

2015 SATS Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Planning Review FHWA Priority Recommendations and SATS Proposed Actions

PROGRESS REPORT

April 14, 2016

RECOMMENDATION 1. The SATS staff is encouraged to continue to seek ways for the smaller communities within the MPA to be more engaged in the planning processes for the region, such as through the Regional Leadership Council.

PROPOSED ACTION: SATS staff will attend the July 2015 meeting of the Regional Leadership Council to begin discussions on creating a communication network with the smaller communities in the MPA.

Completed.

A memo with attached community representative form was distributed to MPA communities at the July 2015 RLC meeting and also sent to presidents/mayors via email following the meeting. The first meeting of the SATS Communities Committee was held on October 28, 2015. Meetings are scheduled quarterly.

RECOMMENDATION 2. The SATS members, especially IDOT Region 4, District 6 and the Springfield Mass Transit District, are encouraged to use different individuals as representatives on the Policy and Technical Committees.

PROPOSED ACTION: New representatives will be designated by July 2015.

Completed.

All SATS jurisdictions had separate representatives designated in July 2015.

RECOMMENDATION 3. SATS should work with IDOT and FHWA to develop an Indirect Cost Allocation Plan. SATS staff attended the FHWA Resource Center training regarding these plans on April 1-2, 2015.

PROPOSED ACTION: As soon as the SSCRPC's 2014 Audit is finalized staff will begin working on an ICAP in preparation for the PY 2017 Unified Planning Work Program.

Completed.

The SATS FY 2017 ICAP was prepared by Maximus in July 2015 and submitted to IDOT on August 5, 2015. IDOT approved the ICAP on January 13, 2016.

RECOMMENDATION 4. SATS should utilize the Annual Progress Report when possible to advance performance measurement and to substantiate provisions of the self-certification.

PROPOSED ACTION: The performance measures identified in the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan will be used to evaluate work toward meeting performance targets in the Annual Progress Reports beginning in March 2016.

Completed.

The 2040 LRTP One Year Progress Report dated March 2016 included an update on advances being made to reach the performance targets.

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RECOMMENDATION 5. SATS should become more familiar with the Self-Certification requirements to put them in a better position to monitor their progress in meeting these requirements.

PROPOSED ACTION: SATS would appreciate assistance from FHWA on this issue.

Completed.

FHWA provided detailed guidance in August 2015.

RECOMMENDATION 6. The recently updated 2040 LRTP only shows the Committed Projects in Year of Expenditure (YOE) projections. The MPO should utilize YOE projections of costs for the “Planned Illustrative Projects” and “Future Illustrative Projects” as well. While the specific year of construction is unknown, a band of cost could be projected for each project based upon the inflation rates utilized currently by the MPO. FHWA will work with the MPO in the development of these projections.

PROPOSED ACTION: SATS would appreciate assistance from FHWA on this issue.

Completed.

The 2040 LRTP included a 4% annual inflation rate for “Planned” and “Future” projects. FHWA will work with SATS during the next LRTP update to develop cost projections.

RECOMMENDATION 7. It is recommended that SATS staff continue to seek ways to more aggressively pursue engagement of low-income and minority populations.

Ongoing.

SATS will continue to seek news ways to engage low-income and minority populations in the planning process, particularly in development of Long Range Transportation Plan updates.

RECOMMENDATION 8. SATS should consider developing a Title VI plan in the event of a complaint.

PROPOSED ACTION: SATS will create a Title VI plan by December 2015.

Completed.

A Title VI Plan was adopted by the SATS Policy Committee on April 14, 2016.

RECOMMENDATION 9. SATS should coordinate with its member agencies to determine which agencies have acceptable Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plans.

PROPOSED ACTION: SATS staff will work with member agencies to identify acceptable ADA Transition Plans by August 2015.

Completed.

ADA Transition Plans for City of Springfield, Sangamon County, and IDOT were forwarded to FHWA on August 20, 2015.

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RECOMMENDATION 10. SATS is encouraged to continue to take a lead for the member agencies and serve as a regional clearinghouse for safety data, analysis, and performance monitoring. This coordination should include working with IDOT on appropriate counter-measures and could include providing assistance with HSIP applications. SATS should pursue improvements in all aspects of safety planning including engineering, enforcement, education, and emergency services.

PROPOSED ACTION: Goal 2 in the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan identifies many strategies to improve safety for travelers in the MPA covering the areas identified above. These strategies will be undertaken as the LRTP is implemented. SATS will prepare a white paper examining the current support of and obstacles to effective safety planning.

Ongoing.

RECOMMENDATION 11. SATS is strongly recommended to use the national and state emphasis on performance measurement in their formal STP-U prioritization process.

PROPOSED ACTION: SATS will begin reviewing the ST-U Project Prioritization Application in July 2015 to see where more emphasis on the performance targets identified in the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan can be included.

Completed.

A revised ST-U Project Prioritization Application that incorporates the 2040 LRTP performance targets was adopted by SATS in February 2016.

RECOMMENDATION 12. SATS and IDOT should continue to work together to establish the most efficient TIP update cycle to allow full coordination with the release of IDOT's annual MYP.

PROPOSED ACTION: SATS looks forward to this issue being addressed in the IDOT Manual for MPOs currently being created.

Pending.