

**Minutes of Meeting
SATS POLICY COMMITTEE
May 9, 2013**

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"/>	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 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

Linda Wheeland – Regional Planning Commission
 Brian Sheehan – Regional Planning Commission
 Dale Schultz – Regional Planning Commission

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair 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 4, 2013 SATS Policy Committee meeting. Brian McFadden made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Bill Logan seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

III. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Linda Wheeland reported two items to the committee, first that the Technical Committee had approved SATS entering into a contract with LSA Associates, the company that developed the SATS Travel Demand Model (TDM), to update said model. This will be helpful as SATS prepares the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and also in evaluating the 10th Street high speed rail corridor project. Wheeland also reported that work was beginning on the next Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

IV. 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP)

A. Amendment

Linda Wheeland introduced the LRTP Amendment to the SATS Policy Committee, and explained the project in relation to the corresponding TIP Amendment #18 (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 SATS Long Range Transportation Plan takes a long-term (25-year) look at transportation needs in the Springfield Metropolitan Planning Area; envisions an efficient, interconnected, multi-modal travel network; and identifies projects to make that vision a reality; and

WHEREAS, the Long Range Transportation Plan is updated every five years and was most recently updated on March 11, 2010 as the SATS 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan which was amended on August 11, 2011, January 12, 2012, September 13, 2012, and April 2013; and

WHEREAS, all projects with identified funding sources and anticipated to be completed during the period July 2010 – June 2015 are listed as Committed Projects in the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, funding has been awarded to continue construction of the Plummer Boulevard Multi-use Trail in Chatham; and

WHEREAS, the details for this Project are shown below; and

PROJECT ADDED AS COMMITTED PROJECT				
Project	Jurisdiction	Accommodation	Length (Miles)	Status
Plummer Blvd Multi-use Trail: Park Avenue to Gordon Drive	Chatham	Trail	0.8	Committed

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

V. FY 2013-2016 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

A. **Administrative Modification #4 (Carpenter Street Underpass)**

Linda introduced Administrative Modification #4 to the SATS Policy Committee (below). Administrative modifications to the TIP are made by staff and do not require a vote by SATS.

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

CARPENTER STREET UNDERPASS AT THE 10TH STREET CORRIDOR

The construction of an underpass on Carpenter Street is one of many mitigation activities related to the consolidation of the 3rd Street rail line on the 10th Street corridor as an element of the state high-speed rail project. With the addition of passenger rail and increased freight traffic on the 10th Street corridor it is imperative that uninterrupted vehicle traffic flow be maintained through the City.

Project/ Jurisdiction/ Class	Location		Action/Comments	Total Cost			Anticipated Year
	Termini:						
23 Carpenter Street Underpass Springfield Minor Arterial		9th Street to 11th Street	Preliminary Engineering, Land Acquisition, Utilities, Construction Engineering, Construction	Springfield ICC Other	1,500,000 7,000,000 20,000,000	\$28,500,000	2014

B. Amendment #18 (Chatham – Plummer Boulevard Trail)

Linda Wheeland introduced Amendment #18 to the SATS Technical 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 Village of Chatham desires to construct phase 2 of a 10 foot wide multi-use trail on the north side of Plummer Boulevard to provide safe bicycle and pedestrian travel along this corridor which includes the local high school and an intersection with the Interurban Trail, a bicycle/pedestrian connection between the Village and the City of Springfield; and

WHEREAS, the Village 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
A18	Plummer Boulevard Multi-use Trail	Termini: Park Avenue to Gordon Drive	PE I, PE II, Construction Engineering, Construction	Chatham	87,605	
	Chatham Trail	Project#		ITEP	350,400	
						\$438,005
		TIP# 01-2013-01				

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

Norm Sims made a motion to approve Amendment #18. Sal Madonia seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

VI. TECHNICAL ADVISOR UPDATES

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

No report was given.

B. Federal Highway Administration: Illinois Division Office

No report was given.

VII. AGENCY UPDATES

A. Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission

Norm Sims reported that he, Linda Wheeland, Dale Schultz, and J.D. Stevenson had attended a session at IDOT focused on moving toward regional-scale performance measures as required by MAP-21. Sims has been asked to chair the IDOT Performance Measures Technical Advisory Group, and stated he would keep SATS members informed about further developments related to performance measures.

Linda Wheeland announced that IDOT had begun work on the Illinois Bike Transportation Plan, and had invited all of the MPOs (as well as many other agencies) to participate in an advisory group for the plan, for

which the first meeting was on April 24th. Wheeland announced that outreach activities in Springfield with regards to this plan will be held on July 17th at Lincoln Library, with a workshop to be held from 2 pm to 4 pm for planners, engineers, and local officials, and another on the same day from 6 pm to 8 pm for the general public. Sal Madonia asked if pre-registration was required to participate and Wheeland responded that she had not heard anything about registration for the event.

Dale Schultz then announced, referencing a document he had distributed to meeting attendees (see Attachment #1), that the Curb Your Car challenge was coming the following week, from Monday, May 13th through Saturday, May 18th, encouraging local employees to ride a bus, bike, run, or walk to work. In addition to various prizes, Schultz announced that a group bike ride on the Wednesday morning of that week would be taking place, going from Washington Park to the Farmers Market. Lieutenant Governor Sheila Simon will be addressing the group and joining the ride. Also, SMTD would be offering free fares to any users of the bicycle racks on the front of their buses. Frank Squires announced that free fares would also be given to any users of the Park 'n' Ride spaces at the Sangamon County Public Health building.

B. Springfield Mass Transit District

No report was given.

C. City of Springfield

Bill Logan announced that the City of Springfield had a proposed ordinance in support of the SATS Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan that he felt would likely be approved. Logan said that the City wanted to be careful as to how they would put their support behind this, referencing a legal case involving a city that had been sued per its support a similar plan. According to Logan, the case featured a plaintiff who had assumed bike-readiness on a street whose improvements had only been endorsed by the municipality in question, and were not yet constructed at the moment of the lawsuit. Logan stated that the proposed ordinance contained language that would protect the City of Springfield from such a lawsuit. Norm Sims asked Logan to provide him the specifics of the case, and Logan stated that he would.

D. Sangamon County

Brian McFadden announced that the County Board also had approval of the Bike/Ped plan on their agenda for the following week, and that items regarding the Sangamon-Menard Area Regional Transit (SMART) would be on the agenda for June, regarding the \$800,000 that Sangamon County would be receiving from IDOT for capital expenditures.

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

Sal Madonia announced three construction projects that were in the works, the first being the expected June completion of the work on and near the Clear Lake/Dirksen intersection, including construction of sidewalks, landscaping, and overhead signage. Another project, underway on Veterans Pkwy between Washington and Jefferson, and on Jefferson from Koke Mill to Veterans, involves patching and work on the medians, as well as some resurfacing and bridge repair. Expected completion date for this project would be in October. The final project, on Veterans between Lindbergh Boulevard and Interstate 72, involves nighttime work on the bridges over the Illinois Central railroad tracks.

Bill Logan complimented IDOT regarding its work so far at Clear Lake and Dirksen, then added that the City of Springfield was planning to do landscaping work on the Clear Lake corridor west of Dirksen, and Madonia added that median work on Clear Lake near Dirksen was designed with accommodating landscaping in mind.

F. Village of Chatham

No report was given.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Norm Sims announced that the Citizens' Efficiency Commission (CEC) has made plans for a day trip to Indianapolis to learn more about government consolidation and how it could be applied in Sangamon County. Sims stated that another yet-to-be-scheduled trip to Louisville and Lexington, KY for the same purpose was also in the works. Sims clarified that a series of possible dates would be suggested by officials in Indianapolis and the final date would be determined in consultation with CEC members.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. 2013 Public Participation Plan Update

Linda Wheeland announced that after being out for public review from February 14th to April 15th, SATS had not received any public comments on the draft of the 2013 Public Participation Plan. However, SMTD had requested that some language be included within the plan regarding people with limited English language proficiency. The Technical Committee had voted to add the following language to the "Open Access" section of the plan:

"According to the U.S. Census Bureau 2005-2009 American Community Survey there are 612 people age 18 and over living in the MPA who speak English "not well" or "not at all". This represents 0.5% of the total population in this age group. Of these 612 people the language spoken at home is 24% Spanish, 25% Other Indo-European Languages, 47% Asian and Pacific Island Languages, and 4% Other Languages. With the small number of people having limited English proficiency and the wide array of languages spoken, when an interpreter is needed SATS will utilize online services such as Google Translate (<http://translate.google.com>) or a telephone interpreter service such as Language Line (<http://www.language.com/>)."

Frank Squires made a motion to adopt the 2013 Public Participation Plan as recommended by the Technical Committee. Bill Logan seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Next Meeting Date – Thursday, June 13, 2013 at 12:00 PM

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Gray 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 12:16 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Sheehan
Recording Secretary

MAY 13th - 18th, 2013

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BIKE

WALK

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