

Minutes of Meeting
SATS POLICY COMMITTEE
July 14, 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 type="checkbox"/>	Linda Tisdale	Springfield Mass Transit District
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Larry Eastep*	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"/>	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

Chris Benson – Regional Planning Commission

Kim Cummins – IDOT District 6 Local Roads

Marta Perales – Illinois MPO Advisory Council

Kyle Phillips – Regional Planning Commission

Dale Schultz – Regional Planning Commission

Mike Williamsen – Village of Chatham

Linda Wheeland – Regional Planning Commission

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 May 12, 2011 SATS Policy Committee meeting. There were none. Norm Sims made a motion to approve the minutes. Willis Logan seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

III. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Linda Wheeland reported that the Technical Committee approved a draft of the Transportation Improvement Program FY2012- FY2015 and it is now available for public review. Legal notices and a display advertisement were placed in the State-Journal Register and a notice sent out to the SATS Interested Parties Contact List. The document is available to the public at the Lincoln Library, Chatham Library, SMTD, the Planning Commission's website, the Planning Commission office and at the Springfield Urban League office. Public comments regarding the document will be taken through August 10th.

There are several projects in the TIP that are either in the LRTP, but not in the Committed Projects portion, or are not in the LRTP at all. An amendment to the LRTP will need to be made.

IV. 2011-2014 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM CHANGES

A. Administrative Modification #2 – Vachel Lindsay Bridge Project

Wheeland reported that this project had a higher than anticipated cost and that this Administrative Modification is necessary to reflect the adjustment of funding.

This project is in the FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program as project #02-2011-07 and is shown with anticipated cost and funding figures as follows:

A10	Vachel Lindsay Bridge;	Termini:	Over Lake Springfield on Long	C & CE Maintenance	Springfield	581,806		
	Structure # 084-9916		Bay Drive		Repairs	ITEP		1,200,425
	Springfield	Contract#						
	Collector	TIP# 02-2011-07						\$1,782,231

The actual cost of this project is greater than originally anticipated and additional Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) funding has been approved. The FY 2011-2014 TIP will be modified to show the project with these new figures as follows:

A10 M2	Vachel Lindsay Bridge;	Termini:	Over Lake Springfield on Long	C & CE Maintenance	Springfield	392,851		
	Structure # 084-9916		Bay Drive		Repairs	ITEP		1,571,410
	Springfield	Contract#						
	Collector	TIP# 02-2011-07						\$1,964,261

V. TECHNICAL ADVISOR UPDATES

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

Tom Caldwell reported that IDOT has a new Acting Secretary of Transportation, Ann Schneider.

The State’s Multi-year Program outreach open house to be held in Springfield will be scheduled within the next few months.

Sims asked what the nature of the input sessions will be at the open house.

Laura Mlacnik stated that any questions would be answered and comments would be accepted.

Sims asked what would be the best way to provide input. Mlacnik stated that a letter was submitted last year. Wheeland asked if a list of projects specific to the MPA and/or Sangamon County, could be provided. Mlacnik agreed to provide this list.

B. Federal Highway Administration: Illinois Division Office

i. MPO Review Recommendations

JD Stevenson presented the findings of the SATS Planning Review conducted by FHWA and IDOT in April. Stevenson stated that there were no ‘corrective actions’ needed.

Stevenson touched on the areas where there were recommendations or commendations. The

following is a list of those areas:

Cooperative Agreement- Recommendation: To revise the cooperative agreement to include specific language regarding how the members will work together to develop the financial plan for the LRTP and TIP.

Cooperation Coordination- Commendation: Success in including all transportation modes throughout the process.

Safety- Commendation: SATS has taken a leadership role with the incorporation of safety analyses into the planning and decision making processes. Recommendation: To identify performance measures to assess the effectiveness of implemented safety related enhancements.

Environmental Protection and Enhancement- Recommendation: To assume a leadership role in environmental and planning processes and think of ways to link the processes.

Financial Plan in the LRTP- Recommendation: Work with FHWA and IDOT-OPP to enhance the revenue reporting.

TIP- Commendation: The use of online mapping tools. SATS website is one of the best examples of usefulness and organization.

Public Participation- Commendation: SATS has a genuine desire to identify and implement new strategies.

HSTP: Recommendation- Take advantage of FTA funding sources that are not currently utilized on a State-wide basis.

The conclusion of the FHWA planning review is that there are no corrective actions and that all necessary requirements are currently being fulfilled. Recommendations were made in an attempt to make SATS a more efficient, functional and overall more effective planning process.

Mike Williamsen asked if there are any MPOs that are fulfilling the Environmental Protection and Enhancement category satisfactorily.

Stevenson replied that there are not any MPOs that stand out on this topic. Stevenson recommended that perhaps a balance may be found when conducting a Feasibility Study to transition to a NEPA-terminology type study.

VI. AGENCY UPDATES

A. Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission

Sims reported that the Planning Commission has received an increase in PL funding. Some niches will be able to be filled with the new funding related to the program area. An amendment to the UPWP will need to be made to reflect the changes. The Planning Commission plans to fill the SATS match portion with state comprehensive regional planning funding. There may be an opportunity to provide some pilot micro-grants to the smaller communities to do some transportation planning. Work is also continuing on the Transit Orientated Development with work by staff member, Neha Agarwal.

B. Springfield Mass Transit District

No report was given.

C. City of Springfield

Logan reported that work on the High Speed Rail is moving along. The Federal Railroad Administration Administrator, Joseph Szabo, was in Springfield recently and met with Springfield officials regarding the High Speed Rail project.

Logan stated that the City's position for the location of the High Speed Rail project through Springfield is the 10th Street Corridor.

Logan reported that the City's relationship with IDOT is greatly improved and the Mayor and the Acting Director of IDOT, Ann Schneider, will be meeting with federal officials in Washington, DC on Monday to discuss the High Speed Rail project.

Mlacnik asked if there have been many inquires as to which City streets may be impacted by the High Speed Rail project. Willis answered that there have not been many questions in that regard. Mlacnik and Sims both reported receiving questions related to street impacts.

D. Sangamon County

No report was given.

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

Mlacnik stated that the functional classification map that Sal Madonia brought to the last meeting of the Technical Committee is currently being revised and will be made available soon.

TIGER III grant information will be forthcoming.

Mlacnik reported that a study regarding the I-55 6-lane expansion around Springfield will be starting this fall. The 6th Street expansion project from Stanford Avenue to the I-55/I-72 interchange will be starting in October with a public meeting.

F. Village of Chatham

No report was given.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sims introduced Marta Perales with the Illinois MPO Advisory Council.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Small Community MPO Representation

Wheeland reported that the Technical Committee suggested that the smaller communities meet and provide the Committee with a recommendation on how they can be formally included in SATS. The smaller communities met and provided SATS with a recommendation. A special meeting of the Technical Committee will be held on July 28th to discuss the issue.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Next Meeting Date – Thursday, August 11, 2011 at 12:00 PM

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kyle Phillips
Recording Secretary