

Minutes of Meeting
SATS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE – SPECIAL MEETING
August 20, 2014

ATTENDANCE

Technical Committee Voting Members

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nathan Bottom, Chair	City of Springfield
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tim Zahrn, Vice Chair	Sangamon County
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mike Williamsen	Village of Chatham
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Frank Squires	Springfield Mass Transit District
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Norm Sims	Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jeff Myers*	Illinois Dept. of Transportation (IDOT): Region 4, District 6

* Represented by Wes Clark

Technical Committee Advisors – Non-Voting Members

<input type="checkbox"/>	Thomas Caldwell	IDOT: Urban Program Planning
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	JD Stevenson	Federal Highway Administration: Illinois Division Office
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sue Graham	IDOT: District 6: Local Roads & Streets
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mike Stead	Illinois Commerce Commission
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mark Hanna*	Springfield Airport Authority
<input type="checkbox"/>	Francesco Bedini-Jacobini	IDOT: Division of Public & Intermodal Transportation

* Represented by Roger Blickensderfer

Others

Brian Davis – Sangamon County

Shoun Reese – Springfield Mass Transit District

Linda Wheeland – Regional Planning Commission

Dale Schultz – Regional Planning Commission

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Nathan Bottom called the meeting of the SATS Technical Committee to order at 8:02 AM.

II. 2040 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN**A. Goals Discussion**

Linda Wheeland indicated that the purpose for the special meeting was to finalize the draft mission statement and goals for the 2040 LRTP. Staff had previously sent out a document including the SATS Vision Statement, Draft SATS Mission Statement and Draft 2040 LRTP Goals. The SATS Policy Committee adopted the SATS Vision Statement as presented below at their August meeting.

SATS 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.

Norm Sims noted that staff had been asked to work to merge together the different items found in a 2040 LRTP Goals Development Resource matrix to create draft goals for the Technical Committee to consider at this meeting. The resource document includes goals from the SATS 2035 LRTP, National Planning Factors, MAP-21 Goal Areas/PEAs, INVEST Plan Criteria Goals and elements suggested by the Communities Advisory Committee. From this, staff created a Draft SATS Mission Statement and Draft 2040 LRTP Goals, both inclusive of seven points.

Tim Zahrn requested that the SATS Vision Statement be amended to include Sangamon County in the list of communities.

Linda Wheeland stated that with the adoption of the SATS Vision Statement that it seemed appropriate for SATS to also have a mission statement. Wheeland asked if there were any questions or comments in regards to the proposed mission statement as found below.

DRAFT SATS Mission Statement

The Mission of the Springfield Area Transportation Study is to have a transportation system that is planned so as to:

1. Give all travelers safe and effective access to all destinations in our communities.
2. Create opportunities for enhancing the common good, with nobody and no area left out.
3. Address the changing needs of our residents and businesses.
4. Be well thought out and cost effective.
5. Encourage economic growth without penalizing quality of life or the environment.
6. Support all modes of travel and transit of goods and services.
7. Provide multi-modal interconnectivity.

Tim Zahrn stated that the mission statement leads to the goals that were presented following that statement and found below. Mike Williamsen identified a couple of items where he felt the wording deserved further discussion. In the first point, "Give all travelers" was recommended to be changed to "Advance". Item seven was discussed, however, the Committee members felt by saying "Provide multi-modal interconnectivity" they were setting forth a goal to plan for rather than indicating that doing such was already in place or a given. Item seven was left as originally presented.

Tim Zahrn made a motion to recommend approval of the revised Draft SATS Mission Statement to the Policy Committee. Norm Sims seconded the motion. The vote to recommend approval was unanimous.

Linda Wheeland reiterated that staff had been asked to work to merge together the different items found in the 2040 LRTP Goals Development Resource matrix to create draft goals for the Technical Committee to consider at this meeting. Those draft goals were previously sent out to Committee members and can be found below.

DRAFT 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan Goals

1. To support economic opportunities for our residents and secure the overall economic vitality of the MPA by providing for the travel needs of workers to jobs, customers to goods & services, and visitors to tourist destinations, as well as the transport of freight within, through, and to destinations beyond the area.
2. To ensure that all travelers in the MPA are safe and secure.

3. To offer efficient, effective, and accessible travel through intra-modal and inter-modal connectivity.
4. To sustain the quality of life for all residents through preservation of the natural and cultural environments when developing and updating the transportation system.
5. To facilitate wise investment in transportation projects by integrating SATS planning activities with other planning efforts within the MPA.
6. To utilize transportation projects as catalysts for improving neighborhoods and communities.
7. To create the transportation system envisioned by citizens and leaders in the MPA.

Committee members felt that the word “advance” was more appropriate than “secure” in the first goal.

It was suggested that the second goal be reworded to read “To provide a safe and secure transportation system for all travelers in the MPA.”

JD Stevenson, speaking in regards to the third goal, asked about how the terms efficient, effective and accessible would be defined for this plan. Norm Sims suggested that these items would later be addressed as objectives in the plan. Sims indicated that these goals are items to strive for. A number of different language changes were suggested, but ultimately the members felt that the goal is reflective of the vision statement as written.

No issues with the fourth goal were brought up.

It was suggested that “transportation projects” be changed to “the transportation system” in the fifth goal statement.

Mike Williamsen asked how the sixth goal would be accomplished. Linda Wheeland noted that the thought behind this goal was to look beyond specific projects and analyze how projects and changes to the transportation system can affect their surroundings and the community as a whole. JD Stevenson pointed to the Ladders of Opportunity program and looking more closely at how transportation projects tie in with other projects or community initiatives. Norm Sims added that there is a sustainability component to this goal also. Nate Bottom suggested that “transportation projects” be changed to “the transportation system”. The other Committee Members were in agreement with that change.

No issues with the seventh goal were brought up.

Norm Sims asked if there were any issues that were left out of the goals as presented and revised above. Committee members determined that there were no further changes necessary.

Tim Zahrn made a motion to recommend approval of the revised Draft 2040 LRTP Goals to the Policy Committee. Mike Williamsen seconded the motion. The vote to recommend approval was unanimous.

Linda Wheeland asked the Committee if they would like to schedule another special meeting to discuss developing strategies to address these goals in regards to the road and rail networks. After some discussion, Tim Zahrn requested that staff put together some draft strategies and send them out to the Committee for discussion. Committee members were directed to submit any of their own ideas that they wish to have included prior to the September SATS Technical Committee meeting.

Shoun Reese asked if the SMTD should now be using these goals for their own internal strategic planning. It was recommended that all parties involved in transportation planning in the MPA take guidance from these goals.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Linda Wheeland reminded Committee members that questions regarding ST-U funding applications are due to staff today. Wheeland also asked how the Committee members would like possible ST-U projects to be listed in the 2015-2018 TIP given that the ranking of the new applications will not be completed prior to the adoption of the new TIP. Committee members recommended that the previously ranked list of ST-U projects as it appears in the current TIP be included in the illustrative projects list again. The listing can then be updated in the 2016-2019 TIP with the new rankings.

There being no further business, Chairman Bottom called for adjournment. Frank Squires made a motion to adjourn. Mike Williamsen seconded the motion. The vote to adjourn was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dale Schultz
Recording Secretary