

**Minutes of Meeting
SATS POLICY COMMITTEE
July 15, 2010**

ATTENDANCE

Policy Committee Voting Members

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chairman Brian McFadden	Sangamon County
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Vice-Chairman Tom Gray	Village of Chatham
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jim Donelan	City of Springfield
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Linda Tisdale	Springfield Mass Transit District
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Larry Hamlin*	Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Roger Driskell**	Illinois Department of Transportation: Region 4, District 6

* Represented by Norm Sims

** Represented by Laura Mlacnik

Policy Committee Non-Voting Members

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Curtis Jones	IDOT: Urban Program Planning
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	JD Stevenson	Federal Highway Administration: Illinois Division Office
<input type="checkbox"/>		Federal Transit Administration

Others

Chris Benson – Regional Planning Commission

Kim Cummins – IDOT: District 6

Russ Militello – IDOT: District 6

Kyle Phillips – Regional Planning Commission

Dale Schultz – Regional Planning Commission

Linda Wheeland – Regional Planning Commission

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Brian McFadden called the meeting of the SATS Policy Committee to order.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

McFadden asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the June 10, 2010 SATS Policy Committee meeting. There were none. Jim Donelan made a motion to approve the minutes. Tom Gray seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

III. 2011-2014 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Linda Wheeland stated that the Planning Commission had received comments from two members of the public prior to the meeting of the Technical Committee. Those comments and responses are as follows:

Comments received from Mike Schwab detailed concerns regarding three separate issues. First, Mr. Schwab has a concern regarding exiting the Capitol City Shopping area onto Dirksen Parkway. He suggested adding a traffic light between the Long John's Silver Restaurant and the Arby's Restaurant. He also suggested extending the west access road south to the Steak n' Shake Restaurant.

Technical Committee Response with concurrence by Policy Committee: Adding a traffic signal at

this location would require a feasibility study and IDOT will look into the possibility.

Mr. Schwab's next comment details an issue regarding the east-west use of a bicycle along Stanford Ave. The Stanford Ave extension project includes bicycle accommodations.

The last comment spoke about extending Junction Circle from Stanford Ave to North Street to allow for easier travel for bicyclists across Stanford Ave. This issue will be addressed during the development of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan.

A comment was also received from Brian Reardon regarding how the resurfacing of Old Jacksonville Rd between Monroe St and Chatham Rd with accompanying bike/pedestrian trail should be made a priority. There are no current plans within the 2011-2014 TIP to address this concern. This issue will be addressed during the development of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan.

The following comments were received after the Technical Committee meeting and thus have no Technical Committee response:

The Springfield Bicycle Club submitted comments regarding bike trails along the 11th Street extension north of Lincolnshire, Stanford Avenue extension from 6th Street to Taylor Street and the Sangamon Valley Trail. Policy Committee response: These issues will be addressed during the development of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan.

The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce submitted three comments. The first comment regarded a recommendation from their 'Lifelines to the Economy' document which stressed the importance of expending infrastructure for the future. Policy Committee Response: SATS would explore this concern. The second comment recommended that the Lincolnshire Road Project be made a priority and that it should be added to the Illustrative Projects List. Policy Committee Response: The extension of Lincolnshire Blvd is recognized as an important project although no potential funding source is identified at this time. The final comment from the Chamber suggested additional interchanges along I-55. Policy Committee Response: IDOT will look into adding additional interchanges as part of the I-55 widening study.

Jim Donelan made a motion to adapt the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program. Tom Gray seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

IV. 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.

V. AGENCY UPDATES

A. Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission

Norm Sims stated that the MacArthur Blvd Project is moving along. Sims commented that the IDOT

Fall Conference will be held in Springfield. Wheeland reported that the Staff is working on objectives stated in the Long Range Transportation Plan. The Planning Commission has finalized a contract with the League of Illinois Bicyclists to assist with creating a Bicycle Plan in the MPA. The steering committee for the creation of the Bicycle Plan will be formed in the near future. The first meeting will be on September 21st. Wheeland also stated that the Sangamon County Board has undertaken an initiative to create a Rural Transit Service within the County. The first meeting of the Rural Transit Partnership Group was held July 1st and it was well attended. The Planning Commission Staff is assisting the County Board in this initiative.

B. Springfield Mass Transit District

Tisdale reported that the Planning Commission Staff is working on the new route maps that are to take effect on August 23rd.

C. City of Springfield

Jim Donelan reported that the bridge on Washington St at Chatham Road is now open. Meadowbrook Road bridge is also open, albeit not officially. Resurfacing of Long Bay Road is underway and should be complete by the end of the week.

D. Sangamon County

No report was given.

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

Russ Militello reported on the status of the following:

- The West Wabash drainage project is 75% complete. A detention area south of I-72 continues to be worked on and is expected to be complete in October.
- The median cable project on I-72 between Veterans Pkwy and 6th Street is nearing completion with an expected completion date in late August.
- The bridge painting project on I-55 at Stevenson Drive is 30% complete and should be finished by mid-September.
- The project on Veterans Pkwy at Old Jacksonville Rd is 50% complete with an expected completion date in November.
- The I-55 resurfacing project north of Sherman to the Logan County Line is 80% complete and should be finished by mid-August.
- The milled rumble striping project on IL-29 north of the Airport to IL-123 is awaiting paint to complete the project.

June 11th Letting Selections:

- Sangamon Avenue from Peoria Rd to Hastings Rd low bid awarded to Truman L Flatt & Sons for \$1.131 million.
- Veterans Parkway at Wabash Trail for guardrail installation Clevenger Contractors was the low bidder at \$17,860.
- Peoria Rd from Dirksen Parkway to Cabin Smoke Trail to install milled rumble strip, Illinois Valley Paving was the low bidder at \$69,300.
- IL-29 from Dirksen Pkwy to John St in Rochester resurfacing project, Truman L Flatt &

- Sons was the low bidder at \$4.496 million.
- Veterans Pkwy at various intersections from Greenbriar Dr. to Mansion Rd to install traffic signal modernization, Egizii Electric was the low bidder at \$115,675.
 - Clear Lake Ave from Magnolia Dr to just east of I-55, a bid was received, but was beyond the awardable range and will be re-let on July 30th.
 - IL-29 (Peoria Rd) from Sangamon Ave to Northbrook Ct, IL-4/IL-29 (Veterans Pkwy) from Peoria Rd to 1/10 of a mile west of J. David Jones Pkwy, IL-4/IL-29 (Veterans Pkwy) at J. David Jones Pkwy, IL-29 (J. David Jones Pkwy) from the proposed revised Capitol Airport entrance to south of Jefferson St, the bid was rejected and will be re-let on July 30th.
 - I-55 from just north of Fancy Creek Sherman to .6 miles north of I-72, R.A. Cullinan & Sons was the low bidder at \$21,153,804.
 - Old Route 36 from Fleck Rd east to the Macon County Line for micro resurfacing, Micro-Surfacing was the low bidder at \$1,005,624.

F. Village of Chatham

No report was given.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2011 Unified Planning Work Program Revision

Wheeland stated that due to some changes to the way internal budgeting is done at the Planning Commission and the availability of new reports from the County, a change to the indirect rate was needed. The proposed revision to the UPWP had been sent to Committee members prior to the meeting.

Jim Donelan made a motion to adopt the 2011 Unified Planning Work Program. Tom Gray seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Next Meeting Date – Thursday, August 12, 2010 at 12:00 PM

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kyle Phillips
Recording Secretary