

**Minutes of Meeting
SATS POLICY COMMITTEE
February 9, 2012**

ATTENDANCE

Policy Committee Voting Members

<input type="checkbox"/>	Chair Tom Gray	Village of Chatham
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Vice-Chair Frank Squires	Springfield Mass Transit District
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brian McFadden	Sangamon County
<input type="checkbox"/>	Willis Logan	City of Springfield
<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

Jeff Fulgenzi – Regional Planning Commission
 Kyle Phillips – Regional Planning Commission
 Dale Schultz – Regional Planning Commission
 Linda Wheeland – Regional Planning Commission
 Mike Williamsen – Village of Chatham

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Frank Squires called the meeting of the SATS Policy Committee to order at 12:01PM.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Squires asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the January 12, 2012 SATS Policy Committee meeting. Norm Sims made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Brian McFadden seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

III. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Linda Wheeland stated there was a discussion at the Technical Committee about the notice from IDOT regarding a reduction of STU funding for FY2013. The difference from FY2012 is about \$300,000. Over the four-year period of the TIP, there are two projects programmed. Those projects are the Stanford Avenue extension for \$2.9 million and the Old Jacksonville Road and Bradfordton Road intersection for \$2.16 million. Previous to the reduction, over the four-year TIP period, there was a balance of \$957,000 at the end of FY2015 with the reduction of \$300,000 per year, there will continue to be sufficient funds for these two projects at the amounts programmed in the TIP.

McFadden ask why the STU funding allocation was reduced. Wheeland stated that the main cause for the reduction was a change in percentage population in relation to all of IDOT District 6.

Although the Stanford Ave extension project is currently programmed in FY2013 and the Old Jacksonville Rd

and Bradfordton Rd intersection is currently programmed in FY2014, District 6 is over programmed through FY2013. As a result, SATS' projects will be pushed back to FY2014 and FY2015, respectively.

Wheeland stated that a call was made for safety and enhancement projects and that those applications are due in the coming months.

IV. 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Wheeland stated one of the objectives of the LRTP is to create a prioritization process for crash locations. The Technical Committee is working on the process now and next month there will likely be something for the Policy Committee to review.

V. 2012-2015 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM CHANGES

A. TIP Amendment #9

Wheeland introduced TIP Amendment #9 to the SATS Policy Committee members.

WHEREAS, the City of Springfield will utilize city funds to improve the conditions of numerous portions of arterial and collector streets, and some portions of local (subdivision) streets located throughout Springfield; and

WHEREAS, the City 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	Map #	Funding Source & Total Cost		
A9	Various streets throughout Springfield	Termini:	Various	Mill and overlay; partial replacement of curb & gutter, sidewalk & ramps	A9	Springfield	5,713,963	
	Springfield	Contract#	PW 12-08-58					
	Arterials, collectors, & local streets	TIP#	02-2012-04					\$5,713,963

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

B. TIP Amendment #10

Wheeland introduced TIP Amendment #10 to the SATS Policy Committee members.

WHEREAS, the City of Springfield will utilize City funds to replace sidewalks and install new sidewalks to improve pedestrian safety and travel throughout Springfield; and

WHEREAS, the City 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	Map #	Funding Source and Total Cost	
A10	City of Springfield	Termini:	Various	Remove & Replace/Construct 4 foot PCC Sidewalks	A10	Springfield	972,626
	Springfield	Contract #				PW 12-11-77	
	Sidewalks	TIP #	02-2012-05				
							\$972,626

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

Norm Sims made a motion to combine the voting for TIP Amendments 9 and 10. Sal Madonia seconded the motion and the vote to combine voting was unanimous.

Brian McFadden made a motion to adopt the ninth and tenth amendments to the 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program. Sal Madonia 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**

Tom Caldwell stated that JD Stevenson may want to expand on transportation bill reauthorization activity to occur in the near future.

JD Stevenson stated that the two-year Senate Bill, MAP-21, still has the provision of the minimum of population threshold for MPOs to be set at 200,000. Other provisions are still set within the bill that were discussed previously. The House Bill removes the use of dedicated motor fuel taxes for public transportation, funding instead would come from the General Fund.

Sims stated that the Planning Commission received a notification from CMAP regarding another part of the bill which would give the Governor the ability to supersede local transportation decision-making when an interstate's path runs through a MPA. Williamsen asked what is meant by the ability to supersede local decision-making. Sims stated that the provision would allow the Governor to change the decision or plan of SATS. Wheeland stated that the Governor would have the authority to modify the TIP and force amendment of the LRTP.

B. Federal Highway Administration: Illinois Division Office

No report was given.

VII. AGENCY UPDATES

A. Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission

Sims stated that there is a call for JARC and New Freedom grant applications. Additionally, the Transit Oriented Development project was presented last night to a group of about 50 citizens. The TOD project was well received. Lastly, several years ago, the Springfield Chamber of Commerce group 'Q5', did some work looking at the infrastructure and transit needs around the greater Springfield area. They attempted to estimate the cost to fulfill those needs. Q5 is meeting again to update that report and make some recommendations. Sims suggested that the Q5 group come to a Policy Committee meeting and explain and detail the work that they will be doing.

Wheeland stated the Jeff Fulgenzi from the Planning Commission is heading up the Regional Comprehensive Plan effort which includes a transportation element. Fulgenzi stated that the consultants on the plan requested a meeting with transportation officials from the area to discuss the plan. The consultants plan to attend both the Technical and Policy Committee meetings in March. Fulgenzi respectfully requested that members set aside an extra hour following those meetings to discuss transportation ideas and the LRTP with the consultants. Three public engagement meetings are set to present ideas and gain public input for the plan. Meeting dates are: February 23rd @ 6:30PM at the Illini Bank Community Center in Sherman; February 29th @ 6:30PM at the Chatham Public Library; and March 8th @ 6PM at the Sangamon County Department of Public Health Building. Fulgenzi asked that members help to spread the word about the events as it is important to gain public input for the plan.

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

No report was given.

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. State Required Open Meetings Act Training

Sims reminded members that Open Meetings Act training is required and that completion certificates are being collected by the Planning Commission.

B. Next Meeting Date – Thursday, March 8, 2012 at 12:00 PM

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kyle Phillips
Recording Secretary