

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

**ATTENDANCE****Policy Committee Voting Members**

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

Ed Dougherty – IDOT District 6 Community Liaison

Dale Schultz – Regional Planning Commission

Linda Wheeland – Regional Planning Commission

Brian Sheehan – Regional Planning Commission

Neha Soni – Regional Planning Commission

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Frank Squires called the meeting of the SATS Policy Committee to order at 12:02 PM.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Squires asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the October 17th, 2013 SATS Policy Committee meeting. Norm Sims made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Tom Gray seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

**III. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

There was no report.

**IV. 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP)****A. Update**

Linda Wheeland announced that, consistent with federal requirements that it be done every five years, SATS will be beginning work on updating the LRTP, with a schedule (see attached) distributed to committee members. Included within the LRTP update are elements from the SATS Public Participation Plan (PPP), including a Citizens Advisory Committee and a Community Advisory Committee.

Wheeland also announced that, as stated in the tentative schedule, staff would be using the FHWA online tool INVEST to assess how well the 2035 LRTP addresses sustainability and where improvements can be made in the 2040 update. Norm Sims added that the sustainability self-assessment is in part being done in order to develop performance measures as required by MAP-21. Wheeland stated that the findings will be presented to the Technical Committee, with suggestions welcome from committee members on how to improve the upcoming update in comparison to the 2035 LRTP. Update of the Travel Demand Model (TDM) should be complete by the end of the year. Additional components of the schedule summarizing the development of the 2040 LRTP may be found attached at the end of the document.

**V. FY 2014-2017 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

**A. Amendment #1 (High Speed Rail Crossings)**

Linda Wheeland introduced Amendment #1:

**RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF  
THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE  
FY/2014-2017 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

**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/2014-2017 on October 10, 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, conversion of the Union Pacific Railroad corridor to a high-speed facility through Sangamon County presents public safety issues; and

**WHEREAS**, proper investigation has been made of the circumstances surrounding four crossings in the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) at Woodside Road, Walnut Street in Chatham, Ostermeier Road, and Cherry Grove School Road and four crossings outside of the MPA located in southern Sangamon County at Hambuch Road and Washington Street, Madison Street and W. Divernon Road in Auburn; and

**WHEREAS**, in consultation with the Union Pacific Railroad, Sangamon County Highway Department, Chatham Township Road District, Village of Chatham and the City of Auburn, the Illinois Commerce Commission and the Illinois Department of Transportation Bureau of Railroads have determined that the installation of four-quadrant flashing light signals and gates with a bell, controlled by constant warning time circuitry at these eight crossings is in the best interest of public safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the project to install the safety equipment will be funded through the Grade Crossing Protection Fund (GCPF) and a grant from the Federal Highway Administration’s Railway-Highway Crossing Hazard Elimination in High-Speed Rail Corridors (R-HCHEH-SRC) program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Department of Transportation District 6 and the Illinois Commerce Commission request that the FY-2014 Annual Element of the FY/2014-2017 TIP be amended by adding the project as shown below; and

**Project Description and Funding:**

Project/Jurisdiction/Class		Description	Action/Comments	Funding Source		Total Cost
A1	Union Pacific High-Speed Rail Corridor	<b>Termini:</b> Woodside Road Walnut Street (Chatham) Ostermeier Road Cherry Grove School Road Hambuch Road Washington Street (Auburn) Madison Street (Auburn) Divernon Road	Installation of four-quadrant flashing light signals and gates with a bell, controlled by constant warning time circuitry.	GCPF	3,156,153	
	Illinois Commerce Commission Minor Arterials, Collectors, Local Roads	<b>Project#</b>		R-HCHEH-SRC	726,912	
		<b>TIP#</b> 20-2014-01			<b>\$3,883,065</b>	

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

Bill Logan made a motion to approve Amendment #1. 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 stated that staff was interested in knowing which at-grade rail crossings would close along the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street corridor in Springfield in order that this information could be added to the Travel Demand Model (TDM). Bill Logan stated that staff should contact Nathan Bottom for that information.

Linda Wheeland announced that micro-grants to small communities in the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) would become available again this year. In previous years, grants were available for any project that fit into the goals and objectives of the Long Range Transportation Plan. All previous grants had been used by communities to create pavement preservation plans. Because of this trend, Wheeland announced that these grants will now be offered specifically for pavement preservation plans. She noted that the Technical Committee had agreed with the need for pavement preservation plans to maintain the road network in the area.

Brian McFadden asked what the total amount of money available would be, and Wheeland estimated that it would be around \$12,000.

### **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**

Sal Madonia announced construction on South 6<sup>th</sup> Street Road (TIP # 04-2013-12) is in its final stages, with the final surfacing and striping to be completed by the end of the year. In addition, work on intersection lighting along IL 97 at Koke Mill, Hazlett, and Moore roads (TIP # 04-2013-15) is also underway.

Madonia announced that, as part of IDOT's ADA Transition Plan, the District 6 staff would inventory all sidewalks, curb ramps, and pedestrian signals along state routes in every community in the district. Madonia stated that work on this project would take approximately one year.

### **F. Village of Chatham**

No report was given.

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were given.

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Next Meeting Date – Thursday, December 12th, 2013 at 12:00 PM**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

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

The regular meeting was adjourned at 12:14 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Sheehan  
Recording Secretary

## Attachment

**2040 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN DEVELOPMENT****A. Public Participation Elements from SATS PPP**

1. **Survey of Citizens**  
(online, paper format at various locations)
2. **Survey of Communities**
3. **Citizen Advisory Committee**
4. **Community Advisory Committee**
5. **Interactive Activities**  
(such as workshops, forums, technology-based opportunities)

**B. Tentative Schedule**2013

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| November | Staff will evaluate 2035 LRTP using INVEST System Planning Module<br>Staff will work with LSA to complete TransCad update<br>Staff will prepare materials developed under 2035 LRTP for SATS |
| December | Staff will present work done during November to SATS Technical Committee for review and discussion<br>Staff will work with LSA to complete TransCad update                                   |

2014

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| January     | Staff will contact communities to form Community Advisory Committee<br>Staff will invite participants for Citizen Advisory Committee<br>SATS will continue discussion on 2040 LRTP |
| February    | First meetings of Community Advisory Committee and Citizen Advisory Committee<br>SATS will continue discussion on 2040 LRTP  |
| March – May | Public outreach activities<br>Advisory Committees continue meeting<br>SATS will continue discussion on 2040 LRTP   |
| June – July | Advisory Committees' recommendations submitted to SATS.  |

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| August – Dec | SATS finalizes Draft 2040 LRTP |
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| January | Draft 2040 LRTP made available for public review (30 day review period required) |
| March   | SATS adopts 2040 LRTP  |