

**Minutes of Meeting
SATS POLICY COMMITTEE
May 12, 2016**

ATTENDANCE**Policy Committee Voting Members**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bonnie Drew, Chair	City of Springfield
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brian McFadden, Vice Chair	Sangamon County
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tom Gray	Village of Chatham
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brad Mills*	Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jeff South**	Illinois Dept. of Transportation (IDOT): Region 4, District 6
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Frank Squires	Springfield Mass Transit District

* Represented by Norm Sims

** Represented by Sal Madonia

Policy Committee Non-Voting Members

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tom Kelso	IDOT: Urban Program Planning
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	JD Stevenson	Federal Highway Administration (FHWA): Illinois Div. Office
<input type="checkbox"/>		Federal Transit Administration

Others

Dale Lael – Village of Jerome

Linda Wheeland – Regional Planning Commission

Neha Soni – Regional Planning Commission

Brian Sheehan – Regional Planning Commission

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bonnie Drew called the meeting of the SATS Policy Committee to order at 12:00 PM.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bonnie Drew asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the April 14, 2016, SATS Policy Committee meeting.

Norm Sims made a motion to approve the minutes. Tom Gray seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

III. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Wheeland told the Committee that work continues on the following projects:

- Creation of the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Projects have yet to be received from IDOT; staff has discussed with the IDOT Central Office of possibly moving back the due date for a final TIP from June to sometime in the fall.
- The Communities Committee, a committee of smaller communities in the MPA which formed in Fall 2015, has held three meetings. At the most recent meeting, illustrative projects were received from them for inclusion in the TIP. A presentation was also given by Brian McFadden on the SMART rural transit service. The purpose of this committee is to give these communities formal input into the SATS planning process; meetings are scheduled quarterly, shortly before those of the Regional Leadership Council.
- Additionally, Elliott McKinley, committee chair of Multi-Use Trails Jurisdiction Committee, gave a report to the Technical Committee on the emergency response signage plan for the

trails system, as well as a sponsorship plan to provide opportunities to sponsor trails, trail amenities, and trail cleanup.

IV. 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan

A. Amendment 4 – IDOT- Flashing Beacons/Signing

Sal Madonia introduced Amendment 4:

RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE AMENDMENT FOUR TO THE 2040 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the Springfield Area Transportation Study (SATS), in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Transportation, has a comprehensive, cooperative, and continuing (3C) planning process for transportation planning in compliance with Federal regulations for the urbanized area; and

WHEREAS, the SATS Long Range Transportation Plan takes a long-term (25-year) look at transportation needs in the Springfield Metropolitan Planning Area; envisions an efficient, interconnected, multi-modal travel network; and identifies projects to make this vision a reality; and

WHEREAS, the Long Range Transportation Plan is updated every five years and was most recently updated on March 12, 2015 as the SATS 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, all projects with identified funding sources and anticipated to be completed during the period 2015 – 2019 are listed as Committed Projects in the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Transportation, Region 4 District 6 is undertaking a district-wide safety project to improve the visibility of State route and county highway minor leg stop control intersections at various locations; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Transportation, Region 4 District 6 requests that the following project be added to the “Committed Projects” list in the SATS 2040 LRTP; and

MAP #	PROJECT DESCRIPTION <i>(listed alphabetically)</i>	TYPE OF IMPROVEMENT	JURISDICTION	COST
42	IL 124 @ IL 124/Andrew Rd., Old US 36 & CH 15 (Farmingdale Rd.), & Recreation Drive just West of MacArthur Blvd	Installation of flashing beacons and signage	IDOT - District 6	25,000

Norm Sims made a motion to combine Long Range Plan Amendment #4 with item A from section V, Amendment 12 to the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program, which is the same project. Tom Gray seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Brian McFadden made a motion to approve Amendment #4 to the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan and Amendment #12 to the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program. Frank Squires seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

V. 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program

A. Amendment 12 – IDOT- Flashing Beacons/Signing

**RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE
THE TWELFTH AMENDMENT TO THE
FY/2016-2019 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Springfield Area Transportation Study (SATS), in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Transportation, has a comprehensive, cooperative, and continuing (3C) planning process for transportation planning in compliance with Federal regulations for the urbanized area; and

WHEREAS, the Springfield Area Transportation Study approved the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for FY/2016-2019 on September 10, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Transportation, Region 4 District 6 is undertaking a district-wide safety project to improve the visibility of State route and county highway minor leg stop control intersections at various locations; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Transportation, Region 4 District 6 requests that the following project be added to the FY 2017 Annual Element of the FY 2016-2019 TIP; and

Project Description and Funding:

Project/Jurisdiction/Class	Location	Action/Comments	Map #	Funding Source	Total Cost	
2 Flashing Beacons/Signing	Termini: IL 124 @ IL 124/Andrew Rd., Old US 36 & CH 15 (Farmingdale Rd.), & Recreation Drive just West of MacArthur Blvd	Installation of flashing beacons and signage	42	HSIP	22,500	
	State			2,500		
State	Contract# 72108					
Various	TIP# 04-2017-01				\$25,000	

This item was addressed under IV.A.

B. Modification 8 – Eighth Street Beautification Project

Neha Soni introduced Modification 8:

**Administrative Modification 8 to the
FY 2016 – 2019 Transportation Improvement Program
April 11, 2016**

Eighth Street Beautification Project

This project is moved from the FY 2017 Annual Element of the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program to the FY 2016 Annual Element of the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program due to programming consideration.

12 Eighth Street Beautification	Termini: 8th St. from Edwards to Cook & Edwards from 7th to 9th	Perform beautification enhancements including Sidewalk, curb ramp, curb and gutter removal and replacement, planting trees, benches & streetscaping	40	ITEP	395,230	
	City of Springfield			Contract#	Springfield	98,808
Minor Arterial	TIP# 02-2011-09					\$494,038

c. Modification 9 – SMTD Illustrative Projects

Neha Soni introduced Modification 9:

**Administrative Modification 9 to the
FY 2016 – 2019 Transportation Improvement Program
April 14, 2016**

SMTD Illustrative Projects

The following projects are added to the Other Illustrative Projects List in the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program as requested by Springfield Mass Transit District.

Project/ Jurisdiction/ Class	Description	Action/Comments	Total Cost		Anticipated Year
35 35-ft Alternative Fueled Transit Buses SMTD Urban Transit	Descrip. Purchase 20 Alternately Fueled replacement buses	20 buses have surpassed their useful life	IDOT TDC		\$10,100,000
			FTA 5307, 5339	10,100,000	
	TIP#				
36 Bus Simulators SMTD Urban Transit	Descrip. Purchase two (2) Bus Driver Training Simulators	The Bus Driver Training Simulators will be used to enhance the training of drivers and will allow for training to occur in a safe environment.	IDOT TDC		\$550,000
			FTA 5307, 5339	550,000	
	TIP# 06-2017-02				
37 Canopy and Maintenance work station SMTD Urban Transit	Descrip. Purchase Canopy and work station for the CNG station	CNG station is an open air fueling station and installation of the canopy and work station will provide for greater protection for equipment and staff.	IDOT TDC		\$2,000,000
			FTA 5307, 5339	2,000,000	
	TIP# 06-2016-09				

d. Modification 10 – I-72 West to I-55 to AC

Neha Soni introduced Modification 10:

**Administrative Modification 10 to the
FY 2016 – 2019 Transportation Improvement Program
April 15, 2016**

I-72 West to I-55 to AC

Status of this project has changed to “Advance Construction” because the Illinois Department of Transportation considers specific apportionment or state contract ceiling insufficient to meet project specifications; and the FY 2016 Annual Element of the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program has been modified to add AC to the federal funding source as shown below.

Project/Jurisdiction/Class	Location	Action/Comments	Map #	Funding Source		Total Cost
3 I-72 State Interstate	Termini: I-72 (WB) to I-55 BUS (NB) Ramp in the NE Quadrant of the Sixth Street Interchange	Resurfacing, Patching, High Friction Surface Treatment, Radar Speed Sign, Signing, Striping	41	HSIP (AC)	270,000	\$400,000
				NHPP (AC)	90,000	
				State	40,000	
	Contract# 72J03					
	TIP# 04-2016-03					

And the Advance Construction Projects table in the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program has been modified to indicate the change to this project as shown below.

AD MOD #	TIP Year	Project/Jurisdiction/Class	Location	Action/Comments	Map #	Funding Source	Total Cost	Date On AC List	Date Off AC List	
AM 10 (FY 2016-2019 TIP)	2016	I-72	Termini:	I-72 (WB) to I-55 BUS (NB) Ramp in the NE Quadrant of the Sixth Street Interchange	15	HSIP (AC)	270,000	4/15/2016		
			Contract#			72J03	NHPP (AC)			90,000
			TIP#			04-2016-03	State			40,000
							\$400,000			

VI. TECHNICAL ADVISOR UPDATES

A. Illinois Dept. of Transportation: Central Bureau of Urban Program Planning

Tom Kelso told the Committee that ITEP applications are active until June 17th; Kelso recommended that agencies pass reminders on to staff in charge of these applications.

B. Federal Highway Administration: Illinois Division Office

No report was given.

VII. AGENCY UPDATES

A. Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission

Ms. Wheeland told the Committee that the Curb Your Car (CYC) Commute Challenge would be taking place the following week, noting that many of the agencies represented on the committee had teams competing in the challenge. Due to the change in the Wednesday Farmers' Market from the morning to the afternoon, a new morning bike ride will occur on Saturday May 14th starting at the Farmer's Market as a new addition to CYC.

SMTD will continue to allow persons using their bike to ride on SMTD for free all week, but on the Tuesday of CYC week, all bus riders will be allowed to ride for free. Additionally, on the closing date of CYC, Saturday, May 21st, GenH Kids will be hosting a new event, a City Recess from 10am to 3pm at Lincoln Park, which will include a Bike Rodeo. Wheeland added that there have been more sponsors and new prizes this year.

B. Springfield Mass Transit District (SMTD)

Frank Squires reiterated the information on the Tuesday free rides on SMTD; he clarified that all trips from the beginning of service Tuesday morning to the end of service Tuesday night will be free.

C. City of Springfield

Ms. Drew reported the following:

- Stanford Avenue - Fox Bridge to Taylor (**TIP # 02-2010-09**):
 - This project was let on April 22nd. Applications for awarding of the project have come in at a lower cost than estimated.
- Archer Elevator Road at Iles Avenue roundabout (**TIP # 02-2013-03**):
 - Rights-of-way have been obtained for the project.

- 11th Street Extension (**TIP # 02-2009-03**):
 - Land acquisition for the project is expected to be wrapped up by July.
- 8th Street Beautification (**TIP # 02-2011-09**):
 - A June letting is anticipated for this project.
- Carpenter Street underpass (**TIP # 02-2014-09**):
 - Road bases are expected to be complete in July or August.

D. Sangamon County

Brian McFadden announced that indeed the SMART rural transit service was up and running as of Wednesday, May 4th, with the first ride at 6:45 am. Due to the state budget impasse, service at the moment is only available in Menard County; a meeting is expected to be scheduled in July with IDOT for approval of the expansion of SMART service into Sangamon County. Ridership has been low due to limited knowledge of the service's existence at the moment, about 9 or 10 trips in the first week, according to McFadden.

E. Illinois Department of Transportation: Region 4, District 6

Mr. Madonia reported the following:

- Dirksen Parkway widening – Clear Lake to Ridge (**TIP # 04-2012-09**):
 - Work on curb and gutter is complete on the east side of the street; work continues on the west side of the street to complete, curb, gutter, and driveways
- Wabash Avenue widening – Koke Mill to Village of Curran (**TIP # 04-2011-07**):
 - Storm sewer and base work continues at Hollis and Cockrell
 - Island installations under construction on Wabash at Robbins and West White Oaks
- Interstates 55/72 at Illinois Route 29 (South Grand) (**TIP # 04-2012-09**):
 - Lane reductions will be in play on both roads due to structure work

F. Village of Chatham

No report was given.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. FHWA Planning Review Progress Report

Ms. Wheeland told the Committee that a link had been included in the agenda to the FHWA Planning Review Progress Report. JD Stevenson had presented the results of the FHWA Planning Review of the SATS MPO at a Policy Committee meeting about a year ago. The FHWA Planning Review gave 12 recommendations to the MPO. Wheeland reported that all but one of the

recommendations had been addressed; the lone remaining recommendation pending is working with IDOT on the TIP update cycle.

Stevenson lauded the job SATS did in response to the Planning Review, saying that it is very rare that an MPO follows up on nearly all the recommendations from a Planning Review within a year.

B. Next Meeting Date – June 9th, 2016

Wheeland noted that at the next Policy Committee meeting, Transportation for America representatives will be in attendance to talk about the new federal transportation funding bill, the FAST Act, so the meeting will be longer than usual. Performance measures are expected to be included in the items discussed in this presentation.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Drew called for a motion to adjourn. Norm Sims made a motion to adjourn. Frank Squires seconded the motion. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 12:14 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Sheehan
Recording Secretary