

CHICAGO METROPOLITAN AGENCY FOR PLANNING
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
POLICY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION
Number 14-01

**A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
(RTA), THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY (CTA), METRA AND PACE AS
"DESIGNATED RECIPIENTS"
OF SECTION 5307/5340 CAPITAL AND PLANNING FUNDS**

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 5307 Title 49 U.S. Code for northeastern Illinois; and

WHEREAS, program guidance for the Urbanized Area Formula program was issued by the Federal Transit Administration on January 16, 2014 and this guidance (Circular 9030.1E) establishes a designated recipient as an entity to receive and apportion FTA funds to eligible projects within the applicable urbanized area, and does not preclude the designation of multiple designated recipients; and

WHEREAS, in urbanized areas with more than one designated recipient, documentation must be provided to FTA for the funding split amounts agreed upon by the transit operators in collaboration with the MPO/State DOT consistent with 23 CFR 450.324(j) and 23 CFR 450.314; and

WHEREAS, Circular 9030.1E states that in UZAs with more than one designated recipient, FTA expects that local officials operating in conjunction with the MPO and the designated recipients shall determine the allocation of Section 5307 funds together; and

WHEREAS, Circular 9030.1E further states the designated recipient(s) and the MPO should determine the sub-area allocation fairly and rationally through a process based on local needs and agreeable to the designated recipients; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 23 CFR 450.314 (a) the "MPO, the State(s), and the public transportation operator(s) shall cooperatively determine their mutual responsibilities in carrying out the metropolitan planning process. These responsibilities shall be clearly identified in written agreements among the MPO, the State(s), and the public transportation operator(s) serving the MPA. ..." and

WHEREAS, 70 ILCS 3615/4.02 (b) specifies that the Regional Transportation Authority 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 Capital Program of the Regional Transportation Authority; and

WHEREAS, the providers of publicly owned public transportation service and the MPO must concur in the selection of the designated recipient(s); and


WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Authority, Chicago Transit Authority, Metra and Pace each fulfills all of the requirements necessary to be a designated recipient of Section 5307/5340 funds.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Policy Committee concurs in recognizing the RTA, CTA, Metra and Pace each as a "designated recipient" of Section 5307/5340 funds for those projects contained in the approved budget and capital program ordinance by the Regional Transportation Authority and in accordance with the Metropolitan Planning Agreement required by 23 CFR 450.314 (a).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the RTA will continue to develop the proposed subarea apportionments for northwestern Indiana and southeastern Wisconsin, as well as for the CTA, Metra and Pace, pursuant to Sec. 2.01 of 70 ILCS 3615, the RTA Act.

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 13th day of March, 2014.


Ann L. Schneider
Chairman, MPO Policy Committee


Donald P. Kopec
Secretary, MPO Policy Committee

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 13th day of March, 2014

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