

**Minutes of Meeting
SATS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
September 1, 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 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"/>	Chris Isbell	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 Betsy Tracy

** Represented by Roger Blickensderfer

Others

Stan Hansen – Crawford, Murphy, & Tilly

Bill Davison – Knight Engineering

Brian Davis – Sangamon County Highway Dept.

Brian Wright – Sangamon County Highway Dept.

Tyler Orton - SMTD

Tom Winkelman - IDOT

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 8:32 AM.

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: Aug 4, 2016

Chairman Zahrn asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the August 4, 2016 Technical Committee meeting.

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

III. 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

A. **Overpasses and Underpasses**

Linda Wheeland told the Committee that SSCRPC completed a project to address a strategy in the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan to identify existing underpasses and overpasses along the Priority Pedestrian Network and Envisioned Bicycle Network that did not possess accommodations for pedestrian and/or bicycle traffic. The purpose of the strategy was to identify and eventually correct the gaps in the transportation networks. She showed the maps, which showed underpasses and overpasses that created these gaps where projects were either underway, planned, under consideration, or not under consideration. She said that a written plan to address pedestrian and bicycle accommodations on underpasses and overpasses could be produced if the Committee chose so. It was the consensus of the members that the maps would serve as the plan and no narrative was required.

Mr. Sims mentioned that the maps and plan should be used for future project prioritization and review. Mr. Zahrn agreed.

Ms. Wheeland told the Committee that the 1.5-Year LRTP Progress Report would be linked to the Policy Committee Agenda for the meeting scheduled September 8, 2016.

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 acquired approximately 75% of the property necessary for the project.

ii. **Fox Bridge to Taylor**

Construction has begun on the project, including excavation, grading, and storm sewer installation.

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

Mr. Bottom said that the bids for the intersection improvement were higher than anticipated and that the City of Springfield was adjusting the project plans and re-opening bidding by planning a January, 2017 letting.

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

Tim Zahrn reported that Sangamon County was moving forward with land acquisition for the project and was finishing the Phase I report.

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

Mr. Zahrn told the Committee that land acquisition was progressing with the final parcels in the process closing. He anticipated a November, 2016 or January, 2017 letting.

B. Amendment 13 – Union Pacific HSR

Neha Soni introduced Amendment 13:

**RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF
THE THIRTEENTH AMENDMENT TO THE
FY/2016-2019 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/2016-2019 on September 10, 2015; and

WHEREAS, an essential element of the high speed rail project between Chicago and St. Louis is improved safety at rail crossings; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that for safety concerns the 3rd Street / current Union Pacific Rail line crossings at various locations should include Pedestrian Gates and Sidewalk Improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Union Pacific requests that the following project be added to the FY 2017 Annual Element of the FY 2016-2019 TIP as shown below; and

Project Description and Funding:

Project/Jurisdiction/Class	Location	Action/Comments	Map #	Funding Source	Total Cost
1	3rd Street Rail Corridor	Termini: 8th Street to Ash			
		Pedestrian Gates and Sidewalk Improvements at the following crossings: 8th St., Converse Ave., North Grand Ave., 6th St., 5th St., 4th St., Carpenter St., Madison St., Jefferson St., Washington St., Adams St., Monroe St., Cook St., Lawrence St., Scarritt St., South Grand St., Laurel St., Ash St.	N/A		
	Union Pacific	Contract#		FHWA HSR	1,127,638
				STP - URB	585,890
	Various	TIP# 22-2017-01		State	146,472
					\$1,860,000

Mr. Stead noted that there would be fences added to the Third Street corridor as part of the project. Ms. Wheeland said that the additional fencing would be paid by Federal Railroad Administration funds. Mr. Sims confirmed that the fencing would be part of the project, but separate from the LRTP amendment. Ms. Wheeland asked Mr. Stead who would carry out the fencing project. Mr. Stead said that prior projects that were similar were done by the railroads on railroad property. Because the funding for the crossing improvements was coming from FHWA to IDOT, the crossing improvements were required to be added to the TIP. Mr. Clark asked if the two projects would be done under the same contract. Mr. Stead said that they would not. Mr. Sims noted that the source of funding for both projects were the Federal Government passed through IDOT and that the amendments to the TIP were necessary. Mr. Stead suggested that IDOT and the railroads submit a separate amendment for the fencing project. The Committee agreed. Mr. Isbell said that the project was put together at the last minute. It was suggested that an

amendment be prepared for the October, 2016 meeting. Mr. Sims said that it was SATS' position that all projects in the planning area involving Federal funds should be included in the TIP document so that there would be public review of federally funded projects. He said that it would not be prudent policy to exclude a project due to its location on private property.

Mr. Zahrn said the Committee would take action on the amendment as it was written and that another amendment should be submitted for the fencing at the next meeting.

Norm Sims made a motion to recommend approval of Amendment 13 to the Policy Committee. Wes Clark seconded the motion. The vote to recommend approval was unanimous.

I. TECHNICAL ADVISOR UPDATES

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

Tom Kelso told the Committee that the Fall Planning Conference was in October, 2016 and that he brought information if any SATS members were interested in attending.

Mr. Kelso introduced Tom Winkelman, who spoke to the Committee about the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) and its impacts on local projects and lettings in the future. He outlined the purpose of GATA and which agencies and organizations were affected by the new rules.

GATA was passed by the Illinois General Assembly, and implementation began with the July 1, 2016 fiscal year. As of the time of the meeting, all local funding that comes through IDOT would be subject to GATA requirements. Funds include Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) and Federal Funds. IDOT was advocating for exceptions to the requirements, specifically Motor Fuel Tax funds. IDOT was waiting for a decision from GAT-U(nit), but Mr. Winkelman was unsure whether the exception would be granted. He told the Committee that IDOT would work to lessen regulatory burdens on local governments for MFT funding by filing Notice of Fund Availability (NoFA), Notice of Fund Opportunity (NoFO), and Notice of State Award (NoSA), as well as any special circumstances the local governments need.

To receive other funding sources, such as Federal funding, local governments would be required to file their own NoFA, NoFO, and NoSA paperwork, per GATA requirements. After local governments receive funding, they would be subject to performance measures and monitoring, per GATA requirements. Mr. Winkelman said that it was the State's goal to create a clearinghouse where local governments could get guidance and materials necessary to fulfill GATA requirements for all grants, in one location. Local governments could use a standardized form to apply for grants and go through the funding process.

Mr. Winkelman noted that local governments (from which they get the most funding) would have a cognizant state agency that would monitor GATA and grant accountability. The cognizant agency would be responsible for rectifying non-compliant behaviors by local governments.

Mr. Winkelman said that SATS constituent members would not be allowed to conduct their own compliance, but would have to utilize the members' agency treasurer/financial officer to both receive funding and comply with GATA requirements. Mr. Sims confirmed this, stating it was state law. Departments within a larger organization are not allowed to organize as individual entities under GATA.

Mr. Winkelman directed the Committee's attention to a recently released circular regarding direct/indirect cost rates and GATA compliance. It was announced by GAT-U that entities must indicate whether or not they are using an indirect cost rate. Indirect costs must be reported and negotiated by each grantee through their cognizant agency.

Mr. Sims told the Committee that the implementation of GATA was still in progress and policies were constantly changing. If any members had questions regarding GATA, SSCRPC would work with IDOT to get those questions answered.

B. Federal Highway Administration: IL Division Office

Ms. Tracy told the Committee that Federal safety performance measures associated with MAP-21 had been finalized. Subsequently, IDOT would need to establish safety performance measures, as would individual MPOs. Mr. Sims noted that the SATS MPO had already adopted safety performance measures, ahead of the Federal Government.

Ms. Tracy said that when safety performance measures were finalized, FHWA would meet with individual MPOs to analyze current measures as well as implementation and modification of new performance measures.

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

No report was given.

D. Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC)

No report was given.

E. Springfield Airport Authority

Mr. Blickensderfer told the Committee that the ADA project to install an elevator in the terminal was completed. He also said that the new jet bridge was close to being completed and that it would be activated the week of September 12, 2016.

F. IDOT: Office of Intermodal Project Implementation

No report was given.

II. AGENCY UPDATES

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

Mr. Sims congratulated all the parties who were responsible for the design and construction of the Carpenter Street underpass. He said it was a significant milestone in the Springfield Railroad Consolidation project. He said that the aesthetic design of the underpass and future construction was being discussed by the Springfield Comprehensive Plan steering committee.

Mr. Sims noted that Linda Wheeland was facilitating the last Technical Committee meeting before her impending retirement. Mr. Zahrn thanked Ms. Wheeland for her work with the committee.

B. Springfield Mass Transit District

Mr. Tyler Orton, SMTD, demonstrated SMTD's new trip planning services via Google Maps. He showed the Committee how to use SMTD's website, www.smtd.org to plan trips and find information to make using mass transit easier. He said that the data SMTD and SSCRPC gathered in the project would facilitate better service as technology and equipment progress in the future.

C. City of Springfield

Nathan Bottom announced updates to the following projects:

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

The underpass was open to traffic at the August 29, 2016 ribbon cutting.

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

There was a preconstruction meeting scheduled for mid-September, 2016.

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

Work was underway at 8th and Monroe. Work was finishing on 4th Street between Monroe and Madison.

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

MacArthur Blvd (S. Grand to Jefferson) was mostly done, with side street work underway. Patching had begun on Iles Ave between W. White Oaks and Veterans Parkway. Work also began on W. White Oaks between Robbins Rd and Iles Ave. The city began improvements to increase the turn radius at W. White Oaks and Iles.

Brick Street Road Repairs:

Brick road repair on 4th Street near Broad Place was finishing and work for Williams Blvd and Chenery St. between Walnut and Henrietta was beginning.

Mr. Sims asked if there were any plans for a Clear Lake Ave. beautification project. He said that a group from Decatur, IL wanted to work with Sustainable Springfield to assist property owners along Clear Lake with planting trees along the Avenue. Mr. Bottom said that there was a pending meeting to discuss tree planting efforts throughout the City.

D. Sangamon County

Tim Zahrn updated the following projects:

Mansion Road (TIP # 03-2016-03):

The County was finishing up right of way acquisition for a November, 2016 letting.

Old Salem Lane Bridge (TIP # 03-2010-02):

The project was progressing with crews driving piling.

Sangamon Valley Trail (TIP # 03-2012-13):

Sangamon County released information to media to announce the beginning of construction for the SVT between Stuart Park and Irwin Bridge Rd. Construction was set to start September 6, 2016 with bridge work being done throughout the Fall season.

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

Wes Clark announced updates to the following projects:

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

Work was completed in August, 2016.

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

All lanes had been returned to their original alignment. The project was anticipated to be complete in September, 2016.

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

Paving had been completed and drainage projects were underway.

I-72 Westbound – Business Loop 55 Northbound Ramp (TIP # 04-2016-03)

The ramp was patched, milled, and paved. Crews were waiting until the surface was cured before applying high-friction surface treatment.

Flashing Beacons and Signage:

The project was awarded and construction was anticipated to begin late summer/early fall 2016.

F. Village of Chatham

The Village opened up MFT project bids on August 31 and had begun patching projects. The intersection of IL Route 4 and Polecat Creek Road was partially opened to facilitate traffic to the elementary school.

III. Committee Updates

A. Communities Committee

No report was given.

B. Multi-Use Trails Jurisdictions Committee

Ms. Wheeland told the Committee that the Multi-Use Trails Committee was working on a joint sign project and the Springfield Park District was leading the effort. An intergovernmental agreement was in the process of being drafted to facilitate the project.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program

i. Public Informational Meeting

Ms. Soni told the Committee that the comment period for the FY 2017-2020 TIP was still open, but SSCRPC had not received any comment as of the meeting time. The comment period was open through September 15, 2016.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Next Meeting Date – Thursday, October 6th, 2016 at 8:30 AM

Mr. Sims told the Committee that the Springfield Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee had randomly sent surveys to Springfield residents and that surveys were available to any interested party via the City of Springfield website.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Zahrn asked for a motion to adjourn. Patrick McCarthy made a motion to adjourn. Shoun Reese seconded the motion. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Sass
Recording Secretary