

**Minutes of Meeting
SATS POLICY COMMITTEE
April 14, 2011**

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"/>	Steven Dove	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 Tim Zahn

** Represented by Norm Sims

*** Represented by Kim Cummins

Policy Committee Non-Voting Members

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

Others

Tim Landis – State Journal Register

Kyle Phillips – Regional Planning Commission

Dale Schultz – Regional Planning Commission

Mike Williamsen – Village of Chatham

Linda Wheeland – Regional Planning Commission

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice- Chairman Tom Gray called the meeting of the SATS Policy Committee to order.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Gray asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the March 10, 2011 SATS Policy Committee meeting. There were none. Steven Dove made a motion to approve the minutes. Norm Sims seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

III. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Wheeland reported that Betsy Tracy with the FHWA, gave the same presentation regarding the Proposed Changes to the Ozone Standards to the Technical Committee that she had given to the Policy Committee. The Technical Committee decided to write a letter to the Congressional Delegation regarding the concerns that the Technical Committee had. A copy of the letter was forwarded to the Policy Committee.

Another item regarding new Federal standards for the retroreflectivity of signs was discussed. This requirement is one that all communities will need to meet by 2015. Sangamon County has been coordinating with communities outside of the MPA. The communities within the MPA have not had any discussions regarding a joint effort in submitting one application for HSIP grant funding. HSIP funding is available however there is a cost-benefit analysis involved and it is doubtful that individual community

applications would meet the cost-benefit threshold. So, it was decided that Kevin Burke, with IDOT Local Roads, will give a presentation regarding this issue in a special meeting following the June Technical Committee meeting. All the communities within the MPA will be invited to attend and explore ways to work cooperatively in a way that is financially feasible for all involved. The Tri County RPC in Peoria has already done a similar project in their area.

The last item discussed at the Technical Committee regarded the selection of a ST-U project for the next TIP. A recommendation will be developed at the next Technical Committee meeting and presented to the Policy Committee in May.

IV. 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

A. Crash Data Analysis

Linda Wheeland stated that one of the objectives of the 2035 LRTP was to create a system to identify the location of the highest number of crashes and safety issues within the MPA. Staff has spoken with the Division of Traffic Safety at IDOT to discuss the process the State uses to identify top crash locations. Guidance was given as to how IDOT approaches this task. The Crash Data Analysis was performed for all vehicle crashes, crashes involving bicycles, and crashes involving pedestrians.

Wheeland noted that this data will be used in future planning efforts as a way to prioritize and rank projects.

Wheeland reported that the Technical Committee has recommended approval of the Crash Data Maps as an official planning tool of SATS.

Linda Tisdale made a motion to adopt the Crash Data Maps as an official planning tool of SATS. Steven Dove seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

V. TIP CHANGES

A. 2011– 2014 Transportation Improvement Program

I. TIP Amendment #13

Kim Cummins introduced TIP Amendment #13 to the SATS Policy Committee members.

WHEREAS, Interstate 55 from Cook Street to south of I-72(N)/Clear Lake Avenue in Springfield has a severe rutting issue, IDOT District 6 has proposed to mill and resurface the southbound driving lanes; and

WHEREAS, IDOT District 6 requests that the FY-2012 Annual Element of the FY/2011-2014 TIP be amended by adding the project listed below; and

Project Description and Funding:

Project/ Jurisdiction/ Class		Location		Action/Comments	Funding Source		Total Cost
A13	I-55	Termini:	Cook Street to south of I-72(N)/Clear Lake Avenue	Mill and resurface SB driving lanes.	State	35,000	
	State	Contract#:	72E09		I-M	315,000	
	Interstate	TIP#:	04-2012-11		\$350,000		

WHEREAS, the funding used for this project will not affect any other project in the TIP.

Tim Zahrn made a motion to adopt the thirteenth amendment to the FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program. Norm Sims seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

VI. TECHNICAL ADVISOR UPDATES

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

Thomas Caldwell reported that FHWA has conducted a Planning Review of SATS and that FHWA was very satisfied with its findings. A written report of the observations and findings will be presented at a later date.

B. Federal Highway Administration: Illinois Division Office

No report was given.

VII. AGENCY UPDATES

A. Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission

Norm Sims reported that there was a meeting of the IL MPO Advisory Council where the following issues were discussed:

- A discussion about Pavement Management System Plans and how smaller communities could take advantage of a coordinated effort. IDOT was supportive of the MPOs working together with smaller communities in a cooperative effort.

Mike Williamsen stated that IDOT Local Roads is working on a coordinated approach to this issue. The focus is to provide some planning assistance to smaller communities.

- Senate Bill 1258 (Sandoval) was discussed. SB 1258, in essence, would allow the Road Fund to be used for projects that are currently disallowed. These projects could include rail, public transit and structures related to those modes of transportation, among other things. At the meeting, Keith Sherman stated that it would not have an immediate impact, however future impact is probable. Another concern was that the 60/40 split between Northeastern Illinois and the Down State road project funding, currently in place, may become reversed. Thus giving Northeastern Illinois 60% of the funding as opposed to currently receiving 40%. Sims reported that at the meeting it was mentioned that the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) would like to see road projects ranked for funding in order of impact (e.g. ADT) as opposed to geographically.

Wheeland reported that the Rural Transit Partnership Group met on Monday night and they reviewed the surveys that were received between September 2010 and March 2011. 1,672 responses to the survey were received. 11% of the respondents reported that they do not have a vehicle, 26% said that they can not make trips because of the lack of transportation and 61% said that they would utilize public transportation if it were available. Work on a report to highlight the results of the survey is underway.

Dale Schultz reported that a proposed network of Bicycle and Pedestrian Ways was developed

in conjunction with Ed Barsotti, the consultant on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Ways Plan. Meetings with the Villages of Chatham, Sherman, Rochester and Jerome along with IDOT, the City of Springfield and Sangamon County have been conducted and their feedback, local knowledge and suggestions have been introduced into the Plan.

Schultz stated that an active group of volunteers has been gathering information on bicycle parking and have returned data on some 300+ locations and recommendations.

The Planning Commission will be promoting and helping to sponsor the annual 'Curb your Car During Bike to Work Week' event which will be held May 16th – 20th.

B. Springfield Mass Transit District

No report was given.

C. City of Springfield

No report was given.

D. Sangamon County

Zahrn reported that the Sangamon Valley Trail project is proceeding and the section from Centennial Park to Stuart Park will be open to the public sometime in May or early June.

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

No report was given.

F. Village of Chatham

No report was given.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. PY 2012 Unified Planning Work Program

Wheeland stated that a draft of the UPWP was sent to SATS members for review. Wheeland asked if there were any additional comments. There were none. Wheeland stated that the Technical Committee has approved the document and has recommended that the Policy Committee also approve the UPWP.

Linda Tisdale made a motion to adopt the PY 2012 UPWP. Steven Dove seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

B. Public Participation Plan

Wheeland stated that a draft of the PPP has been sent out for a 45 day public review period ending April 29. Any comments that are received will be sent to the SATS members prior to the next meeting.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Next Meeting Date – Thursday, May 12, 2011 at 12:00 PM

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kyle Phillips
Recording Secretary