

Minutes of Meeting
SATS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
May 5, 2016

ATTENDANCE

Technical Committee Voting Members

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tim Zahrn, Chair	Sangamon County
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Patrick McCarthy, Vice Chair*	Village of Chatham
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nathan Bottom	City of Springfield
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Shoun Reese**	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 Jim Michael

** Represented by Erin Appenzeller

*** Represented by Wes Clark

Technical Committee Advisors – Non-Voting Members

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tom Kelso	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mike Stead	Illinois Commerce Commission
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mark Hanna	Springfield Airport Authority
<input type="checkbox"/>	Francesco Bedini-Jacobini	IDOT: Office of Intermodal Project Implementation

* Represented by Chris Isbell

Others

Jim Moll – Hanson Engineers

Bill Davison – Knight Engineering

Dale Lael – Village of Jerome

Elliott McKinley – Springfield Park District

Bill Donels – Springfield Bicycle Advisory Council

Holly Ostdick – IDOT: Bureau of Planning

Chris Schmidt – IDOT: Bureau of Planning

Brian Davis – Sangamon County Highway Dept.

Brian Wright – Sangamon County Highway Dept.

Joe Zeibert – Regional Planning Commission

Linda Wheeland – Regional Planning Commission

Neha Soni – Regional Planning Commission

Brian Sheehan – Regional Planning Commission

Jason Sass – Regional Planning Commission

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tim Zahrn called the meeting of the SATS Technical Committee to order at 8:30 AM.

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: April 7, 2016

Chairman Zahrn asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the April 7, 2016 Technical Committee meeting.

Norm Sims made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Nathan Bottom seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

III. 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

A. Amendment 4 – IDOT- Flashing Beacons/Signing

Wes Clark introduced Amendment #4:

**RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF
AMENDMENT FOUR TO THE
2040 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 this vision a reality; and

WHEREAS, the Long Range Transportation Plan is updated every five years and was most recently updated on March 12, 2015 as the SATS 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Transportation, Region 4 District 6 is undertaking a district-wide safety project to improve the visibility of State route and county highway minor leg stop control intersections at various locations; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Transportation, Region 4 District 6 requests that the following project be added to the “Committed Projects” list in the SATS 2040 LRTP; and

MAP #	PROJECT DESCRIPTION <i>(listed alphabetically)</i>	TYPE OF IMPROVEMENT	JURISDICTION	COST
42	IL 124 @ IL 124/Andrew Rd., Old US 36 & CH 15 (Farmingdale Rd.), & Recreation Drive just West of MacArthur Blvd	Installation of flashing beacons and signage	IDOT - District 6	25,000

Wes Clark also noted the District was requesting that this project also be added to the TIP through Amendment #12.

Norm Sims made a motion to consolidate the vote on Amendment #4 of the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan with Amendment #12 to the 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program. Nathan Bottom seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Norm Sims made a motion to recommend approval of Amendment #4 to the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan and Amendment #12 to the 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program to the SATS Policy Committee. Nathan Bottom seconded the motion. The vote to recommend approval was unanimous.

B. Overpasses and Underpasses on Bike & Ped Routes

Ms. Wheeland told the Committee that SSCRPC is waiting for data from the State of Illinois and the Village of Chatham before the inventory of overpasses and underpasses on bike and pedestrian routes could be completed. It will be presented to the Technical Committee when it is finished.

IV. 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program

A. ST-U Projects Update

I. Stanford Avenue (TIP # 02-2010-09)

i. 11th to Fox Bridge

Nathan Bottom told the Committee the City is moving forward with the project's design and has begun land acquisition offers.

ii. Fox Bridge to Taylor

Bottom told the Committee that the project was on the April, 2016 letting and the recommendation to award a contract will go forward after IDOT review.

II. Archer Elevator Road/Iles Avenue (TIP # 02-2013-03)

Bottom announced that the City of Springfield received land acquisition certification the week of April 24 and looked toward a June, 2016 letting.

III. Bradfordton Road (TIP # 03-2009-01)

Tim Zahn reported that the Project Development Report (PDR) had been approved by IDOT and all issues have been resolved. The County looked to move into the land acquisition phase.

IV. Woodside Road (TIP # 03-2009-05)

Mr. Zahn told the Committee that the County began right-of-way acquisition and looked toward a July, 2016 letting for the project.

B. Amendment 12 – IDOT- Flashing Beacons/Signing

Amendment #12 is addressed under IIIA.

C. Modification 8 – Eight Street Beautification Project

Neha Soni introduced Modification #8:

**Administrative Modification 8 to the
FY 2016 – 2019 Transportation Improvement Program
April 11, 2016**

Eighth Street Beautification Project

This project is moved from the FY 2017 Annual Element of the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program to the FY 2016 Annual Element of the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program due to programming consideration.

12	Eighth Street Beautification	Termini:	8th St. from Edwards to Cook & Edwards from 7th to 9th	Perform beautification enhancements including Sidewalk, curb ramp, curb and gutter removal and replacement, planting trees, benches & streetscaping	40	ITEP	395,230	
	City of Springfield	Contract#				Springfield	98,808	
	Minor Arterial	TIP#	02-2011-09					\$494,038

D. Modification 9 – SMTD Illustrative Projects

Neha Soni introduced Modification #9:

**Administrative Modification 9 to the
FY 2016 – 2019 Transportation Improvement Program
April 14, 2016**

SMTD Illustrative Projects

The following projects are added to the Other Illustrative Projects List in the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program as requested by Springfield Mass Transit District.

Project Jurisdiction/ Class	Description	Action/Comments	Total Cost		Anticipated Year
35 35-ft Alternative Fueled Transit Buses SMTD Urban Transit	Descrip. Purchase 20 Alternately Fueled replacement buses	20 buses have surpassed their useful life	IDOT TDC		\$10,100,000
			FTA 5307, 5339	10,100,000	
36 Bus Simulators SMTD Urban Transit	Descrip. Purchase two (2) Bus Driver Training Simulators	The Bus Driver Training Simulators will be used to enhance the training of drivers and will allow for training to occur in a safe environment.	IDOT TDC		\$550,000
			FTA 5307, 5339	550,000	
37 Canopy and Maintenance work station SMTD Urban Transit	Descrip. Purchase Canopy and work station for the CNG station	CNG station is an open air fueling station and installation of the canopy and work station will provide for greater protection for equipment and staff.	IDOT TDC		\$2,000,000
			FTA 5307, 5339	2,000,000	
	TIP#				
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E. **Modification 10 – I-72 West to I-55 to AC**
 Neha Soni introduced Modification #10:

**Administrative Modification 10 to the
 FY 2016 – 2019 Transportation Improvement Program
April 15, 2016**

I-72 West to I-55 to AC

Status of this project has changed to “Advance Construction” because the Illinois Department of Transportation considers specific apportionment or state contract ceiling insufficient to meet project specifications; and the FY 2016 Annual Element of the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program has been modified to add AC to the federal funding source as shown below.

Project/Jurisdiction/Class		Location		Action/Comments	Map #	Funding Source		Total Cost
3	I-72	Termini:	I-72 (WB) to I-55 BUS (NB) Ramp in the NE Quadrant of the Sixth Street Interchange	Resurfacing, Patching, High Friction Surface Treatment, Radar Speed Sign, Signing, Striping	41	HSIP (AC)	270,000	
						NHPP (AC)	90,000	
	State	Contract#: 72J03	State			40,000		
	Interstate	TIP#: 04-2016-03	\$400,000					

And the Advance Construction Projects table in the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program has been modified to indicate the change to this project as shown below.

AD MOD #	TIP Year	Project/Jurisdiction/Class	Location	Action/Comments	Map #	Funding Source		Total Cost	Date On AC List	Date Off AC List
AM 10 (FY 2016-2019 TIP)	2016	I-72	Termini:	I-72 (WB) to I-55 BUS (NB) Ramp in the NE Quadrant of the Sixth Street Interchange	15	HSIP (AC)	270,000		4/15/2016	
							NHPP (AC)			
		State	Contract#: 72J03			State	40,000			
		Interstate	TIP#: 04-2016-03			\$400,000				

V. TECHNICAL ADVISOR UPDATES

A. Illinois Dept. of Transportation (IDOT): Central Bureau of Urban Program Planning

Tom Kelso reported that the ITEP application process is open and applications were being accepted until June 17, 2016. Mr. Kelso introduced Holly Ostdick as the new IDOT Metropolitan Planning Section Chief. Holly came to IDOT from CMAP, and she looked forward to working with SATS in the future.

1. State Long Range Plan Presentation

Chris Schmidt, IDOT Bureau of Planning, gave a short presentation that outlined the State of Illinois’ Long Range Transportation Plan. He anticipated that the plan would be adopted in late 2017.

Mr. Sims thanked Mr. Schmidt for coming to the meeting and giving the presentation. He told Mr. Schmidt that any information IDOT needed from SATS should be relayed as soon as possible. He also suggested that the Long Range Transportation Plan include context related to the relationship between State agencies, such as IDOT and local Metropolitan Planning Organizations, such as SATS. Mr. Schmidt acknowledged this and said that he wanted to improve planning relationships between the State and local organizations as part of the long-range planning process.

B. Federal Highway Administration: IL Division Office

No report was given.

C. IDOT District 6: Local Roads and Streets (LRS)

Mr. Chris Isbell reminded the Committee that HSIP applications were due June 15, 2016. He also noted that FHWA deadlines for right-of-way were becoming more stringent and that SATS constituents should be getting their ROWs certified as soon as possible, as there isn't a grace period.

Mr. Sims expressed his wish to set up a meeting with IDOT District 6 regarding problems and inconsistencies related to the permitting required for access to State highways. There have been numerous developer complaints regarding this issue. He expressed frustration when projects that came through local planning committees are treated differently by IDOT. It gives the impression of inconsistent treatment to developers. He wanted to meet with IDOT to work out a more consistent permitting process.

D. Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC)

No report was given.

E. Springfield Airport Authority

Mr. Hannah told the Committee that the Airport Authority was having problems getting designed projects to completion due to funding difficulties. He was afraid that funding delays would mean that the upcoming construction season would be lost. He told the Committee that the Airport Authority was closest to completion on an airport perimeter road that would be a safety project expected to cost between \$3 and \$4 Million dollars.

F. IDOT: Division of Intermodal Project Implementation

No report was given.

VI. AGENCY UPDATES

A. **Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission (SSCRPC)**

Mr. Sims said that SSCRPC staff was pleased to hear that an agreement had been reached and agreed upon by the City of Springfield and IDOT regarding the Third Street rail improvements and Tenth Street rail consolidation. He said that it was an important project to move forward, and that it was a large part of the City of Springfield's Comprehensive Plan, which was starting development. He also told the Committee that the Commission was finishing the Comprehensive Plan for the Village of Dawson. He said that while Dawson was outside the Metropolitan Planning Area, one of the major goals of the plan was to connect Dawson to the larger MPA through the bicycle and pedestrian networks. The plan was to go before the Village Board shortly.

Mr. Joe Zeibert showed the Committee a new mapping application available in the SSCRPC eMaps room. It was a mapping application to show parking locations at the Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport. Mr. Hannah added that the Airport Authority was in the process of redesigning the parking lots to improve traffic flow around the terminal and provide more parking spaces to airport customers. The Authority was planning to go through the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) application process to procure funding for the project.

B. **Springfield Mass Transit District**

No report was given.

C. **City of Springfield**

Nathan Bottom announced updates to the following projects:

Carpenter Street Underpass (TIP # 02-2014-09):

The project continued as the road base was installed and sidewalks and pavement were laid by the pump station. He anticipated that the project would be finished by late summer, 2016.

8th Street Beautification (TIP # 02-2011-09):

The project is anticipated for a June, 2016 letting.

Downtown Streetscape (TIP # 02-2013-09):

Work had begun to replace sidewalks on Fourth Street between Capitol and Adams.

Road and Street Maintenance Program (TIP # 02-2016-02):

Concrete work for overlays began for projects at Oak Ridge Cemetery, Lake Pointe subdivision, and Chatham Road between Westchester and Wabash Avenue. Preparation had begun for concrete overlay at West Koke Mill subdivision, Lincolnshire subdivision, and Oak Park subdivision.

Brick Street Road Repairs:

Brick road repair had begun on State Street between Monroe and Jefferson.

D. Sangamon County

Tim Zahrn updated the following projects:

East Lake Shore Drive:

The project to reconstruct the section of road between the Henson Robinson Zoo and Old Route 66 had begun.

Woodside Road/Iron Bridge Road Underpass/Overpass (TIP # 03-2009-05):

The County submitted a TIGER grant application and a FASTLane grant application to obtain funding for the project. The grant requests totaled approximately \$13.8 million dollars. The entire project is expected to cost \$36.5 million.

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

Wes Clark announced updates to the following projects:

IL-97 – East of IL-125 to East of Koke Mill Road (TIP # 04-2016-02):

The project was on the April, 2016 letting and was currently under post-letting review. An award had been recommended and was awaiting approval.

Flashing Beacons and Signage:

The project was added to the TIP as Amendment #12 and was planned for the July 29, 2016 letting.

Dirksen: Clear Lake Avenue to Ridge (TIP # 04-2012-09):

The project was continuing, with curb and gutters being completed on the East side of the road. Work had begun on the West side of the road.

Wabash: Koke Mill to Curran (TIP # 04-2011-07):

Widening continued in both directions for the project. Storm sewers were being installed on Hollis and Cockrell Lane. There were still delays installing utilities.

Wabash Ave at Robbins Rd and Wabash Ave at West White Oaks Dr. (TIP #04-2015-06):

Underground work was complete and work had begun on installing islands.

Interstate 55 over IL-29 (TIP # 04-2016-01):

Stage I work had begun for this project. Work had begun on the road decks and speed reduction signs were installed.

F. Village of Chatham

Mr. Michael told the Committee that public notice had been issued for the Walnut St. railroad crossing project. The contractor would begin with minor work. Pre-grading activities began on the Goldenrod St. crossing project. The Village received some maintenance agreements from IDOT and the railroads. The Village also began its maintenance program, which entailed overlays and crack sealing on selected streets.

VII. Committee Updates

A. Communities Committee

Ms. Wheeland told the Committee that the Communities Committee had met on April 27, 2016. Members of the Communities Committee submitted projects that could be included as illustrative projects on the 2017-2020 TIP. A copy of the project list was given to the Technical Committee members and is included in the meeting minutes.

B. Multi-Use Trails Jurisdictions Committee

Mr. Elliott McKinley told the Committee that the Multi-Use Trails Jurisdictions Committee (MUTJC) adopted a trail sponsorship policy and has passed it to the constituent boards and commissions for adoption. The policy outlines sponsorship signage that it was hoped would generate revenue for trail maintenance. He told the committee that the MUTJC was creating mock signage for mileage markers and emergency service. The MUTJC was creating maps and brochures for the various sponsorship programs for the trail system.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Public Comments

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program

Ms. Soni told the Committee that SSCRPC received projects lists from the County for the 2017-2020 TIP. SSCRPC was still waiting for lists from some jurisdictions.

B. Curb Your Car Commute Challenge

Mr. Jason Sass, SSCRPC, told the Committee that The Curb Your Car Commute Challenge will be held May 14-21. He encouraged all constituent members of the Committee to register a team for the challenge. Erin Appenzeller added that SMTD was offering free bus rides to all passengers on May 17, 2016 as well as free bus fare for passengers with bicycles throughout the Curb Your Car Week. Ms. Wheeland noted that Mr. Bill Donels from the Springfield Bicycle Advisory Council was once again leading a group bicycle commute from Washington Park to Downtown Springfield on May 18, 2016 and thanked him for having done this each year.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. FHWA Planning Review Progress Report

Ms. Wheeland told the Committee that early in 2015 FHWA conducted a planning review of SATS. The result of the review gave twelve recommendations for SATS to improve. The progress report showed progress SATS has made in addressing those concerns. All concerns had been addressed, whether completely or as part of an ongoing initiative. Mr. Sims noted that one recommendation was pending, regarding SATS and IDOT finding efficient ways to coordinate the TIP cycle with IDOT's annual Multi-Year Plan (MYP). Mr. Kelso said that his department had discussed the issue at its office. He asked to meet with Mr. Sims and Ms. Wheeland regarding this issue.

B. Next Meeting Date – Thursday, June 2nd, 2016 at 8:30 AM

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Zahrn asked for a motion to adjourn. Norm Sims made a motion to adjourn. Nathan Bottom seconded the motion. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Sass
Recording Secretary