

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**SATS POLICY COMMITTEE**  
**March 14, 2013**

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Willis Logan	City of Springfield
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eric Hansen*	Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Roger Driskell**	Illinois Dept. of Transportation (IDOT): 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 (FHWA): Illinois Div. Office
<input type="checkbox"/>		Federal Transit Administration

**Others**

Mike Williamsen – Village of Chatham  
Dan Begert – Regional Planning Commission  
Jeff Fulgenzi – Regional Planning Commission  
Linda Wheeland – Regional Planning Commission  
Brian Sheehan – Regional Planning Commission

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Frank Squires called the meeting of the SATS Policy Committee to order at 12:00 PM.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Squires asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the February 14, 2013 SATS Policy Committee meeting. Bill Logan made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Sal Madonia seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

**III. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

Linda Wheeland reported that Alan Ho from FHWA had given a presentation to the Technical Committee on Road Safety Assessments (RSAs), defined as a “*formal examination of the safety performance of a roadway by an independent, multi-disciplinary team.*” Wheeland stated that these teams, generally composed of staff at IDOT and FHWA, and often including state or local police, are available upon request and without charge to assess a road segment or intersection that may be presenting a safety issue. This team would then write a report summarizing the problems and determine solutions. These solutions can range from short term projects that can be done immediately to longer term work that may require additional funding. Wheeland cited work done at the intersection of Clear Lake Avenue and Dirksen Parkway as an example of a location in Springfield that has already been redone as a result of findings in an RSA.

Wheeland then stated that the Technical Committee had expressed interest in learning about RSAs, and how they might be used to address problems at locations on the SATS Intersection Safety List, which shows a list of intersections in the MPA with the greatest number of crashes weighted by severity. Wheeland said that Alan Ho had pointed out that a number of the intersections on the list were along certain corridors, such as Veterans Parkway, which could lead to a whole corridor being studied as part of an RSA.

Willis Logan said that the City of Springfield was planning to have what he believed may have been an RSA at the intersection of Dirksen Parkway and Sangamon Avenue, but Wheeland stated that Alan Ho did not mention anything about one taking place in the area.

Norm Sims then said that he had attended the Fall IDOT conference and one of the things that surprised him was seeing a map there showing Sangamon County as a “red” county, that is, one of the highest weighted car crash rates in the state and the highest outside Chicagoland and St. Louis Metro East. Sal Madonia said he believed it was the eighth highest statewide and Sims said he believed this was in part due to the higher rate of out of area drivers (tourists and persons in the area during legislative sessions), which he believed may be resolved in part via better signage/wayfinding. Wheeland said this may be determined via in-depth research on car crashes in Sangamon County, but was unsure if enough information on each crash was available to make such determinations. She said that although safety planning money is available for projects, RSAs are available free of charge.

#### **IV. 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP)**

##### **A. Three-Year Progress Report**

Wheeland stated that every six months staff completes a progress report showing the progress SATS has made on the LRTP, and that the current report had been sent to SATS members. Wheeland stated that the current report differed from previous reports as it now shows how SATS is meeting the objectives under each goal, rather than the estimated date of implementation for each objective. Wheeland noted that SATS is doing well in progressing toward achieving each goal, save for Goal #3, increasing the security of the transportation system. She stated that staff has been working with David Butt of the Sangamon County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to develop a map showing routes in the county that provide important access to emergency response vehicles and would be sending that map out in the near future for review. She also said that 17 road and 3 bikeway projects have been completed.

#### **V. FY 2013-2016 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

##### **A. Amendment #9 (IL 29 in Rochester)**

Sal Madonia introduced Amendment #9 to the SATS Policy Committee (below):

**WHEREAS**, the Springfield Area Transportation Study (SATS), in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Transportation, has a comprehensive, cooperative, and continuing (3C) planning process for transportation planning in compliance with Federal regulations for the urbanized area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Springfield Area Transportation Study approved the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for FY/2013-2016 on October 11, 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, roadway lighting is necessary to bring nighttime visibility to various intersections and pedestrian crosswalk near several subdivisions and the high school in Rochester; and

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Department of Transportation District 6 requests that the FY-2013 Annual

Element of the FY/2013-2016 TIP be amended by adding the project listed below; and

### Project Description and Funding:

Project/Jurisdiction/Class	Location	Action/Comments	Funding Source	Total Cost
A9 IL 29 State Principal Arterial	<b>Termini:</b> At Taft Dr., Camelot Dr., and West High School entrance in Rochester	Add roadway lighting.	HSIP	68,000
	<b>Project#:</b> 72F31		State	7,000
	<b>TIP#:</b> 04-2013-10			
				<b>\$75,000</b>

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

Norm Sims made a motion to recommend approval of the amendment. Willis Logan seconded the motion and the vote to recommend approval was unanimous.

### B. Amendment #10 (Downtown Streetscape)

Linda Wheeland introduced Amendment #10 to the SATS Policy Committee (below).

**WHEREAS**, the Springfield Area Transportation Study (SATS), in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Transportation, has a comprehensive, cooperative, and continuing (3C) planning process for transportation planning in compliance with Federal regulations for the urbanized area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Springfield Area Transportation Study approved the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for FY/2013-2016 on October 11, 2012; and

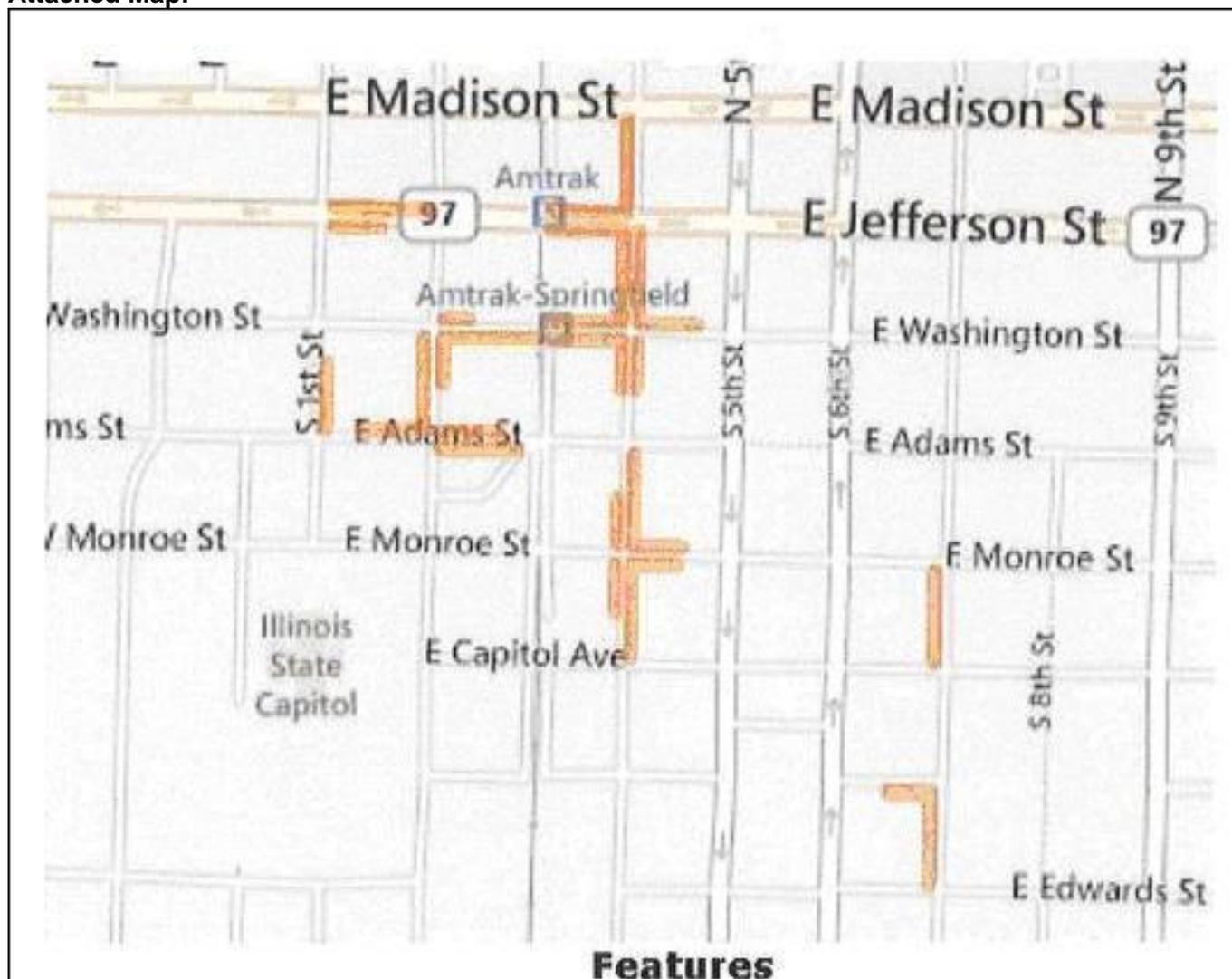
**WHEREAS**, the City of Springfield was awarded \$1,000,000 in ITEP funds to complete downtown streetscape improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, streetscape improvements are planned for sections of the City of Springfield street network shown on the attached map; and

**WHEREAS**, the City requests that the FY-2013 Annual Element of the FY/2013-2016 TIP be amended by adding the project listed below; and

### Project Description and Funding:

Project/Jurisdiction/Class	Location	Action/Comments	Funding Source	Total Cost
A10 Downtown Streetscape Improvements Springfield Various	<b>Termini:</b> Various	Streetscape C & CE	ITEP	1,000,000
	<b>Project#:</b>		Springfield	1,407,440
	<b>TIP#:</b> 02-2013-09			
				<b>\$2,407,440</b>

**Attached Map:**

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

Logan made a motion to recommend approval of the amendment. Madonia seconded the motion and the vote to recommend approval was unanimous.

**C. Amendment #11 (Capitol Avenue Streetscape)**

Linda Wheeland introduced Amendment #11 to the SATS Policy Committee (below):

**WHEREAS**, the Springfield Area Transportation Study (SATS), in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Transportation, has a comprehensive, cooperative, and continuing (3C) planning process for transportation planning in compliance with Federal regulations for the urbanized area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Springfield Area Transportation Study approved the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for FY/2013-2016 on October 11, 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Springfield wishes to fabricate and install artistic elements to complete

beautification on a section of Capitol Avenue from 11<sup>th</sup> Street to Martin Luther King Jr. Drive; and

**WHEREAS**, the City requests that the FY-2013 Annual Element of the FY/2013-2016 TIP be amended by adding the project listed below; and

**Project Description and Funding:**

Project/Jurisdiction/Class	Location	Action/Comments	Funding Source	Total Cost
A11 Capitol Ave	<b>Termini:</b> 11th St to Martin Luther King Jr Dr	Artistic Elements Construction	HPP	71,024
			ITEP	344,976
Springfield Collector	<b>Project#</b>			
	<b>TIP#</b> 02-2011-06			<b>\$416,000</b>

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

Logan made a motion to recommend approval of the amendment. Brian McFadden seconded the motion and the vote to recommend approval was unanimous.

**VI. TECHNICAL ADVISOR UPDATES**

**A. Illinois Department of Transportation: Central Bureau of Urban Program Planning**

Thomas Caldwell announced that IDOT had completed meeting with all the MPOs in the state regarding performance measures and will in the near future orchestrate an advisory group in which SATS will participate. The first meeting is expected to take place on April 24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>.

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

No report was given.

**VII. AGENCY UPDATES**

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

Norm Sims mentioned that he had attended a session hosted by the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) in Indianapolis a few weeks ago featuring MPOs from six Midwest states, which addressed the requirements under MAP-21 and what issues may be presented to MPOs under the new law. These included the new requirements for performance measures, allocation for funds under the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), and ambiguity of some of the language used in the bill.

Sims stated only one state, Indiana, seemed to have less of a problem than the other states, due in part to a State/Local Sharing Agreement, which determines how funds are distributed to the various MPOs by the state DOT. An MPO Operations Manual had also been developed as part of this agreement. Sims said that the Indiana DOT and MPOs in the state have also implemented a project tracking system, used to ensure that money is spent in a cost-effective manner on all projects and ensure that any money is not left unused. Sims stated that he would share this information fully with SATS once he receives the documentation, as well as what he hears from NARC on the wrap up for all the MAP-21 sessions they have been holding nationwide.

**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**

**A. Public Participation Plan Update**

Linda Wheeland stated that an update to the Public Participation Plan is done every two years, and that a draft update had been approved by the Policy Committee last month. It is currently out for 45 days of public review as federally required, and stated that paper copies had been distributed on February 15th to SMTD, Chatham Public Library, Lincoln Library, and the Springfield Urban League. An electronic copy was made available online, and display ads were placed in the March issue of the Pure News, as well as the State Journal-Register (SJ-R) on February 25th, and a press release was sent out on the same date. A sidebar article appeared in the SJ-R on February 28th. The document had been sent to an email list of all SATS's interested parties. Wheeland did interviews with WTAX-AM and WICS-TV as part of the outreach effort.

April 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for comments on the updated plan.

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. PY 2014 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**

Linda Wheeland reported that the Technical Committee had recommended the Policy Committee approve the PY 2014 UPWP, which goes over the activities that SATS is expected to do over the next planning year, and how they will be paid for.

Brian McFadden made a motion to approve the PY 2014 UPWP. Willis Logan seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

**B. House Bill 1549**

Norm Sims distributed copies of House Bill 1549 to meeting attendees, suggesting that SATS members look closely at it as Sims recommends that the committee take a policy position on it. He stated that it was similar to a bill that had been introduced by Metropolitan Planning Council in Chicago during the last legislative session, and

that SATS had recently been contacted by Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) about the current bill, which prioritizes funds for transportation projects based on a series of performance measures for most money coming to local entities via the state. These performance measures, according to Sims, are heavily weighted towards dense, urban areas (i.e. Chicago), and reducing the proportion of money sent to downstate locations. Sims said that he would have difficulty supporting this bill with these provisions.

Madonia asked if the committee that would be formed if this bill were to be passed would be comprised of statewide representatives, and Sims stated that it was unclear, only saying that IDOT and an unspecified number of MPOs would be represented. Madonia asked what the status of the bill was and Sims said he believed it was currently being looked at by the House Transportation Committee, as last he had heard.

**C. Next Meeting Date – Thursday, April 11, 2013 at 12:00 PM**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Vice Chair Squires called to adjourn. Norm Sims made a motion to adjourn. Sal Madonia seconded the motion and the vote to adjourn was unanimous.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 12:21 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Sheehan  
Recording Secretary