CHICAGO METROPOLITAN AGENCY FOR PLANNING METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION 13-01

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTION AUTHORITY (RTA) and the ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (IDOT) AS "DESIGNATED RECIPIENTS" OF 5310 – FORMULA GRANT for the ENHANCED 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 the 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 Regional Transportation Authority; and

WHEREAS, prior to the passage of the new surface transportation law, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21), the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) was the Governor's designee for federal Section 5310 (Capital Assistance Program for Elderly Persons and Persons With Disabilities) funds statewide, and the designee for federal Section 5317 (New Freedom Program) in rural and small urbanized areas of the state. The RTA was the Governor's designee for 5317 funds in northeastern Illinois. The RTA and IDOT fulfill all requirements necessary to be designated recipients of 5310 funds; and

WHEREAS, the Section 5317 program was rolled into the new Section 5310 program; and

WHEREAS, cooperative efforts by IDOT and the RTA will ensure that the new Section 5310 program implementation will be seamless to grant recipients in northeastern Illinois. IDOT will be responsible for a portion of the annual northeastern Illinois allocation to be determined through the region's Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP) 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 ADA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Policy Committee endorses the RTA and IDOT as "designated recipients" of 5310 funds for the life of the MAP-21.

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 14th day of March, 2013.

Ann L. Schneider

Chairman, MPO Policy Committee

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Secretary, MPO Policy Committee

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 14 day of March 2013

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