

Minutes of Meeting
SATS POLICY COMMITTEE
March 8, 2012

ATTENDANCE

Policy Committee Voting Members

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chair Tom Gray	Village of Chatham
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Vice-Chair Frank Squires	Springfield Mass Transit District
<input type="checkbox"/>	Brian McFadden	Sangamon County
<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	JD Stevenson	Federal Highway Administration: Illinois Division Office
<input type="checkbox"/>		Federal Transit Administration

Others

Neha Agarwal – Regional Planning Commission
Daniel Begert – Regional Planning Commission
John Houseal – Houseal Lavigne Associates
Brad Mosier – Coalition for Citizens with Disabilities in Illinois
Kyle Phillips – Regional Planning Commission
Dale Schultz – Regional Planning Commission
Amy Uden – 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 at 12:04PM.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Gray asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the February 9, 2012 SATS Policy Committee meeting. Sal Madonia made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Norm Sims seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

III. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Linda Wheeland stated that the Technical Committee is working on preparing the 2013-2016 TIP.

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Way Plan Steering Committee will meet on March 22nd at the Jerome Civic Center to review and potentially approve a draft plan. Should the draft plan be approved, there will be a public meeting to introduce the plan at Lincoln Library on April 4th. A thirty day public comment period will be held.

IDOT sent out a request for information regarding a State-wide Bicycle Way Plan. Attached to the request for information is a questionnaire that the Technical Committee members agreed to fill out and submit to both IDOT and the Planning Commission.

2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

A. Two Year Progress Report

Wheeland stated that the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan Two Year Progress Report was submitted with the agenda before the meeting. There were no questions regarding the progress report.

B. Crash Location Improvement Prioritization

Wheeland stated that one of the objectives of the LRTP is to create a system for identifying locations with high numbers of accidents and to prioritize needed improvements. The Technical Committee has created an Intersection Safety List based on 2005 – 2009 crash data from IDOT. Weighted values were assigned to each crash based on whether a fatality (25), incapacitating injury (10), or obvious injury (1) resulted from the crash. The intersections were then ranked by total weighted value of crashes within 150 feet of the intersection. All intersections with a weighted value of 60 or greater are included on the Intersection Safety List.

Squires asked if the weighting factor used for the list is an IDOT standard. Wheeland answered that the weighted values are the same; however, IDOT does use some additional factors in ranking intersections although the process is very complicated and not easily explained by IDOT. The Technical Committee decided to use the weighted system so that a list could be made immediately. Wheeland stated that there is an understanding that IDOT will calculate crash factors for all intersections throughout the State in the near future.

Norm Sims made a motion to approve the Intersection Safety List. Frank Squires seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

IV. 2012-2015 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM CHANGES

No report was given.

V. TECHNICAL ADVISOR UPDATES

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

Tom Caldwell stated that the planning funding estimate for next year shows a 4.4% reduction.

B. Federal Highway Administration: Illinois Division Office

No report was given.

VI. AGENCY UPDATES

A. Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission

Sims stated that ITEP applications are being accepted. A notice of funding criteria for the new TIGER

grants has been announced. Emphasis has been placed on sustainability with regards to the new TIGER grants.

Planning Commission staff gave a presentation of the Transit Oriented Development project to DSI. The Citizens Club has asked to be given a presentation as well. That presentation will be made on March 23rd.

Sims stated that he received a request from the Metropolitan Planning Council asking him to contact Senator Durbin and urge support for the Cardin-Cochran Amendment to the U.S. Senate transportation bill. Sims informed the Metropolitan Planning Council representative that SATS is on record for not being in support of the proposed MPO tier system and would bring the request regarding the Cardin-Cochran Amendment to the Policy Committee. The Policy Committee did not act on supporting the amendment.

Wheeland introduced Dan Begert as a new member of the Planning Commission Transportation staff.

B. Springfield Mass Transit District

No report was given.

C. City of Springfield

Bill Logan stated that preparation for the overlay program is underway.

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.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Regional Comprehensive Plan

Sims stated that work is continuing on the Regional Comprehensive Plan. The Community Outreach portion of the process is currently underway. Houseal Lavigne and Associates has been contracted to

assist in the community outreach phase of the plan. Sims introduced John Houseal to the Policy Committee. Houseal made a short presentation regarding the Regional Comprehensive Plan. Attachment A is a questionnaire that was presented as part of the discussion. Policy Committee members were asked to complete the questionnaire and to return it to Planning Commission staff.

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

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kyle Phillips
Recording Secretary

