



**CHATHAM URBAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY  
FEBRUARY 2009 MPO MEETING**

**PC AND ACAT AGENDA ITEM IV-C  
TCC AND CAC AGENDA ITEM III-C**

**Agenda Item:** CUTS/MPO Long Range Plan Kick-off

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**Summary:** Every MPO must have a Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) to identify proposed highway and major transit investments. These plans cover at least a 20-year horizon period and must be updated at least every five years. The MPO's current LRTP was adopted by CUTS/MPO on September 22, 2004 and looks forward to 2030. The next LRTP is due to be adopted in September 2009. While contractual issues have caused delays, the LRTP is now underway. The plan development process will focus on a streamlined "framework" plan for adoption in August or September. Staff is soliciting input from the advisory committees this month to begin the initial development process. A separate public workshop will be scheduled and advertised.

Because the September deadline precludes the inclusion in the Plan for certain discretionary elements that would better incorporate several of the policy and design positions taken by the MPO in recent years, MPO staff intends to begin a second phase of LRTP development this summer. This phase would continue into 2010. Context sensitive design concepts and more land use detail would be captured through sub-area planning and corridor planning.

**Recommendation:** For information only