

**Minutes of Meeting
SATS POLICY COMMITTEE
January 13, 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"/>	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 Mike Norris

** Represented by Norm Sims

*** Represented by Sal Madonia

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
Steve Keenan – Regional Planning Commission
Kyle Phillips – Regional Planning Commission
Dale Schultz – Regional Planning Commission
Linda Wheeland – Regional Planning Commission
Mike Williamsen – Village of Chatham
Joe Zeibert – 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 November 18, 2010 SATS Policy Committee meeting. There were none. Mike Norris made a motion to approve the minutes. Sal Madonia seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

III. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Complete Streets Policy Statement

Wheeland stated that the Technical Committee drafted a Complete Streets policy statement. Adopting a Complete Streets policy is an objective of the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan. Chris Benson led researched Complete Streets policies enacted by other MPOs and had provided examples to Technical Committee members who created the following Complete Streets Policy Statement:

“Complete Streets” refers to public rights-of-way that are designed and operated to provide a safe and accessible

transportation network for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit riders, regardless of age or ability. This context-sensitive approach considers all transportation projects as potential opportunities to improve safety, access, and mobility for all travelers.

The Springfield Area Transportation Study supports Complete Streets and its members will consider the following criteria when designing transportation projects as opportunity and funding permit:

- types of users of the transportation system, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, motor vehicles, and freight interests;
- project surroundings in context with how the facility will be used and who will be using it to determine what accommodations will be provided; and
- service levels for all users anticipated by adopted comprehensive or system wide plans.

McFadden asked if a Complete Streets policy is required. Madonia stated that Complete Streets is the way of the future and that IDOT had adopted a Complete Streets policy.

Norm Sims made a motion to adopt the Complete Streets policy. Linda Tisdale seconded the motion and the vote to adopt the Complete Streets policy was unanimous.

B. Federal Transportation Budget Concerns

Norm Sims stated that the new Congress is considering major transportation cuts in the near future. Programs such as Enhancement may be cut completely and Transit may be cut severely. Sims would like to see a process to follow concerns so that SATS could respond expeditiously before Congress acts on items that would significantly effect projects in the MPA. McFadden asked what sort of process Sims recommends. Sims suggested that there should be an open source of information that should be sent to SATS members to determine what news requires action by SATS. Linda Tisdale stated that she had spoken with the president of a national transit association and he suggested that letters of support from local providers and citizen groups would greatly aid in lobbying efforts against cuts. Wheeland asked if at this point a letter to support transit should be drafted. Tisdale stated that any such letter would help. Concern was also expressed regarding other transportation funding cuts. McFadden suggested that staff could draft a letter to be signed by the SATS Technical and Policy Chairs.

IV. TIP CHANGES

A. 2011– 2014 Transportation Improvement Program

I. TIP Amendment #6

Mike Norris introduced TIP Amendment #6 to the SATS Policy Committee members.

WHEREAS, the City of Springfield recognizes that the ADT in 2007 along this section of Chatham Road was reported at 19,000 so it is prudent that PE I and II are initiated utilizing both city and federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the City requests that the FY-2011 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
A6	Chatham Road (FAU 8006)	Termini:	Structure No. 084- 3041 0.3 miles north of Wabash Avenue	PE I and II for bridge superstructure and substructure	Springfield	41,000	
	Springfield	Contract#			HBP	164,000	
	Minor Arterial	TIP#	02-2011-05				
							\$205,000

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

Tom Gray made a motion to adopt the sixth amendment to the FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program. Sal Madonia seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

II. TIP Amendment #7

Linda Wheeland introduced TIP Amendment #7 to the SATS Policy Committee members.

WHEREAS, the Villages of Sherman and Williamsville intend to conduct preliminary engineering for a multi-use trail from Williamsville to Sherman along a 4.5 miles section of abandoned Illinois Terminal Company railroad using local and Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program funds; and

WHEREAS, the Villages request that the FY-2011 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
	Williamsville to Sherman Trail	Termini:	4.5 mile multi-use trail from Williamsville to Sherman	PE to design a multi- use trail from Williamsville to Sherman along the abandoned Illinois Terminal Company railroad (4.5 miles)	Sherman	33,000	
	Sherman/Williamsville	Contract#			Williamsville	33,000	
	Multi-use trail	TIP#	05-2011-01		ITEP	264,000	
							\$330,000

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

Linda Tisdale made a motion to adopt the seventh amendment to the FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program. Tom Gray seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

V. 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

JD Stevenson reported that FHWA will be conducting a Planning Review of SATS in the spring. This will mainly involve meeting with Planning Commission staff although SATS members are welcome to sit in. This is done to insure that all the applicable planning regulations, rules and laws are being followed. Stevenson stated that SAFETEA-LU has been extended under continuing resolution until the early part of March.

VI. AGENCY UPDATES

A. Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission

Wheeland reported that the Commission is conducting a survey regarding the rural transit initiative. Wheeland asked for help in getting surveys out to the rural community. Mike Williamsen asked what area is considered rural. Wheeland stated that 'rural' is considered to be outside of the SMTD service area.

Sims suggested that issues may come up in the future in relation to Springfield being classified as an 'attainment area' by the USEPA. There is concern in many MPOs that certain things would now be mandatory and other things could no longer be done. Stevenson added that any projects that use federal funds would be put through an Air Quality Conformity Analysis to determine whether the project would have a negative impact on the environment. Projects that would worsen or cause the Air Quality Budget to not be met would not be allowed to proceed. In addition to projects utilizing federal funding, projects that are considered to be regionally significant and not using federal funds would be held to the same standard. Stevenson stated that Betsy Tracy, the FHWA Air Quality expert, could talk to the Policy Committee about this issue. McFadden suggested Betsy give a presentation at the February Policy Committee meeting.

B. Springfield Mass Transit District

No report was given.

C. City of Springfield

Mike Norris stated that a public meeting regarding the Stanford Ave extension project is being held at Little Flower from 4-7pm today. The Meadowbrook Rd extension project is on the IDOT letting for January 21.

D. Sangamon County

No report was given.

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

Sal Madonia reported on the following projects:

- IL-4 in Chatham over Polecat Creek is underway and work will continue throughout the winter.
- The Clear Lake Ave and Dirksen Pkwy project has minimal work continuing through the winter with major work starting this spring.
- I-72 bridge over southbound I-55 at the 6th Street interchange had its pre-job held this

week and the project will slowly start through the winter.

- The Veterans Pkwy, Old Jacksonville Rd/Monroe project is awaiting sidewalk and final striping work that will occur this spring.
- The Wabash drainage project is complete save fencing and signage and should be complete this month.

F. Village of Chatham

Williamsen stated that next month Chatham will have an amendment for the TIP regarding an Enhancement grant awarded to the village for a bike trail along Plummer Blvd.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Next Meeting Date – Thursday, February 10, 2010 at 12:00 PM

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kyle Phillips
Recording Secretary