

## APPENDIX H: ACRONYMS AND DEFINITIONS

<b>FHWA</b>	Federal Highway Administration
<b>FTA</b>	Federal Transit Administration
<b>IDOT</b>	Illinois Department of Transportation
<b>MTP</b>	Metropolitan Transportation Plan
<b>MPO</b>	Metropolitan Planning Organization
<b>PC</b>	Policy Committee
<b>TAC</b>	Transportation Advisory Committee
<b>TIP</b>	Transportation Improvement Program
<b>TOC</b>	Transit Operations Committee

### **Environmental Justice (EJ)**

Environmental justice is the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income, with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies.

### **Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA)**

The region designated by the MPO and Governor in which the MPO carries out its transportation planning responsibilities and encompasses at least the existing urbanized area and the contiguous area expected to become urbanized within a 20-year forecast period.

### **Title VI**

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 provides that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

### **Urbanized Area (UZA)**

A contiguous urban area with a population of 50,000 or more as designated by the U.S. Census Bureau.