

**Minutes of Meeting
SATS POLICY COMMITTEE
August 14, 2014**

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 type="checkbox"/>	Brian McFadden	Sangamon County
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ken Springs	Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Roger Driskell**	Illinois Dept. of Transportation (IDOT): Region 4, District 6

* Represented by Nathan Bottom ** Represented by Wes Clark

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 Community Liaison
Dale Lael – Village of Jerome
Sue Graham – Illinois Dept. of Transportation (IDOT): Region 4, District 6, Local Roads and Streets
Neha Soni – Regional Planning Commission
Linda Wheeland – Regional Planning Commission
Gail Weiskopf – Regional Planning Commission
Brian Sheehan – Regional Planning Commission

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Frank Squires called the meeting of the SATS Policy Committee to order at 12:01 PM.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Squires asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the July 10, 2014 SATS Policy Committee meeting. Nathan Bottom made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Wes Clark seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

III. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT**A. Proposed ST-U Project Selection Schedule**

Linda Wheeland explained SATS receives an annual allotment of Surface Transportation-Urban (ST-U) funding. SATS has created a selection process that includes a rating system used to prioritize the projects. The SATS ST-U project application form includes several criteria worth a range of points. Each project is initially scored and ranked using this process. The last time the selection process was used was 2010. The amount of anticipated funds through 2019, including carryover funds, is a little over \$6,000,000.00. SATS requested applications to be submitted for STU projects by August 1st. There were 6 application received totaling approximately \$17,000,000.00. The Technical Committee has recommended the following schedule to process the STU applications: 1) Technical Committee voting members to review the applications and submit any questions to the Planning Commission staff by August 20, 2014, 2) Planning Commission staff will compile and send the questions to each applicant, 3) the applicants will present their projects at the next Technical Committee meeting and answer any questions concerning their projects, 4) the Technical Committee voting members will take a couple of weeks to review and submit their scores to the

Planning Commission staff by September 19th, 5) Planning Commission staff will average the scores and send them to the Technical

Committee voting members, 6) At the October meeting, the Technical Committee will make a recommendation to the Policy Committee on which projects to fund, and 7) the Policy Committee will make the final selection of the projects.

Frank Squires asked if there was a consensus among the members that the schedule for selection of ST-U projects was acceptable. All members agreed unanimously.

Frank Squires noted that the schedule for completing the FY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program had been moved up. Wheeland stated that staff was waiting until after ST-U project selection to finalize the TIP. Tom Caldwell explained that other MPOs had submitted their TIPs to IDOT by June 30th and although in the past this deadline had been more flexible, IDOT was now asking for all MPOs to provide their TIPs by the end of the fiscal year for inclusion in the State TIP.

Wheeland plans on making a schedule for next year so SATS members can be prepared for submitting their projects.

IV. 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP)

A. 2040 Update

i. Citizens Advisory Committee Recommendations

Linda Wheeland reported that the Citizens Advisory Committee had presented their recommendations to the Technical Committee last week. This was the final public engagement activity. The Communities Advisory Committee Recommendations and the Citizens Survey results were all sent out to the committee members previously. This information will be used to develop the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan.

Also at the Technical Committee meeting the Citizen's Advisory Committee vision statement was selected as the vision statement for the Long Range Transportation Plan. Tom Gray made a motion to adopt this vision statement shown below as the SATS vision for the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. Ken Springs seconded the motion. The vote to adopt was unanimous.

Springfield Area Transportation Study Vision Statement

The Springfield Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) includes the communities of Chatham, Clear Lake, Curran, Grandview, Jerome, Leland Grove, Riverton, Rochester, Sherman, Southern View, Springfield, and Spaulding. In this area there is a diversity of demographics, economies, and environments but also many commonalities. By proximity these communities have a shared future.

The Springfield Area Transportation Study envisions the MPA as:

A place where all citizens have access to the advantages our area offers for a good quality of life; have opportunities that support their ability to contribute to the common good; and have their needs considered as our communities grow and change.

A place where transportation, development, and comprehensive planning work together to assure that first-class and cost-effective transportation infrastructure is available to support our homes, businesses, and leisure activities, and to encourage economic expansion in the region.

A place where all modes of travel, including motor vehicle, bicycle, pedestrian, mass transit, freight transport, air, rail, and inter-city bus are efficient; effective; safe; accessible and interconnected, both as individual networks and as an entire transportation system.

i.i. Proposed Schedule 2040 LRTP Schedule

Wheeland explained the Technical Committee members decided it would be easier to have separate meetings for the development of the Long Range Plan rather than adding these discussions to the business of their regular meetings. The first special meeting will be held next Wednesday, August 20th to finalize goals for the plan.

Over the next three months Technical Committee members will be meeting to address specific networks. In September they will address Road and Rail Networks. In October they will address Bicycle and Pedestrian Networks. In November they will address Public Transit and Air Travel Networks. They will be using all the public input and comments. Finalizing the draft plan is tentatively planned for December so that it can go out for public review in January. SATS will review any public comments in February and have a final plan to adopt in March in time for the deadline.

V. FY 2014-2017 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

No report was given.

VI. TECHNICAL ADVISOR UPDATES

A. Illinois Dept. 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

No report was given.

B. Springfield Mass Transit District (SMTD)

Frank Squires stated SMTD was nearing completion of the Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) station. He said if anyone would like to come by and see it, they are about two weeks ahead of schedule.

C. City of Springfield

Nathan Bottom stated that of the 225 roads in the annual overlay program 200 are completed, approximately 50 miles of overlays. Sidewalks are 50% completed. Concrete patching has started

as of last week. The Carpenter Street underpass groundbreaking will be August 21st at 9:30 A.M. at the Denmark Building. The Fayette Bridge has been awarded funds.

D. Sangamon County

No report was given.

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

Wes Clark gave a summary of IDOT construction projects: 1) Wabash Avenue from Koke Mill Road to Park Avenue is complete, 2) widening of Wabash Avenue from Koke Mill to Curran, working on retaining walls at the I-72 interchange, majority of the storm sewers are on hold pending utility relocations, 3) Dirksen Parkway project between Ridge and Clear Lake is on hold pending utility relocations, 4) I-55 Business north of Andrew Road, near Sherman, the surface is complete and currently waiting on guard rail and striping, 5) Interstate 72 project east of Springfield, the bridges are in Stage II, paving operations are currently under way, 6) Stevenson Drive at I-55 ramp extension will begin after Labor Day. Clark also noted there are 3 projects that are state funded: 1) micro silica bridge deck overlay project on Madison over Jefferson Street that will begin after IL State Fair, 2) patching project on Jefferson Street from Ninth Street to Lewis Street that will begin after IL State Fair, and 3) 5 bridge decks to patch on I-55 over the Sangamon River south bound only, over Sangamon Avenue and over the Illinois Central Railroad that will begin after Labor Day.

F. Village of Chatham

No report was given.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2014 Parking Survey Document

Linda Wheeland announced that the survey was complete and is available on the SSCRPC website.

B. Next Meeting Date – September 11th

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2014 at 12:00 PM.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Squires called to adjourn. Nathan Bottom made a motion to adjourn. Tom Gray seconded the motion. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 12:22 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Weiskopf
Recording Secretary