

December 30, 2003

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee
From: Paul Thompson
Subject: Item 5.c: MPO Public Involvement

Background

At its November 2003 meeting, the Metropolitan Policy Committee considered a staff recommendation for the addition of citizen representatives to the Transportation Planning Committee (TPC). During the meeting, a proposed motion to implement citizen membership on TPC failed for lack of a supporting vote from a Springfield representative. Springfield representatives on MPC indicated a desire to consider other options for modifying citizen participation in the MPO transportation planning process and suggested carrying the topic over to the next meeting.

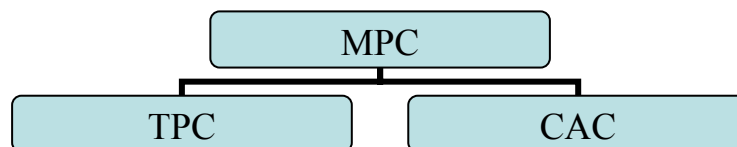
Proposal

As communicated by Springfield staff in a memo to MPO staff dated December 2, 2003, the City of Springfield proposes the following:

Create a citizen advisory committee (CAC) that makes recommendations to MPC regarding metro transportation issues. The Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) will exist to provide technical staff assistance to MPC. The CAC should consist of the following number and interest areas:

- Two citizens from industry
- One citizen from a multi-modal interest
- One citizen from a trucking interest
- One citizen not affiliated with a direct transportation interest

The proposed lines of communication:



TPC staff has not formally discussed this proposal, thus there is no staff recommendation at this time. The MPC Public Involvement Subcommittee did consider the formation of a CAC among the options for increasing citizen involvement in the MPO, but did not include that option in its final recommendations.

Action Requested: Discuss & provide direction to staff regarding citizen representation in MPO process