

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**SATS POLICY COMMITTEE**  
**May 10, 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 checked="" 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  
Kyle Phillips – Regional Planning Commission  
Dale Schultz – Regional Planning Commission  
Linda Wheeland – Regional Planning Commission  
Mike Williamsen – Village of Chatham

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Tom Gray called the meeting of the SATS Policy Committee to order at 12:01 PM.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**III. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

Linda Wheeland stated that the SATS Bicycle and Pedestrian Way Plan public comment period ended on May 1st. The Steering Committee will meet to address the comments.

**IV. 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

No report was given.

**V. 2012-2015 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM CHANGES**

**A. Administrative Modification**

Wheeland explained an Administrative Modification that had been made to the TIP.

The following project is added as an Other Illustrative Project (separate from the ST-U Prioritized Illustrative Projects):

**Vehicles SMTD Paratransit**

The Springfield Mass Transit District operates Access Springfield to provide complementary paratransit service in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Service is provided 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM Monday through Saturday and 6:45 PM to midnight Monday through Friday. Over the twelve months ending in February 2012 Access Springfield experienced a 5.6% increase in ridership. From June 2011 – January 2012 revenue bus miles increased 3.8% over the same time period a year earlier.

Nine of the Access Springfield vehicles are over 8 years old and have accumulated miles ranging from 123,831 to nearly 270,000 miles. The useful life of these vehicles is considered by IDOT to be 150,000 miles. This means that nearly 40% of the Access Springfield fleet is currently eligible for replacement. In 2014, 48% of the fleet will be eligible for replacement. Given the current rate of growth in the number of individuals registered to ride, as well as the increase in ridership and mileage, it is important that the Access Springfield fleet be updated to ensure that SMTD can meet current and future demand for service.

The FY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program currently shows the replacement of 1 medium-duty paratransit vehicle in 2012, 2013, and 2014. The additional 6 vehicles will be added to the Other Illustrative Projects List as follows:

Project/ Jurisdiction/ Class	Description	Action/Comments	Total Cost	Status	Anticipated Year
16 Paratransit Vans SMTD Paratransit	Medium-duty Paratransit Van with Lift	Purchase 6 replacement vans	\$378,000	Grant application filed.	2013

**B. Amendment #13**

Linda Wheeland introduced Amendment #13 to the SATS Policy Committee.

**WHEREAS**, the Springfield Mass Transit District has been notified by IDOT of the opportunity, through the Illinois Downstate Bus Program, to acquire five (5) 35-ft clean diesel transit buses and associated maintenance items to replace five (5) diesel buses purchased in 1999; and

**WHEREAS**, the Springfield Mass Transit District requests the FY 2012-2015 TIP be amended to reflect the bus acquisition in FY 2012, as described below; and

**Project Description and Funding:**

A13	35-ft Transit Buses	<b>Description:</b>	Purchase five (5) replacement buses and associated capital maintenance items.	It is anticipated that the purchase and delivery schedule will take thirty-six months.	IDOT TDC	FTA 5309	1,948,000	\$ 1,948,000
	SMTD	<b>Project#</b>						
	Transit	<b>TIP#</b>	06-2012-13					

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

Norm Sims made a motion to adopt the thirteenth amendment to the 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program. Willis Logan 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**

Caldwell stated that there are a number of SATS area projects in the State Multi-Year Plan that will be subject to the passage of bonds for funding by the General Assembly. Caldwell also commented that multi-modal transportation will be emphasized in the new MYP.

### **B. Federal Highway Administration: Illinois Division Office**

No report was given.

## **VII. AGENCY UPDATES**

### **A. Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission**

Wheeland stated the SATS Bicycle and Pedestrian Way Plan is currently being wrapped up. The Rural Bicycle and Pedestrian Way Plan is currently being addressed with public engagement meetings. The final public meeting is to be held at the Clayville location on May 12<sup>th</sup>. The public meetings held in Thayer and Illiopolis resulted in many interesting and helpful comments.

### **B. Springfield Mass Transit District**

Frank Squires stated that a new assistant director has been hired to command the operations side of SMTD.

### **C. City of Springfield**

Logan stated that the City is currently engaged in completing the Capitol Avenue project utilizing ITEP funds.

### **D. Sangamon County**

McFadden stated that the County Board had approved two resolutions related to the creation of a rural transit service. One resolution authorized Sangamon County to apply for grant funding to start a rural transportation system. The second resolution approved an inter-governmental agreement with Menard County to start a joint two-county rural transit system.

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

Madonia stated that IDOT is currently engaged in gathering ADT count information throughout Springfield and Sangamon County. Madonia asked those in attendance to please be aware of workers setting up equipment in those areas.

Madonia stated that construction is underway at the following areas:

- Clear Lake Avenue and Dirksen Parkway, widening is continuing with emphasis near Bergen Golf Course.
- I-72 structure over the Sangamon River, east of Springfield, currently has a median crossover for traffic as work continues.

- I-55 and I-72 patch work is complete.
- In Chatham at Palm Road and Chatham Road, work has just started.

**F. Village of Chatham**

Williamsen stated that the Village of Chatham is submitting an application for ITEP grant funds for Phase II of the Plummer Blvd trail.

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. PY 2013 Unified Planning Work Program - Revision**

Wheeland presented a revision to the PY2013 UPWP showing more federal planning funds available than was indicated in the UPWP approved in April. The local match will be provided by the Planning Commission.

Norm Sims made a motion to approve the revised UPWP. Sal Madonia seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

**B. Curb Your Car During Bike to Work Week – May 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>**

Dale Schultz stated that the Curb Your Car During Bike to Work Week event will be held next week. Schultz provided SATS members with flyers of the event and encouraged them to participate. The group ride into Springfield will be held on Wednesday at 7:30AM leaving the Nelson Center parking lot.

**C. Next Meeting Date – Thursday, June 14, 2012 at 12:00 PM**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:13 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kyle Phillips  
Recording Secretary