

**Minutes of Meeting  
SATS POLICY COMMITTEE  
October 9, 2014**

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Frank Squires, Chair	Springfield Mass Transit District
<input 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"/>	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 Wes Clark

**Policy Committee Non-Voting Members**

<input 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**

Ed Dougherty – IDOT Community Liaison  
 Elliott McKinley – Springfield Park District  
 Norm Sims – Regional Planning Commission  
 Dale Schultz – Regional Planning Commission  
 Neha Soni – Regional Planning Commission  
 Gail Weiskopf – Regional Planning Commission

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Frank Squires called the meeting of the SATS Policy Committee to order at 12:00 PM.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Squires asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the September 11, 2014 SATS Policy Committee meeting. Tom Gray made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Ken Springs seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

**III. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

Dale Schultz explained that the Technical Committee decided after reviewing the 9 ST-U project applications that an additional meeting would be necessary to discuss the top 5 applications submitted. The meeting is being held with the intention of gathering together the 3 different jurisdictions that submitted the top 5 applications, representatives from the Illinois Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration in order to discuss the projects and possible funding options. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 22, 2014 at 8:00 A.M.

**IV. 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP)****A. 2040 Update**

Dale Schultz stated that the Technical Committee is continuing to work on the plan and a number of updates are expected at the November meeting.

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

A. **Modification 14 – I-72 West of Chatham Road**

Dale Schultz explained Modifications #14 and #15. The status for both of these projects has changed to “Advanced Construction”.

**Administrative Modification 14 to the  
FY 2014 – 2017 Transportation Improvement Program  
September 12, 2014**

**I-72 West of Chatham Road**

Status of this project has changed to “Advanced Construction” and the FY 2015 Annual Element of the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program has been modified to add AC to the federal funding sources as shown below.

Project/Jurisdiction/Class	Description	Action/Comments	Funding Source	Total Cost
A15 M14	<b>Termini:</b> 0.5 mile West of New Berlin Interchange to West of Old Chatham Road	Resurfacing, Miscellaneous Bridge Repairs		
	<b>Project#</b> 72B54		NHPP (State) (AC)	18,000,000
	<b>TIP#</b> 04-2015-01		State	2,000,000
State Interstate				<b>\$20,000,000</b>

B. **Modification 15 – I-55: North of Lake Springfield Bridge to Southwind Road**

**Administrative Modification 15 to the  
FY 2014 – 2017 Transportation Improvement Program  
September 19, 2014**

**I-55: North of Lake Springfield Bridge to Southwind Road**

Status of this project has changed to “Advanced Construction” and the FY 2015 Annual Element of the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program has been modified to add AC to the federal funding sources as shown below.

Project/Jurisdiction/Class	Description	Action/Comments	Funding Source	Total Cost
A16 AM 15	<b>Termini:</b> North of Lake Springfield Bridge to 0.3 Mile North of Southwind Road	Resurfacing, Bridge Repairs, Shoulder Repairs		
	<b>Project#</b> 72G47		NHPP (State)(AC)	4,141,000
	<b>TIP#</b> 04-2015-02		State	459,000
State Interstate				<b>\$4,600,000</b>

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**

Norm Sims stated that today is the first day of the IDOT Fall Planning Conference and that is why some of SATS members are absent. Sims also announced that October is National Community Planning Month and the Planning Commission will be holding an Open House on Thursday, October 23, 2014 from 4:30 PM until 5:45 PM in the Planning Commission office. Following the open house, Harriet Festing of the Center for Neighborhood Technology in Chicago will be speaking from 6:00PM until 7:00 pm about Urban Flooding. The presentation will be held in the County Board chambers.

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

Frank Squires stated that work on the new Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) station is ongoing and should be completed soon. He said if anyone would like to come by and see the state of the art station, they are welcome.

**C. City of Springfield**

No report was given.

**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) I-55/Stevenson Drive ramp extensions and rut repair will be completed soon, 2) Interstate 72 project east of Springfield, the bridges are completed and they are currently working on overhead medians, the completion goal is the first week of November, 3) widening of Wabash Avenue from Koke Mill to Curran, working on the I-72 bridge retaining walls, there are still some pending utility relocations, 4) Dirksen Parkway project between Ridge and Clear Lake, some storm sewers started on the east side between North Grand and Elm Street, but the remainder of the project is on hold pending utility relocations.

Clark also noted there are 3 current projects that are state only funded:

1) Project on Madison Street Bridge over Jefferson Street is in stage II and looking to completed by mid-November, 2) Patching project on Madison Street will begin October 20th and is expected to be completed within a week, and 3) Bridge deck patching on I-55 over the Sangamon River, work on the passing lane is complete and work on the driving lane has begun, the remainder of the work is expected to take approximately 3 or 4 weeks to complete.

**F. Village of Chatham**

No report was given.

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program**

Schultz stated that the Draft 2015-2018 TIP had been out for public review for the past month and a public information session was held at the last Technical Committee meeting. There were no comments received during that meeting, however, one written comment was submitted prior to the meeting. The response was developed based on the discussion of the Technical Committee and referencing projects included in planning documents. Schultz also noted a couple of changes that were made to the original draft: 1) two projects status changes to "Advanced Construction", 2) an additional \$73,546 added to the ST-U funds from a Chatham Road project from 1997. The Technical Committee voted to recommend approval of the 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program.

Tom Gray made a motion to approve the 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program. Ken Springs seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. ST-U Project Selection**

Schultz reiterated that a special meeting to discuss ST-U project selection will be held on Wednesday, October 22, 2014 at 8:00 A.M.

**B. FY 2014 Annual Listing of Federally Obligated Projects**

Schultz explained that each year the Planning Commission is required to prepare an annual listing of projects for which federal funds have been obligated in the Metropolitan Planning Area.

**C. Next Meeting Date**

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2014 at 12:00 PM.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Squires called to adjourn. Ken Springs made a motion to adjourn. Wes Clark seconded the motion. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 12:11 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Weiskopf  
Recording Secretary

## **ATTACHMENT**

Public Comments on  
2015 – 2018 Transportation Improvement Program  
(one comment was received)

**COMMENT:**

Thanks for taking suggestions for future transportation priorities for our Springfield community. My encouragements would be to include bike lanes/pedestrian paths that intersect and lead to the far western parks i.e. Rotary and Centennial. Old Jacksonville, Archer Elevator, Iles, Wabash, and Lenhart are all streets that are experiencing increased pedestrian and bicycle traffic thanks to the parks and bike trail. In order to ensure safety to get to these locations we need the additional lane on the above mentioned streets.

It would be so nice for Springfield to be known as a healthy community that provided safe opportunities for walking, running, and riding.

Thanks in advance for your interest.  
Diane Rutledge, Ph.D.  
Executive Director  
LUDA  
(*Large Unit District Association*)

**SATS RESPONSE:**

The Springfield Area Transportation Study members agree with the sentiment of the comment and are working toward improving bicycle and pedestrian access throughout the Metropolitan Planning Area. Regarding the specific projects mentioned:

Old Jacksonville Road – wide shoulders have been built on this roadway west of Bradfordton Road.

Archer Elevator Road – from Wabash Avenue to Greenbriar Drive is listed as an “Other Illustrative Project” in the FY 2015-2018 TIP and includes bike lanes. Bike lanes on the portion from Greenbriar Drive to Old Jacksonville Road are recommended in the SATS Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.

Iles Avenue – from Meadowbrook Road to Archer Elevator Road is listed as an “ST-U Prioritized Illustrative Project” in the FY 2015-2018 TIP and includes bike lanes. Bike lanes on the portion from Archer Elevator Road to Lenhart Road are recommended in the SATS Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.

Wabash Avenue – a road widening project from Koke Mill Road to Curran is underway and includes bike lanes and wide shoulders.

Lenhart Road – bike lanes from Bunker Hill Road to Old Jacksonville Road are recommended in the SATS Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.