

**Minutes of Meeting  
SATS POLICY COMMITTEE  
September 10, 2015**

**ATTENDANCE****Policy Committee Voting Members**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bonnie Drew, Chair	City of Springfield
<input 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"/>	Roger Driskell*	Illinois Dept. of Transportation (IDOT): Region 4, District 6
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Frank Squires	Springfield Mass Transit District

\* Represented by Sal Madonia

**Policy Committee Non-Voting Members**

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

**Others**

Susan Graham – IDOT D6 LRS  
 Neha Soni – Regional Planning Commission  
 Linda Wheeland – Regional Planning Commission  
 Jason Sass – Regional Planning Commission  
 Brian Sheehan – Regional Planning Commission  
 Joe Zeibert – Regional Planning Commission  
 Norm Sims – 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**

Ms. Drew asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the August 13, 2015, SATS Policy Committee meeting.

**Frank Squires made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Sal Madonia seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.**

**III. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT****A. 2040 LRTP Six Month Progress Report**

Linda Wheeland presented the Six Month Progress Report for the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), which had been sent to members prior to the meeting. Progress Reports are done every six months so interested parties can track projects and strategies adopted by SATS in the LRTP.

Ms. Wheeland informed the Policy Committee that the Technical Committee is working to update the ST-U application. One of the recommendations from the SATS planning review conducted by FHWA was to incorporate performance measures from the Long Range Transportation Plan into the ST-U application. This would help ensure that a project would be more likely to receive funding if the project aligned with the LRTP and planning strategies. The Technical Committee had created an ST-U Application Sub-Committee, which will meet on Friday, September 18. The goal of the sub-committee is to make changes to the application that award points for supporting SATS performance targets. They expect to submit their recommendations to the Policy Committee for review and approval in the near future.

#### IV. 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program

##### A. Modification 16 – Downtown Streetscape to AC

Linda Wheeland presented Modification 16.

### Administrative Modification 16 to the FY 2015 – 2018 Transportation Improvement Program August 14, 2015

#### Downtown Springfield Streetscape

Status of this project has changed from “Current” to “Advanced Construction” and the FY 2015 Annual Element of the FY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program has been modified to add AC to the federal funding source as shown below.

Project/Jurisdiction/Class		Description		Action/Comments	Funding Source		Total Cost
A11	Downtown Streetscape	<b>Termini:</b>	Downtown TIF District	Sidewalk, curb ramp, curb and gutter removal replacement & streetscaping			
	City of Springfield	<b>Contract#</b>			Springfield	400,000	
	Minor Arterial	<b>TIP#</b>	02-2013-09		ITEP (AC)	1,000,000	
							<b>\$1,400,000</b>

And the Advance Construction Projects table in the FY 2015-2018 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 16 (FY 2015-2018 TIP)	2015	Downtown Streetscape	<b>Termini:</b> Downtown TIF District	Sidewalk, curb ramp, curb & gutter removal & replacement, streetscaping	N/A				8/14/2015	
		Springfield	<b>Contract#</b>				Springfield	400,000		
		Minor Arterial	<b>TIP#</b>			02-2013-09	ITEP (AC)	1,000,000		
								<b>\$1,400,000</b>		

## V. **2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program**

Ms. Wheeland presented the 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to the Policy Committee. She noted that the draft TIP was sent out for public review and comment. The 30-day public comment period ended September 8. SATS received comments via email and during the informational session at the September 3 Technical Committee meeting. Comments received from the public were forwarded to the Policy Committee with responses from the Technical Committee. The comments and responses will be included in the TIP document Appendix.

Ms. Wheeland noted that the Technical Committee has recommended approval of the TIP document and asked that the Policy Committee vote to approve. She noted some changes to the document since the previous Policy Committee meeting. These changes include moving two Sangamon County projects from 2016 to 2017 and changing the Advanced Construction status of the Downtown Streetscape per the modification just presented.

**Tom Gray motioned to approve the FY2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program, as presented. Frank Squires seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.**

## VI. **TECHNICAL ADVISOR UPDATES**

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

No report was given.

### B. **Federal Highway Administration: Illinois Division Office**

No report was given.

## VII. **AGENCY UPDATES**

### A. **Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission**

Norm Sims reminded the Committee of an item from the previous meeting, regarding the status of MPOs and State Government. He said that Federal law requires that planning activities be carried out by Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and the MPOs must enter into an agreement with State government at the beginning of each fiscal year. For the 2015 fiscal year, the State of Illinois withheld its agreement with SATS, for unknown reasons. At the suggestion of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Mr. Sims wrote a letter to the Regional Director of FHWA stating SATS' belief that the State of Illinois was not in compliance with Federal law, and the uncertainty resulting from the unsigned agreement between the State of Illinois and SATS would jeopardize the adoption of the TIP document. FHWA met with IDOT and subsequent to that meeting, SATS received a signed copy of the agreement. After some follow-up research, it was found that the State executed nine (9) agreements on July 1, one (1) agreement on August 6, three (3) on August 24, and three (3) on September 2. The SATS agreement was executed on September 2. Mr. Sims is unsure why the State delayed implementation of the agreement for two months.

Mr. Sims said that the next important date for SATS will be later, in October. The State has (15) days to reimburse SATS for expenditures from the time invoices are sent. Because SATS bills the state on a quarterly basis, the next invoice will be sent to the State in early October. Mr. Sims noted that since the State has signed agreements, eight (8) MPOs have billed the state for expenses and have not been paid. Mr. Sims stated that he does not believe that the problem rests with IDOT, but with the State Government, and the budget impasse between the Executive

Office and the General Assembly. He said that the funds due to SATS are pass-through funds from the Federal Government and he is unsure whether there will be payments. Mr. Sims will keep the Committee updated. If the State does not meet its obligation to pay SATS, Mr. Sims will write another letter to FHWA seeking guidance and redress. His hope is that this issue is resolved before the invoices are sent.

Mr. Sims also noted that the letter he wrote to the FHWA was not copied to the Congressional Delegation, as directed by the Policy Committee. He believed that it would be better to work directly with FHWA first to resolve the issue.

Linda Wheeland reported that subsequent to finalizing the Inter-Governmental Agreement, SATS received notification that federal funding from FTA for the work program had been decreased by approximately \$7,000. The funding decrease necessitates that SATS revise the current work program to reflect the change, including to local-match. She does not think the SSCRPC will have to enter into new agreements with local jurisdictions, only with the State. The revised PY 2016 UPWP will be presented to SATS in October for approval.

Joe Zeibert, Regional Planning Commission, presented a new web application that allows the public to get more information on road and bridge projects on the Committed Projects list in the 2040 LRTP. The application can be found in the eMap room at the Planning Commission website; [www.sscrpc.com](http://www.sscrpc.com) or [www.co.sangamon.il.us](http://www.co.sangamon.il.us).

The Committee was impressed with the application and commented that it will allow the public access to useful information. Mr. Sims commented that the application came about after a Springfield City Council meeting where an Alderman asked Mr. Sims where he could find a map showing planned projects. Mr. Sims further commented that making the information available online is much easier than finding a map of planning projects within the Long Range Transportation Plan, which served as the previous primary source of information for transportation projects within the SATS planning area.

Mr. Sims noted that if SATS jurisdictions wanted to show information for projects outside the SATS planning process, they can use the application and pass information through the Planning Commission. Mr. Sims gave further examples of constituents who could use the Planning Commission's mapping applications, including school districts and railroads.

Mr. Madonia commented that the Planning Commission's web mapping applications would be useful in conjunction with information available on the IDOT website and could provide an easier way to access state project information and enhance user experience.

## **B. Springfield Mass Transit District (SMTD)**

No Report was given

**C. City of Springfield**

Bonnie Drew reported the following.

**Construction Updates:**

**Fayette Avenue Bridge (TIP # 02-2011-08)**

The bridge has been completed and is open to through traffic.

**Carpenter Street Underpass (TIP # 02-2014-09)**

Construction is ongoing. The bridge is up and crews are excavating the underpass.

**11<sup>th</sup> Street at Toronto Road**

Overlay work is complete and road marking will take place the week of September 7.

**D. Sangamon County**

No report was given.

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

Sal Madonia reported the following:

**Construction Updates:**

**Dirksen Parkway: Clear Lake Avenue to Ridge Avenue (TIP # 04-2012-09):**

Curb and gutters have been completed from Elm St. to Ridge Ave. Widening and paving should be completed in fall 2015.

Storm sewer work will continue from Elm St. south to Clear Lake Ave.

**Wabash Avenue: Koke Mill Road to Curran (TIP # 04-2011-07):**

Storm Sewer work continues. The Ash Grove connection to Bunker Hill Road is under construction. Drainage work to accommodate the five lane configuration is under way at Hollis Dr. and pre-grade work has started.

**I-72: Chatham Road to New Berlin (TIP # 04-2015-01):**

IDOT is continuing night paving and shoulder work from Chatham Rd. to the Wabash Ave. exit. Bridge work on Chatham Rd. over I-72 is complete.

**SB I-55 at the Sherman Interchange (TIP # 04-2012-08):**

Bridge work is ongoing. IDOT is working on the bridge deck for Stage II of construction and patching on-ramps and off-ramps around the bridge prior to paving.

**IL-54: Bissel Road to Camp Butler Road (TIP # 04-2015-08):**

Patching is complete and milling and paving will begin the week of September 7.

**Business Interstate 55 – 5th, 6th, and 9th Streets (state funded only):**

Patching begins after September 7, 2015.

**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. Next Meeting Date**

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2015 at 12:00 PM.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Drew called for a motion to adjourn. Sal Madonia made a motion to adjourn. Brad Mills seconded the motion. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 12:19 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Sass  
Recording Secretary