

**Minutes of Meeting  
SATS POLICY COMMITTEE  
March 13, 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 Joe Schatteman

\*\* 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 Community Liaison  
 Elliot 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 February 20, 2013 SATS Policy Committee meeting. Brian McFadden made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Sal Madonia seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

**III. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

Linda Wheeland reported in follow-up from the presentation at February's Technical Committee meeting by Priscilla Tobias from the IDOT Bureau of Safety Engineering (BSE), that there was discussion as to whether or not it would be a good idea to form a countywide Traffic Safety Committee and complete the draft of the Sangamon County Strategic Highway Safety Plan per the recommendation of BSE. Wheeland explained that SATS planning funds can not be used for projects outside the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA).

Influenced by the methodology by which BSE appears to have used to create its own heat maps by emphasis area, Wheeland showed a heat map (Attachment #1) created by Brian Sheehan of all crashes between 2007 and 2011 in Sangamon County, which breaks down the data into 6 groups based on natural breaks, including a category representing zero crashes. A second map (Attachment #2), showing section squares of the county which on average saw 5 or fewer crashes from 2007 to 2011 (or one crash or less per year) was also created. Very few squares outside the MPA boundary showed an incidence of more than five crashes over that time period, with a very dense concentration in the urban core of the MPA, so the Technical Committee decided it would be best to address safety within the 2040 update of the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Members of the Policy Committee agreed.

Concerning the Project Prioritization Subcommittee Meeting that took place earlier that morning, Wheeland announced the committee began the process of updating applications for Surface Transportation-Urban (ST-U) funds. IDOT District 6 Bureau of Local Roads has suggested SATS select projects for ST-U funding estimated to

be available through 2017. A request for project applications will be sent out in the coming months.

Brian McFadden asked if there were any major changes made to the prioritization process. Mike Williamsen said there were no major changes. Wheeland added that any changes made to the process will be highlighted when the draft of the prioritization process is sent out to SATS members.

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

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

Linda Wheeland announced she sent the Four-Year progress report for the 2035 LRTP to all SATS members, as has been done every 6 months since the plan was completed. A summary of the progress report is as follows:

1. Of 37 total objectives, 16 are complete, 3 are ongoing, and 13 have seen work begin; only 5 have not yet started
2. Of 70 total road projects shown as committed, including amendments, 23 are completed; the remainder have seen at least some work begin on them
3. Of 10 bicycle projects committed to in the plan through 2015, 4 are complete

Wheeland announced additional details on the progress report can be found in the document posted on the SATS website.

##### **B. 2040 Update**

Linda Wheeland announced the Citizens Survey would be sent out within the next few days, and thanked SATS members and others who assisted by testing out the survey and by providing other feedback. Wheeland stated the survey would be available through the end of April. The results, once they are available, will then be submitted to SATS members.

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

There were no amendments or modifications.

#### **VI. PY 2015 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)**

Linda Wheeland stated a draft of this document, a listing of all the projects transportation planning staff will undertake in the 2015 Programming Year, and how they will be funded, has recently been sent to all SATS members. The Technical Committee recommended approval of this document.

Wheeland asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.

There being no questions, Brian McFadden motioned to approve the PY 2015 UPWP. Bill Logan seconded the motion. The vote to approve the PY 2015 UPWP was unanimous.

#### **VII. TECHNICAL ADVISOR UPDATES**

No reports were given.

#### **VIII. AGENCY UPDATES**

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

No report was given.

##### **B. Springfield Mass Transit District (SMTD)**

Frank Squires announced per recent purchases made by the SMTD, all active buses in the fleet are now compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

**C. City of Springfield**

Bill Logan announced that the Carpenter Street underpass project at 10<sup>th</sup> Street (TIP # 02-2014-09) is moving forward. The city is looking at having a June letting for the project, with work beginning sometime around late August/early September.

In addition, Logan announced the city would be working on 50 miles of its streets program, with additional work on sidewalks and sewers. Work on this will be started in the summer.

Brian McFadden asked if the Stanford Avenue extension project (TIP # 02-2010-09) was set for letting. Logan stated no date was yet set for this. He added there is still more work to do on the project, including property acquisition.

**D. Sangamon County**

No report was given.

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

Sal Madonia announced a public meeting for the South 6<sup>th</sup> Street corridor between Interstates 55/72 and Stanford Avenue is scheduled for the Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center on Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5-7pm for Phase I of that project.

In addition, the Wabash Avenue overlay between Koke Mill Road and Park Avenue (TIP # 04-2014-03) will begin shortly. Additionally, work on the Interstate 72 overlay and bridge rehabilitation (TIP # 04-2014-01) between Springfield and Riverton is also scheduled to begin shortly. Finally, the contract for work on Dirksen Parkway between Ridge and Clear Lake avenues (TIP # 04-2012-09) is about to be awarded; work will begin shortly after the awarding of the contract.

**F. Village of Chatham**

No report was given.

**IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments

**X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Next Meeting Date – Thursday, April 10, 2014 at 12:00 PM**

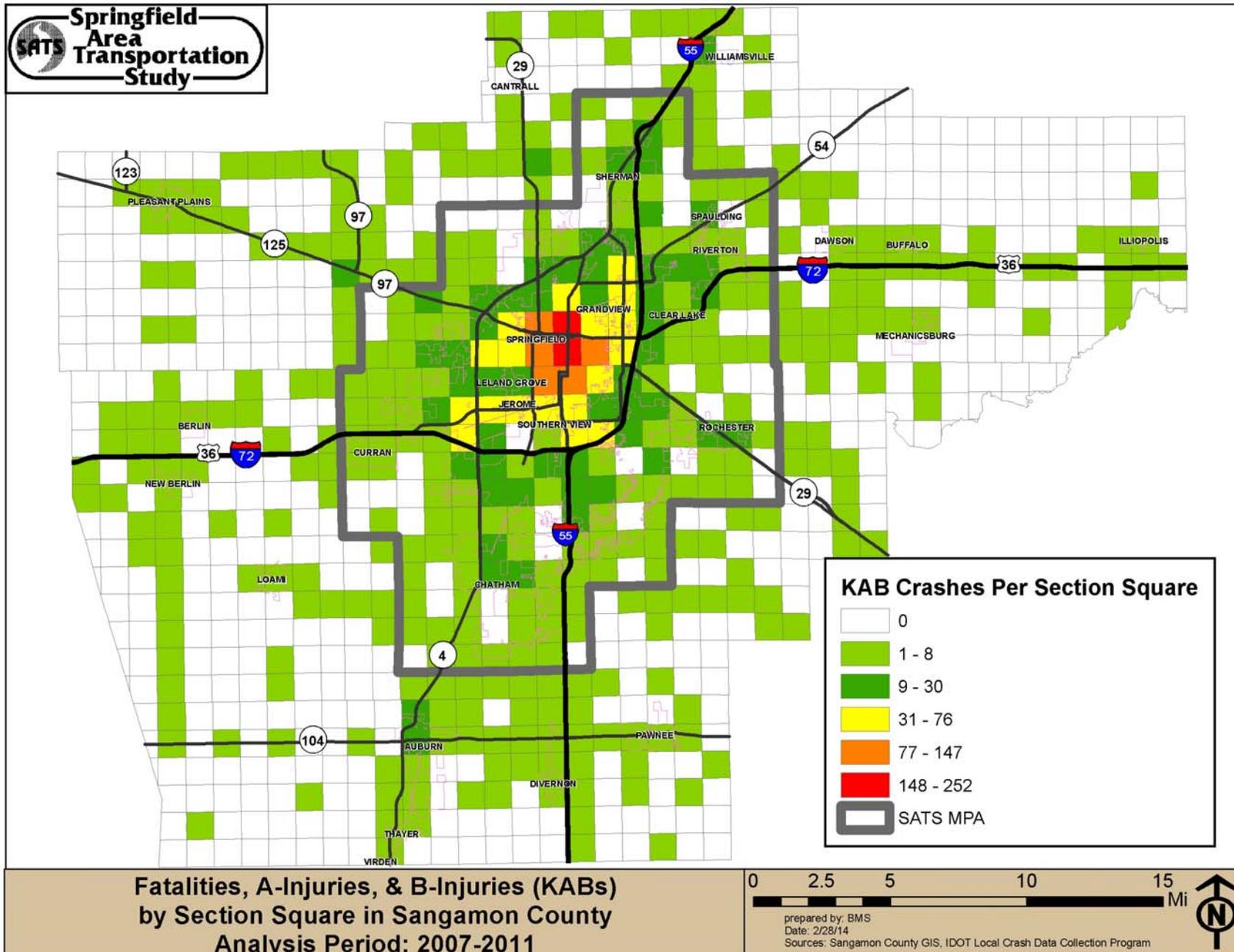
**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Squires called to adjourn. Brad Mills made a motion to adjourn. Joe Schatteman seconded the motion. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 12:12 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Sheehan  
Recording Secretary



Attachment #2

