

# **RATS**

**Rockford Area Transportation Study  
Metropolitan Planning Organization**  
City of Rockford, Public Works Department  
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## **POLICY COMMITTEE**

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## **RESOLUTION 2006-2**

### **RE: SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (STP) FUNDING**

- WHEREAS** the Rockford Area Transportation Study (RATS) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Rockford Metropolitan Area, and the Policy Committee has the specific responsibility to direct and administer the continuing urban transportation planning process; and
- WHEREAS** the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) promotes the development of a transportation system which should be accomplished jointly by the MPO and the State of Illinois; and
- WHEREAS** the development of a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a continuing, comprehensive and cooperative (3C) planning process carried out by RATS under the direction of the Policy Committee and the Technical Committee of the MPO of the Rockford Metropolitan Area in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Transportation; and
- WHEREAS** the State of Illinois has previously developed funding formulae which strive to provide similar proportional increases to the State and to the local federally-funded programs, of which a portion of the STP category is designated to the MPO to use at the MPO's discretion; and
- WHEREAS** Resolution 92-4, which was adopted by the RATS Policy Committee on May 28<sup>th</sup> of 1992, was developed from the principals and guidelines that were established under the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) and which was the last opportunity for the RATS Policy Committee to review and address the funding proposal prepared by the State of Illinois; and
- WHEREAS** SAFETEA-LU, and its predecessors ISTEA and TEA-21, contain specific language which details federal funding requirements to urbanized areas over 200,000 population, which areas are referred to as Transportation Management Areas (TMAs); and
- WHEREAS** recent research by the RATS MPO indicates that other midwest States that surround Illinois are investing significantly higher per capita federal STP dollars in their TMA

communities to promote economic development, when compared to the TMAs in Illinois; and

**WHEREAS** the concept of a federal aid sharing arrangement that is approved annually between the MPO and the State is being used successfully in Indiana and Michigan;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the RATS Policy Committee desires that the MPO's in Illinois work cooperatively with the Illinois Department of Transportation to create a new federal aid sharing agreement that keeps Illinois urban areas competitive with neighboring States; AND BE IT FURTHER

**RESOLVED** that RATS Resolution 92-4 is hereby rescinded as the current Policy Committee action to address federal aid from the STP program; AND BE IT FURTHER

**RESOLVED** that the RATS staff is instructed to work cooperatively with IDOT staff, through the Office of Planning and Programming, and other MPO staff from Illinois to create a new federal aid sharing agreement prior to July 1, 2006, said agreement to supercede all previous agreements during ISTEA and TEA-21.

**Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> Day of January 2006.**

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