways to provide better outreach to the general public. The CAC agreed that one of their priorities will be ensuring that the TIP is communicated properly and in a manner that is easily understandable to the public.

#### **Unified Work Program Committee**

Chair: Les Nunes

CMAP Contact Person: *Gordon Smith*

Meeting Date: Did not meet.