

Minutes of Meeting
SATS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
May 7, 2015

ATTENDANCE

Technical Committee Voting Members

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Nathan Bottom, Chair | City of Springfield |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Tim Zahn, 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

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

Others

Bill Davison – Knight E/A
Dale Lael – Village of Jerome
Kristin Timmons – Crawford, Murphy and Tilly
Bill Donels – Springfield Bicycle Advisory Council
Mark Mahoney – City of Springfield
Jim Moll – Hanson Professionals
Linda Wheeland – Regional Planning Commission
Jason Sass – Regional Planning Commission
Brian Sheehan – Regional Planning Commission

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Nathan Bottom called the meeting of the SATS Technical Committee to order at 8:31 AM.

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES –SATS Technical Committee Meeting

Chairman Bottom asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the April 2, 2015 Technical Committee meeting. Frank Squires made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Tim Zahn seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

III. 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

Linda Wheeland announced that paper copies of the LRTP had been given to all who had requested hard copies. She added that additional copies were available for anyone else who may want one.

IV. 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program**A. ST-U Projects Update**

- I. **Stanford Avenue (TIP # 02-2010-09)**
 - i. **11th to Fox Bridge**

Nathan Bottom stated that work on the right-of-way (ROW) appraisals of six parcels is underway, as is the cross-section and preliminary design work. The City is targeting a June 2016 letting.

ii. Fox Bridge to Taylor

Bottom announced that the City has tentative agreements with all parties regarding the ROW, and that the final set of plans should be complete May 22. The project letting is planned for September 18.

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

Tim Zahrn stated that letters are being sent to the property owners affected by the noise wall study.

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

Zahrn announced that Crawford, Murphy, and Tilly is close to completing preliminary plans and looking at the impact on the project right-of-way. Zahrn stated that this project is progressing very nicely.

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

Nathan Bottom announced that the preliminary design review (PDR) is under revision, the ROW plat is under preparation, and the appraisal process should be beginning shortly. The City is shooting for a June 2016 letting for the project.

B. Amendment 8 – D6 Tree Planting

Wes Clark introduced Amendment #8

**RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF
THE EIGHTH AMENDMENT TO THE
FY/2015-2018 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/2015-2018 on October 9, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the funding sources shown in the project below have changed to no longer include HSIP funds and the total cost has been re-evaluated; and

Projects Description and Funding:

| Project/Jurisdiction/Class | Description | Action/Comments | Funding Source | Total Cost |
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| A6 Tree Planting | Termini: Various locations throughout the Springfield MPA | Landscaping - Tree Planting | | |
| | Project#: 72H72 | | HSIP (State) | 45,000 |
| | TIP#: 04-2015-07 | | State | 5,000 |
| State Various | | | | \$50,000 |

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Transportation District 6 requests that the FY-2015 Annual Element of the FY/2015-2018 TIP be amended to change this project to only state funding with a lower total cost as shown below; and

| Project/Jurisdiction/Class | | Description | | Action/Comments | Funding Source | | Total Cost |
|----------------------------|---------------|------------------|--|-----------------------------|----------------|--------|------------|
| A6 A8 | Tree Planting | Termini: | Various locations throughout the Springfield MPA | Landscaping - Tree Planting | | | |
| | State | Project#: | 72H72 | | State | 40,000 | |
| | Various | TIP#: | 04-2015-07 | | | | |

Linda Wheeland added that when Wes Clark contacted her about this project, she consulted the TIP document to see whether or not a change in funding source required an amendment. This was not a revision included in the definition of "Amendment". In consultation with Wes Clark the decision was made to process the change as an amendment. Wheeland suggested adding that scenario to the definition of a change requiring an amendment in the next TIP document. SATS members concurred.

Norm Sims made a motion to recommend approval of Amendment 8 to the Policy Committee. Tim Zahrn seconded the motion. The vote to recommend approval was unanimous.

V. TECHNICAL ADVISOR UPDATES

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

No report was given.

B. Federal Highway Administration: IL Division Office

No report was given.

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

No report was given.

F. IDOT: Division of Public and Intermodal Transportation (DPIT)

No report was given.

VI. AGENCY UPDATES

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

Norm Sims announced the following:

Staff had submitted the SATS PY 2016 Unified Planning Work Program to IDOT, as approved by the SATS Technical and Policy Committees; however, a technical glitch had occurred in the processing of the document in an IDOT accounting department. It was unclear as to the consequences of the glitch.

He stated concern over the fact that if the UPWP is not entirely processed by July 1, SATS would not have any authority to spend planning money for FY 2016. Sims stated that staff did not entirely understand how this would affect staffing issues beyond July 1. He stated the importance of keeping the policy committee informed on this topic as well.

Sims also reported that Wheeland had recently met with IDOT District 6 staff, regarding available

safety data that could be used for assessing performance measures. Sims stated that it was a very good, informative meeting and issues with the way the data was provided from the Bureau of Safety were discussed. He noted that there are large amounts of data available, but that it was not very practically presented for analysis, particularly as the data had never been available at the MPA level, nor is it available at the IDOT District level. Sims stated a willingness to discuss this issue with IDOT staff to develop recommendations, possibly in the form of a white paper, on how this data can be provided so that it works for local governments. He added that there were components of this data that were not relevant to the work of Planning Commission staff, and outside the authority of IDOT District staff.

Linda Wheeland added that IDOT Bureau of Safety staff was working hard putting together the safety data but that it was not useful at the local level. Communicating with the Bureau about what data is needed would be critical to implementing safety projects. This would help SATS meet safety targets in the long range plan. Wheeland also suggested the possibility of IDOT hosting workshops to help local governments put together Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) applications.

Norm Sims added that he was very pleased in the response he was getting from District 6 on this project, and that he and Linda got far more out of this meeting than most meetings they typically have with IDOT. However, he was concerned with coming up with measures on how one would determine whether a safety project was having the impact it would be expected to have.

Tim Zahrn added that he would like to be involved in this discussion as well, as he and the other county engineers would also like to see the data broken down into a format that is useful for them. Sims added that the IDOT Safety Portal is not user friendly at all.

Wes Clark mentioned that small governments generally lack the access, time, and resources to make use of this data.

Wheeland noted that there was an item in the long range plan about the formation of a Multi-Use Trails Jurisdiction Committee. The Springfield Park District has indicated interest in the formation of such a committee. Wheeland mentioned that Sangamon County 911 has been working to develop an addressing scheme for the trails. They have worked with stakeholders to develop a plan regarding this, but lack the authority to implement it. Wheeland added that it was an item in the work program for FY 2016, so she suggested the formation of this committee sometime after July 1. Wheeland recommend including Chatham, Rochester, Sherman, Sangamon County, and the Springfield Park District on this committee. Nate requested the City of Springfield also be included.

Wheeland reminded the committee that the annual Curb Your Car Commute Challenge was starting the next week. She stated that 23 teams had signed up by the time of the meeting, and that most SATS members were on a CYC team. She mentioned several activities that take place as part of the event, including the group bicycle commute on Wednesday, May 13, and that the ride would go by the governor's mansion where Governor Rauner would address the group. She added that Bill Donels from the Springfield Bicycle Club would be leading that ride.

Finally, Wheeland mentioned that she had been contacted by both the IDOT District 6 and Central Offices regarding functional classification of roads in the SATS MPA. IDOT recommended over 100 changes in functional classification on roads throughout the MPA. SATS would need to review and comment on these changes over the summer. Nate asked that the changes be sent to committee members.

B. Springfield Mass Transit District (SMTD)

Frank Squires announced that on May 12, public meetings would take place at SMTD's administrative offices at noon and 6pm regarding proposed SMTD service cuts outlined on the SMTD website. Sims asked if a press release was available and could be sent to staff for posting on the website. Squires added that the notice is posted in every bus, that Channel 20 came by to do a story on the cuts, and that the press release has already been sent out twice. He added that the release was also linked on the SMTD Facebook page.

Squires added that the vacuum cleaning system and the CNG station are nearing completion.

C. City of Springfield

Nathan Bottom announced three upcoming public meetings by the City:

May 11: Carpenter Street Underpass Archaeological findings at the Prairie Capitol Convention Center, Room E11D, 5pm to 7pm

May 14: 8th Street beautification project, on 8th between Cook and Edwards, and on Edwards from 7th to 9th. Meeting site is the Lincoln Home Visitors' Center, from 6pm to 8pm.

May 28: 11th Street Extension public informational meeting, 4pm to 6pm, at the Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center

Nathan Bottom also announced the following projects:

Overlays (TIP # 02-2016-03): Bottom announced that work on the SE side in Franklin Park was wrapping up. Concrete work is ongoing on the west side along Cider Mill and Koke Mill, as well as on the east side within the vicinity of 15th and Adams. Further concrete work is scheduled in Sherwood and Westchester subdivisions and along Cook Street.

Brick Street Rehabilitation (TIP # 02-2016-02): Work continues on English from Lawrence to Edwards and Governor from Amos to MacArthur.

Sidewalks (TIP # 02-2016-04): Work will be taking place on the northeast and southeast sides of town, including construction of a missing link in the sidewalk system on Taylor from Stanton to Stevenson.

Carpenter Street Underpass (TIP # 02-2014-09): All substructure work has been completed for the NS bridge, and the steel will be set shortly. Other work will continue on the north side of the project as well as on the south side as far as the archaeological site.

Fayette Avenue Bridge (TIP # 02-2011-08): Work has been ongoing completing the east abutment wall and wing walls, with an expected completion date of Labor Day.

11th Street: Knox to Lincolnshire (TIP # 02-2009-03): Bottom announced that a settlement had been reached with Contech, with acquisition of 3 additional parcels not owned by Contech due for acquisition. The target is for a November 6 letting.

Downtown Streetscape Project (TIP # 02-2013-09): Bottom also announced that the first work for this project, from Capitol Avenue up to Madison Street on four different streets, is set to be let on July 31.

Frank Squires asked if anything was happening on Ash Street, and Bottom said that there is an underpass planned for Ash at the 10th Street corridor, but that funding has yet to be received for it.

Bottom said that the City hopes to start construction on it next year.

Norm Sims added, with regards to the downtown streetscape project, that Planning Commission staff would be available to help out with locations for curb bump-outs in the project area.

Bottom added that the City of Springfield held a public meeting on May 4th, regarding the removal of traffic signals, and added that they are looking at using curb bumpouts to replace potentially removed stoplights in the downtown area.

Linda Wheeland requested that Bottom send her information on the May 11th and May 14th meetings for placement on the SATS website.

D. Sangamon County

Tim Zahrn announced that rehabilitation work on East Lake Shore Drive from Long Bay to Old Route 66 (**TIP # 03-2016-01**) is on the June state letting, and that work continues to progress on the north section of the Sangamon Valley Trail (**TIP # 03-2012-13**) and the target date for a letting was in Spring 2016. A public meeting for the segment south of Bunker Hill Road is planned for June.

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

Wes Clark reported on the following projects:

Dirksen: Clear Lake Avenue to Ridge (TIP # 04-2012-09): Work on stage 1 drainage and widening of intersecting roads is underway. Majority of utilities have been cleared for Stage I. Utility relocations for Stage II are beginning.

Wabash: Koke Mill to Curran (TIP # 04-2011-07): Main storm trunk in waterway 2 is complete, waiting on utility relocations to continue storm laterals. Work is slow moving forward but should be complete in two weeks. Clark stated that work on the new signalization has progressed well.

I-55: Lake Springfield Bridge to Southwind Road (TIP # 04-2015-02): Mainline binder and surface is complete. Ramps at Toronto Road are currently being paved. Paving and shoulders will be complete the week of May 18. Toronto Road Bridge patching will follow.

I-72: Chatham Road to New Berlin (TIP # 04-2015-01): Bridge repairs and patching is complete, save for New Berlin overhead bridge (patching, waterproofing, and wearing surface is underway). Paving was to begin in mid-May.

Veterans Parkway: Jefferson to Irwin Road (state funded only): Patching complete, work was nearing completion on medians and islands. Construction of the turn lane to Camp Lincoln Road was to begin May 11.

Sam's Place/Dirksen Pkwy Signal Replacement (TIP # 04-2015-04): Waiting on pre-construction delivery of mast arms.

I-72, East of Overpass Rd to East of Dawson (TIP # 04-2015-03): 3.8 mile concrete overlay, placement of traffic control began May 4. Milling and patching was to follow.

SB I-55 at the Sherman Interchange (TIP # 04-2012-08): Existing bridge deck has been removed for its replacement, structural steel repair has been ongoing.

F. Village of Chatham

Mike Williamsen announced that work on the Plummer Boulevard bike path should begin in June after

school is finished for the year. Barring unusual circumstances, the work should be done this construction season as the contract is only for 75 days. Williamsen added that this would be his last meeting representing the Village of Chatham, as he was to be replaced on the SATS Technical Committee by Patrick McCarthy. Attendees thanked Williamsen for his work with the committee.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Draft 2015 Public Participation Plan

Linda Wheeland announced that the plan was out for public review for about 50 days, and no comments were received. Frank Squires added that SMTD's copy had been taken from their offices, and Wheeland said she would send a replacement copy.

Mike Williamsen made a motion to recommend approval of the Public Participation Plan to the Policy Committee. Tim Zahrn seconded the motion. The vote to recommend approval was unanimous.

B. FY 2016 - 2019 Transportation Improvement Program

Linda Wheeland stated that no projects have yet to be received from IDOT District 6, but that projects were received from IDOT-DPIT regarding high speed rail projects in the coming fiscal year. Wes Clark stated that District 6 would get the information to Planning Commission staff as soon as possible once the Multi-Year Plan is announced. Norm Sims asked Clark when that document would be announced, and he said that he expected the announcement within a couple weeks, later than the expected date of May 1.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Next Meeting Date – Thursday, June 4, 2015 at 8:30 AM

Linda Wheeland stated that the terms of the chair and co-chair are set in the by-laws for two years, so in July the chair will switch to being the Sangamon County representative, with the Village of Chatham representative being Vice Chair.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Bottom called to adjourn. Mike Williamsen made a motion to adjourn. Frank Squires seconded the motion. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

There being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:58 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Sheehan
Recording Secretary