

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
POLICY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION
16-03

**A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
and the ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AS "DESIGNATED
RECIPIENTS" OF 5310 – FORMULA GRANT for the MOBILITY OF SENIORS AND
INDIVIDUALS with DISABILITIES**

WHEREAS, the Policy Committee is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), designated by the Governor as being responsible, together with the State of Illinois, and public transportation operators, for carrying out the provisions of Section 134 Title 23 U.S. Code, and Section 5310 Title 49 U.S. Code for northeastern Illinois; and

WHEREAS, 70 ILCS 3615/4.02 (b) specifies that the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) is the primary public body in the metropolitan region with authority to apply for and receive any grants, loans or other funds relating to public transportation programs from the State of Illinois or any department or agency thereof, or from the federal government or any department or agency thereof; and

WHEREAS, 70 ILCS 3615/4.02 (b) further specifies that any unit of local government, Service Board or transportation agency may apply for and receive any such federal or state capital grants, loans or other funds, provided, however that a Service Board may not apply for or receive any grant or loan which is not identified in the Five Year Program of the RTA; and

WHEREAS, prior to the passage of Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and RTA were both the designated recipients for federal Section 5310 funds for northeastern Illinois; and

WHEREAS, The RTA and IDOT continue to fulfill all requirements necessary to be designated recipients of 5310 funds;

WHEREAS, cooperative efforts by IDOT and the RTA will ensure that the Section 5310 program implementation will be seamless to grant recipients in northeastern Illinois with the passage of the FAST Act. IDOT will be responsible for a portion of the annual northeastern Illinois allocation to purchase lift and ramp-equipped paratransit vehicles for eligible program recipients under its consolidated vehicle procurement program and the RTA will be responsible for the remaining annual allocation to manage funds that may be used for public transportation projects that exceed the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Policy Committee endorses the RTA and IDOT as "designated recipients" of 5310 funds until such time as the legislation and guidance regarding 5310 programming changes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the Secretary of the Policy Committee is hereby authorized and directed to transmit certified copies of this Resolution to the Regional Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration and to the Office of the Governor.

The above and foregoing Resolution is hereby adopted this ____ day of _____.

Randall S. Blankenhorn
Chairman, MPO Policy Committee

Thomas G. Kotarac
Secretary, MPO Policy Committee

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this ____ day of _____, 20__