

**Minutes of Meeting
SATS POLICY COMMITTEE
January 16, 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 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 Tim Zahrn ** 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 (FHWA): Illinois Div. Office
<input type="checkbox"/>		Federal Transit Administration

Others

Mike Williamsen – Village of Chatham
Ed Dougherty – IDOT District 6 Community Liaison
Elliott McKinley – Springfield Park District
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 12:01 PM.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Squires asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the December 12th, 2013 SATS Policy Committee meeting. Norm Sims 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

There was no report.

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

Linda Wheeland introduced an amendment to the LRTP:

**RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF
AN AMENDMENT TO THE
SPRINGFIELD AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY
2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

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, April 11, 2013, May 9, 2013 and September 12, 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 construct an underpass on Carpenter Street between 9th Street and 11th Street, a project currently listed as a Planned Project in the SATS 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan; and

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

PROJECT MOVED FROM "PLANNED PROJECTS" TO "COMMITTED PROJECTS"					
65	Carpenter Street	Underpass between 9th Steet & 11th Street	Springfield	\$20,572,400	SW

Tim Zahrn made a motion to approve the LRTP Amendment. Sal Madonia seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

B. 2040 Update

Linda Wheeland announced, as part of the process of updating the LRTP every 5 years, invitations were sent out to potential members of the Community Advisory Committee and Citizens’ Advisory Committee per the Public Participation Plan component. Wheeland announced these committees will have their first meetings respectively on Wednesday, February 19 and Thursday, February 20.

V. FY 2014-2017 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

A. Amendment #6 (Carpenter Street Underpass)

Linda Wheeland introduced Amendment #6:

**RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF
THE SIXTH 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 17, 2013; and

WHEREAS, there has been a long-term local plan in place to consolidate rail traffic in Springfield on the 10th Street rail corridor; and

WHEREAS, the state project to provide high-speed passenger rail service between Chicago and St. Louis is under development and the 10th Street corridor in Springfield has been identified as the central link for this service, which will also carry freight traffic from the 3rd Street line; and

WHEREAS, the increased number of freight and passenger trains on the 10th Street corridor will present greater potential for car/train accidents and will impede roadway traffic flow; and

WHEREAS, to promote safety and to provide non-disrupted traffic flow through the City and particularly to the two hospitals and medical facilities located on Carpenter Street, an underpass is desired for Carpenter Street at the 10th Street rail crossing; and

WHEREAS, the City of Springfield has received a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant to construct this underpass; and

WHEREAS, the City of Springfield requests 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
A6 Carpenter Street Springfield Minor Arterial	Termini: 10th Street Rail Corridor	Construct underpass	TIGER	14,400,000
	Project#		ICC-GCPF	4,939,200
	TIP# 02-2014-09		Springfield	1,233,200
				\$20,572,400

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 #6. 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

Linda Wheeland announced the request for applications for microgrants was responded to by four communities within the SATS MPA. All the applications were viable, and thus, Jerome, Southern View, Grandview, and Sherman were awarded funding for the creation of pavement preservation plans.

B. Springfield Mass Transit District

Frank Squires announced the new buses which came in the most recent order (TIP # 06-2013-06) were introduced into revenue service, and work to replace the existing CNG fueling station (TIP # 06-2012-09) will be starting soon.

C. City of Springfield

Bill Logan announced several million more dollars will be available via TIGER VI grants in 2014 than in 2013, and Tim Zahn stated he believed the increase was from roughly \$550 million to \$600 million.

D. Sangamon County

No report was given.

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

Sal Madonia announced the public meeting for the MacArthur Feasibility Study will be taking place on January 29th at 5pm at South Side Christian Church. The portion of the MacArthur corridor comprising the study area runs from South Grand Avenue south to its intersection with Wabash Avenue and Stanford Avenue.

Norm Sims asked Madonia when work would begin on the reconstruction of the ramps on I-55 at Stevenson Drive (TIP # 04-2014-07), and whether or not any closures would take place as part of said work. Madonia stated he expected work to begin sometime in the spring, and that any closures would be minimal.

Tom Gray joined the meeting at this point.

F. Village of Chatham

No report was given.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Williamsen suggested regarding the TIGER VI grants that once the qualifications and criteria for being able to receive money from the pool are known, that said information should be distributed to all SATS members.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Next Meeting Date – Thursday, February 20, 2014 at 12:00 PM

Linda Wheeland reminded committee members the Policy Committee meeting in February would be taking place on the third instead of the second Thursday of that month, due to the originally scheduled date's proximity to the Washington's Birthday and Lincoln's Birthday holidays.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

The regular meeting was adjourned at 12:11 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Sheehan
Recording Secretary