

**Minutes of Meeting
SATS POLICY COMMITTEE
September 8, 2016**

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 type="checkbox"/>	Tom Gray	Village of Chatham
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eric Hansen*	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
Sue Graham – IDOT: District 6 Local Roads and Streets
Norm Sims – Regional Planning Commission
Linda Wheeland – Regional Planning Commission
Neha Soni – Regional Planning Commission
Jason Sass – Regional Planning Commission
Brian Sheehan – Regional Planning Commission

I. CALL TO ORDER

Committee 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 11, 2016, SATS Policy Committee meeting. Frank Squires made a motion to approve the minutes. Sal Madonia seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

III. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Wheeland told the Committee that the Technical Committee had reviewed maps that were sent to Committee members showing overpasses and underpasses on the Priority Pedestrian Network and/or Envisioned Bicycle Network that were not accessible. The maps show the locations of the overpasses and underpasses as well as which locations would be addressed in future projects. The Technical Committee approved the maps to address a strategy in the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan to identify overpasses and underpasses that do not have accessible accommodations for bicyclists and pedestrians.

IV. 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan

A. 1.5 Years Progress Report

Ms. Wheeland told the Committee that the 1.5 Year Progress Report for the 2040 LRTP was sent to Committee members with the meeting agenda. Ms. Drew commented that the City of Springfield receives numerous phone calls regarding transportation projects that she is able to address using the 2040 LRTP Progress Reports.

V. 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program

A. Amendment 13 – Union Pacific HSR

Neha Soni introduced Amendment 13.

RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE THE THIRTEENTH 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, it has been determined that for safety concerns the 3rd Street / current Union Pacific Rail line crossings at various locations should include Pedestrian Gates and Sidewalk Improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Union Pacific requests that the following project be added to the FY 2017 Annual Element of the FY 2016-2019 TIP as shown below; and

Project Description and Funding:

Project/Jurisdiction/Class	Location		Action/Comments	Map #	Funding Source		Total Cost
1	3rd Street Rail Corridor	Termini: 8th Street to Ash	Pedestrian Gates and Sidewalk Improvements at the following crossings: 8th St., Converse Ave., North Grand Ave., 6th St., 5th St., 4th St., Carpenter St., Madison St., Jefferson St., Washington St., Adams St., Monroe St., Cook St., Lawrence St., Scarritt St., South Grand St., Laurel St., Ash St.	N/A	FHWA HSR	1,127,638	
	Union Pacific	Contract#			STP - URB	585,890	
	Various	TIP# 22-2017-01			State	146,472	
							\$1,860,000

Ms. Wheeland told the Committee that the Amendment came to the Committee through IDOT: District 6 Local Roads and Streets, and that there may be a discrepancy with the STP funding source. If there was a discrepancy, another amendment would be necessary and presented to the Committee at the next meeting.

Frank Squires made a motion to approve Amendment #13. Sal Madonia seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

VI. TECHNICAL ADVISOR UPDATES

A. Illinois Dept. of Transportation: Office of Planning and Programming

Mr. Kelso told the Committee that the Fall Planning Conference would be held in October, 2016 and that he hoped some Committee members would be able to attend. He also told the Committee that ITEP grant results could be announced by the end of September, 2016.

B. Federal Highway Administration: Illinois Division Office

Betsy Tracy introduced herself to the Policy Committee. No report was given.

VII. AGENCY UPDATES

A. Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission

Mr. Sims said that the Technical Committee spoke about the Grants Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) at the September, 2016 meeting. He said that GATA requirements and regulations would have a greater impact on local governments and road projects than previously believed and that indirect cost rates and calculation would be a particular concern for local governments and agencies working through GATA requirements.

Mr. Kelso said that Motor Fuel Tax GATA requirements were under review and may be changed. Mr. Sims noted that GATA requirements were still flexible and were not set prior to implementation. He said that Illinois was unique among states in implementing Federal Grant Accountability mandates in that it was using a centralized, state-wide clearinghouse, rather than an individual agency-level approach.

Mr. Sims told the Committee that Ms. Linda Wheeland was attending her last Policy Committee meeting.

B. Springfield Mass Transit District (SMTD)

No report was given.

C. City of Springfield

Ms. Drew told the Committee that the Railroad Improvement project open house was held on August 4, 2016 and was well attended.

Ms. Drew reported the following:

- Carpenter Street underpass (**TIP # 02-2014-09**):
 - A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on August 29th to officially open the underpass. She said the City appreciated all the effort SATS put into the successful execution of the project.
- Road and Street Maintenance Program (**TIP # 02-2016-02**):
 - Work was wrapping up on MacArthur Boulevard between Jefferson and South Grand.
- Stanford Avenue (**TIP # 02-2010-09**):
 - Ms. Drew said that grading was in process.
- 11th Street Extension (**TIP # 02-2009-03**)
 - The project was due to be re-bid with a January, 2017 letting.

- Archer Elevator & Iles (**TIP # 02-2013-03**):
 - The project was due to be re-bid with a January, 2017 letting.

D. Sangamon County

No report was given.

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 was nearing completion on curbs and gutters, as well as areas that intersect with driveways and side streets from Elm to Clear Lake. Pavement was expected to be complete in Fall, 2016.
- Wabash Avenue widening – Koke Mill to Village of Curran (**TIP # 04-2011-07**):
 - Work continued on the Hollis/Cockrell Lane connection. Utility relocation was delaying some construction work. The Archer Elevator Rd. and Wabash Ave intersection was under construction. Final paving was scheduled to be completed in Fall, 2016.
- Interstates 55/72 at Illinois Route 29 (South Grand) (**TIP # 04-2012-09**):
 - Bridge work was nearly complete and all lanes were open.
- I-72 Westbound – Business Loop 55 Northbound Ramp (**TIP # 04-2016-03**):
 - The ramp was patched, milled, and paved. Crews were waiting until the surface was cured before applying high-friction surface treatment, approximately 30 days.

F. Village of Chatham

No report was given.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public comment.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program

Neha Soni told the Committee that the public comment period was open through September 15, 2016 and that no comment or questions had been received by SSCRPC as of the meeting time. The final TIP document was on schedule for approval at the October, 2016 Policy Committee meeting.

B. Illinois Transportation Legislative Initiative

Ms. Drew asked if anybody on the Committee wanted to address the Illinois Transportation Legislative Initiative item on the agenda. Mr. Sims noted that the agenda item was not placed by SSCRPC and that the Initiative began with the Peoria County Engineers' Department. He believed the Sangamon County representative should explain the Initiative to the Committee. Mr. McFadden, Sangamon County, was not present at the meeting.

Mr. Sims said that SSCRPC was introduced to the Initiative a couple months prior to the meeting and it concerned how funding was distributed at the local level and that funding levels local governments received in the past were not equal to funding levels local governments receive in the present. Mr. Madonia asked if the Technical Committee would address the Initiative. Mr. Sims said that it was an issue more directly related to policy and legislation, and within the Policy Committee's purview.

Ms. Drew asked the Committee if discussion of the initiative should be tabled until Mr. McFadden is available for comment. The Committee agreed by consensus to table discussion of the Illinois Transportation Legislative Initiative until October, 2016.

C. Next Meeting Date – October 13, 2016

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

The regular meeting was adjourned at 12:12 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Sass
Recording Secretary