

**Minutes of Meeting
SATS POLICY COMMITTEE
December 8, 2011**

ATTENDANCE

Policy Committee Voting Members

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chair Tom Gray	Village of Chatham
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Vice-Chair Willis Logan	City of Springfield
<input type="checkbox"/>	Brian McFadden	Sangamon County
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Linda Tisdale	Springfield Mass Transit District
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brad Mills*	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 Sal Madonia

Policy Committee Non-Voting Members

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

Others

Neha Soni Agarwal – Regional Planning Commission

Nate Baker – Regional Planning Commission

Brian Cuffle – Village of Spaulding

Brian Day –Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities in Illinois

Brad Mosier – Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities in Illinois

Kyle Phillips – Regional Planning Commission

Dale Schultz – Regional Planning Commission

Linda Wheeland – Regional Planning Commission

Mike Williamsen – Village of Chatham

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair 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 October 13, 2011 SATS Policy Committee meeting. There were none. Willis Logan made a motion to approve the minutes. Sal Madonia seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

III. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Linda Wheeland stated that there was discussion regarding Senate Bill 1813 *Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century* (MAP-21) by Technical Committee members.

JD Stevenson stated that the Environment and Public Works Committee in the Senate has approved the bill. The bill proposes a new threshold of 200,000 population for MPOs. Currently the threshold is 50,000. MPOs that are currently active but do not meet the new threshold would be terminated three years after the federal transportation secretary promulgates regulations. Caldwell stated that current MPOs could petition to keep their designation if certain, currently unnamed, standards are met. Stevenson added that the support of the

Governor would also be needed.

Norm Sims stated that to remain an MPO in these cases would not be 'at will' and would require the consent of two levels of bureaucracy. Sims also stated that the consideration to remain an MPO is either an annual or biannual approval and may be revoked at any time at either the state or federal level.

Gray asked how the 200,000 population threshold was established. Stevevson stated that he did not know why that number was determined. Sims reported that a Brookings study completed some time ago looked at percentages of the US population that live in metro areas and found that nearly 90% of the US population lives in areas with 500,000 people or more. Tisdale stated that the figure is also used as a threshold in transit.

Gray asked if Sangamon County and Menard County together would meet the proposed threshold standard. Wheeland stated that only the urbanized area may be considered when determining population to meet the MPO threshold..

Sal Madonia asked what the driving force of the proposed legislation is. Sims stated that funding is most likely the driving force.

The Technical Committee had directed staff to draft a letter to the congressional delegation expressing the opinion of SATS regarding the *Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century* (MAP-21) Senate Bill 1813.

Norm Sims made a motion to endorse the letter drafted by staff to the congressional delegation expressing the opinion of SATS regarding the *Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century* (MAP-21) Senate Bill 1813. Willis Logan seconded the motion and the vote to endorse the letter was unanimous.

IV. 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Wheeland stated that the Technical Committee is working on identifying intersections with the highest number of crashes and a way to prioritize them, so that they may be used in future project prioritization processes and will be included in the updated Long Range Transportation Plan.

V. 2012-2015 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM CHANGES

A. TIP Amendment #3

Sal Madonia introduced TIP Amendment #3 to the SATS Policy Committee members.

WHEREAS, Structure No. 084-0152 and Structure No. 084-0153, located on I-72, 3.5 miles east of I-55 over the Sangamon River, are in need of rehabilitation and repairs due to mine subsidence and deterioration; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Transportation District 6 requests that the FY-2012 Annual Element of the FY/2012-2015 TIP be amended by adding the project listed below; and

Project Description and Funding:

Project/ Jurisdiction/ Class		Location		Action/Comments	Funding Source		Total Cost
A3	I-72	Termini:	Structures No. 084-0152 & 084-0153 over the Sangamon River 3.5 Mi E of I-55.	Bridge Rehabilitation & Repair	Interstate Maintenance	2,430,000	
	State of Illinois	Contract#	72F01		State	270,000	
	Interstate	TIP#	04-2012-13				
							\$2,700,000

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

Norm Sims made a motion to adopt the third amendment to the 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program. Linda Tisdale seconded the motion and the vote to adopt 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

Wheeland introduced Nate Baker as a new staff member.

Sims stated that there is an open house scheduled for December 8th at the Union Baptist Church regarding the commercial redevelopment plan for East Springfield.

Sims suggested that SATS members may be interested to view the staff's presentation of a Transit Orientated Development project, prepared by Neha Agarwal. A presentation of the Transit Orientated Development project will be made after the conclusion of the January SATS Technical Committee Meeting.

B. Springfield Mass Transit District

No report was given.

C. City of Springfield

No report was given.

D. Sangamon County

No report was given.

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

Madonia reported that winter shut-down has taken effect in Springfield. The Clear Lake Avenue and Dirksen Parkway project will continue through the winter with work concentrating on the north side of Clear Lake Avenue.

IDOT held two public informational meetings. One meeting was held to discuss the I-55 widening to 6-lanes around Springfield project and the other to discuss the 6th Street project from I-55 to Stanford Avenue. From these meetings, advisor committees are being established.

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. 2012 SATS Meeting Schedule

Wheeland stated that the schedule for the SATS Policy Committee will continue to meet on the second Thursday of each month at noon at the Planning Commission Conference Room.

Norm Sims made a motion to adopt the 2012 SATS Meeting Schedule. Willis Logan seconded the motion and the vote to adopt was unanimous.

B. Next Meeting Date – Thursday, January 12, 2012 at 12:00 PM

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kyle Phillips
Recording Secretary