

Minutes of Meeting
SATS POLICY COMMITTEE
May 12, 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"/>	Willis Logan	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"/>	Thomas Caldwell	IDOT: Urban Program Planning
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	JD Stevenson*	Federal Highway Administration: Illinois Division Office
<input type="checkbox"/>		Federal Transit Administration

* Represented by Jon-Paul Kohler

Others

Neha Soni Agarwal – Regional Planning Commission

Chris Benson – Regional Planning Commission

Kim Cummins – IDOT District 6 Local Roads

Jeff Fulgenzi – Regional Planning Commission

Kevin Kuhn – Quigg Engineering

Sal Madonia – IDOT District 6

Mark Mahoney – City of Springfield

Kyle Phillips – Regional Planning Commission

Dale Schultz – Regional Planning Commission

Mike Williamsen – Village of Chatham

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 April 14, 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 there will be a special meeting, directly following the May Technical Committee meeting, regarding the new Federal standard for traffic sign retroreflectivity. This special meeting is to discuss ways to coordinate and plan for the new requirement with the smaller communities within the MPA. Each community must have in plan by January 2012 to replace signs that do not comply

with the new standards. HSIP Grant funding is available for the purchase of new signs, however, there is a cost benefit analysis conducted and the smaller communities within the MPA may not meet the cost benefit criteria. It was suggested by the Technical Committee to have all the communities within the MPA coordinate together in creating a plan and then submitting a joint application for funding. The Peoria Area MPO and Sangamon County along with communities outside the MPA have had successful collaborations of this nature. Kevin Burke with IDOT will be at the meeting to discuss the new requirements. All the communities within the MPA have been invited to attend the special meeting. Kim Cummins stated that the grant application would be for Urban HSIP funds. There is a ten percent local match requirement.

IV. CAMP LINCOLN ROAD FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION CHANGE

Wheeland stated that this is a functional classification change request from the City of Springfield. FHWA has a functional classification system for all roadways. IDOT maintains that system for Illinois. Any roadway classified as an Interstate, Principal Arterial, Minor Arterial or a Collector in the Urban area is eligible for Federal funds. Because Camp Lincoln Road is situated between two Arterial roadways and acts more as a Collector than a Local Road, the change is being requested. The FHWA functional classification is not connected to the City of Springfield's Arterial Roadway network classifications. There would be no change in who could utilize the roadway.

Norm Sims made a motion to approve the Functional Classification Change. Tom Gray seconded the motion and the vote for approval 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

Jon-Paul Kohler reported that recently Congress passed and the President signed the 2011 Budget. Included in the Budget is Federal Discretionary Program funding. In the past, these programs were earmarks. Now FHWA has the opportunity to solicit candidate projects. Last Friday, the home office sent out a memorandum soliciting candidate projects for eleven different discretionary grant programs. Those applications are due to the Springfield Office on Friday June 3rd. Norm Sims stated that the sooner the MPO is notified about the solicitation for projects, the better. Sims stated that applications that are successful may need to be entered into the TIP and that in the past, the MPO was not notified of grant applications for projects in the MPA until the award was released. Jon-Paul Kohler stated that the FHWA would notify the MPO when applications are submitted.

VI. AGENCY UPDATES

A. Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission

Dale Schultz promoted the 'Curb your Car during Bike to Work Week'. On Wednesday, May 18th, starting at Washington Park at 7:30am there will be a group ride into the City with Lt. Governor Shelia Simon.

B. Springfield Mass Transit District

Linda Tisdale reported that SMTD will provide bus service to the new Scheels Sporting Goods

Store at Legacy Pointe starting June 25th.

C. City of Springfield

No report was given.

D. Sangamon County

No report was given.

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

Sal Madonia reported on the status of the following projects:

- The Clear Lake Ave and Dirksen Pkwy project has utility relocation underway.
- The IL-4 and Polecat Creek project in Chatham is progressing, last week the Stage I bridge deck was poured and in 3-4 weeks, traffic will be switched and Stage II will begin.

- Palm Rd near Glenarm has work continuing on the Stage I sub-structure.
- The I-55 project from Clear Lake Ave to Fancy Creek has nighttime work continuing.
- The I-72 EB bridge over the I-55/6th Street Interchange has traffic control in place, Stage I removal is complete and beam work is underway.
- The IL-29 from Springfield to Rochester project has surface work continuing.
- The Old Jacksonville Rd/Monroe St/Veterans Pkwy project is nearly finished, sod installation is complete and striping will begin next week.

F. Village of Chatham

No report was given.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Public Participation Plan

Wheeland stated the PPP is updated every two years. A draft of the PPP was sent out for public review on March 10th and comments were accepted through April 29th. No comments were received. Updates to the PPP were made based on suggestions received from the Citizen Advisory Committee. The Technical Committee recommended approval of the PPP.

Linda Tisdale made a motion to approve the Public Participation Plan. Willis Logan seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program

I. ST-U Project Selection

Wheeland stated that Staff has been working on the TIP for the next four years. Communities have been submitting their projects. Every year, SATS is allotted Surface Transportation-Urban (ST-U) funds. A prioritization method was developed a few years ago and last Spring, projects submitted by communities for ST-U funding were ranked. At that time a specific project was not selected. The Technical Committee has looked at the ranked projects and recommended that the first two projects be allotted the ST-U funds that will be available over the next three years. These projects include, a City of Springfield Project to construct three lanes, bike lanes and sidewalks on Stanford Ave from Fox Bridge Rd to Taylor Ave using \$2,900,000 in ST-U funding (Project #2010-12) and a Sangamon County Project to widen Old Jacksonville Rd to four lanes with a center turn lane and preliminary work to accommodate relocation of Bradfordton Rd using \$2,160,000 in ST-U funding (Project #2010-9). These projects are to be programmed in FY13 and FY14, respectively.

Logan stated that the City project was originally slated for FY14 and that the City may not have the project prepared in time for FY13. The City would like to continue with the FY13 date with the option of amending the TIP for a later start date if necessary.

Norm Sims made a motion to approve the ST-U project selections. Tom Gray seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

B. Small Community MPO Representation

Wheeland reported that a letter was received from the President of Sherman addressed to Chairman McFadden regarding small community participation and a formal continual relationship with SATS. The Staff was directed to research other MPO's involvement of small communities. Research indicated that most MPOs have involved smaller communities within their planning areas in various degrees. More representation is allowed mainly on the Technical Committee side and typically allowed one vote. Others have one voting member representing all small communities.

At one time, the County represented the smaller communities at SATS. More recently, Kim Cummins was assigned this responsibility but she is not a SATS member.

Kevin Kuhn stated that small communities have become disenfranchised with SATS due to the fact that they do not have formal representation.

Kohler stated that the FHWA encourages regional planning and outreach to smaller communities.

Mike Williamsen suggested that the Policy Committee direct the Technical Committee to take a closer look at ways to involve smaller communities. The Policy Committee directed the Technical Committee to look further into this issue.

C. Next Meeting Date – Thursday, June 9, 2011 at 12:00 PM

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kyle Phillips
Recording Secretary