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, October 9, 2008 10:00 a.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Approval of Minutes for June 12, 2008

The minutes are attached.

<u>ACTION REQUESTED</u> Approval by Policy Committee

- B. Council of Mayors' Report
- C. CMAP Report

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. State Implementation Plan

B. 2030 Regional Transportation Plan Update, FY 2007-2012 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments and Air Quality Conformity Determinations

ACTION REQUESTED

Approval of the Plan Update, the TIP Amendments and accompanying conformity determinations and delegation of the approval of the congestion reduction demonstration to the TC

In recent months there have been federal actions and court decisions affecting the region transportation plan, program and the pending State Implementation Plans. Staff will present the impact of these events.

CMAP¢s Transportation Committee (TC) released an update to the 2030 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), an amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and a revised conformity analysis in August. The RTP update consists of extensions of proposed projects for additional lanes on I-90 and I-88 and changes to transit services and regional planning assumptions to reflect the "Congestion Reduction Demonstration" agreed to by the City of Chicago, the Chicago Transit Authority, and the U.S. Department of Transportation. The TIP amendment and the conformity analysis results are attached. The comment period ended on September 21, 2008 and three comments were received. The comments and responses are attached. With the exception of the congestion reduction demonstration, the Transportation Committee has recommended approval of the Plan update, the bi-annual TIP Amendments and the conformity determination. The TC requests that the Policy Committee allow the TC to act on the congestion reduction demonstration after RTA Board action in October. The Programming Coordinating Committee will consider this recommendation at its October 8 meeting.

C. National and State Legislative / Funding Outlook

A number of legislative issues at both the national and state level are evolving that will impact transportation planning and programming. Staff will present some of these issues and members are encouraged to provide any insights they may have.

D. CMAQ Program

<u>ACTION REQUESTED</u> Approve the FY 2009 Multi-Year The public comment period for the Federal Fiscal Year 2009 Multi-Year CMAQ proposed program closed August 26, 2008. The Transportation Committee has approved the staff responses to the comments and has recommended approval of the proposed program. The comments and staff responses along with the proposed program

CMAQ Program and withdrawal of funding for three projects

are attached. In addition, withdrawal of funding for three projects has been recommended. The Programming Coordinating Committee will consider this recommendation at its October 8 meeting.

E. Will County Plan

A new Transportation Plan has been developed for the County. Staff will present highlights from the plan for the Committee.

F. GO TO 2040 – Indicators Development

Working with a variety of stakeholders, a series of indicators to measure the region
progress toward the Regional Vision, endorsed by the MPO Policy Committee in June
2008, has been developed and are attached. The Transportation committee
recommended approval of this list on September 26, and a similar recommendation will
be sought from the Planning Coordinating Committee on October 8. The MPO Policy
Committee is requested to consider endorsing this indicators series.

ACTION REQUESTED

Endorsement of Plan Indicators

G. GO TO 2040 – Scenario Development CMAP will be using a scenario evaluation process to develop the recommendations of the *GO TO 2040* plan. An initial step in this process is constructing several alternative scenarios which represent potential futures for the region (see attached memo). Through discussions with the working committees and other stakeholders, basic descriptions of these alternative futures have been developed. Staff will describe these and explain the process moving forward.

H. GO TO 2040 – Partnership Program

Staff will describe ongoing efforts to involve organizations and the general public in the $GO\ TO\ 2040$ process

I. Title VI Plan

ACTION REQUESTED
Approve Title VI Plan

While the staff of the Chicago Area Transportation Study was administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation their Title VI plan, as required by USDOT, covered the MPO. With the merger of CATS and NIPC, that relationship with IDOT no longer exists necessitating the development of a separate Title VI Plan for the MPO staff. The document is attached.

J. Nominating Committee for the office of Vice-chairman

The report from the Nominating Committee appointed at the last meeting will be given and an election of a Vice-chairman will be conducted.

<u>ACTION REQUESTED</u> Election of a Vice-chairman

K. Preliminary RTA Funding Programs

RTA is requesting input on the preliminary programs of projects for the Community Planning Program, the Subregional Planning Program, the Job Access and Reverse Commute/New Freedom Program (JARC/NF) and the Innovation, Coordination and Enhancement (ICE) Program (see RTA Programs attachment).

- IV. OTHER BUSINESS
- V. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting is January 8, 2009.