

Minutes of Meeting
SATS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
July 2, 2015

ATTENDANCE

Technical Committee Voting Members

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tim Zahn, 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"/>	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 type="checkbox"/>	Mark Hanna	Springfield Airport Authority
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Francesco Bedini-Jacobini	IDOT: Division of Public & Intermodal Transportation

* Represented by Russ Militello

Others

Stan Hansen – Crawford, Murphy, and Tilly
 Bill Davison – Knight E/A
 Dale Lael – Village of Jerome
 Jim Moll – Hanson Professionals
 Joe Zeibert – Regional Planning Commission
 Jason Sass – Regional Planning Commission
 Neha Soni – Regional Planning Commission
 Brian Sheehan – Regional Planning Commission

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES –SATS Technical Committee Meeting

Chairman Zahn asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the May 7, 2015 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)

There was no report.

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 design work is continuing, and that the City has come to an agreement to purchase the first piece of property without incurring any relocation costs, as a renter had recently moved out of the building. This purchase agreement is expected to be approved at the July 21 City Council meeting. The City is still targeting a June 2016 letting.

ii. Fox Bridge to Taylor

Bottom announced that the City has wrapped up all agreements for land acquisition, which are expected to also be approved at the July 21 City Council meeting. The project letting is still planned for September 18.

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

Tim Zahrn stated that surveys are out on the noise wall, and until this work is complete the County will not be able to further progress on this project. All property owners on the west side of the project are being contacted in order to move forward on completion of Phase I of the project.

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

Zahrn stated that this project is progressing very nicely, and that the Intersection Design Study (IDS) has been submitted for the intersection at the west end of the project with IL-4. Design is progressing on the segment of the project between IL-4 and Chatham Road.

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

Nathan Bottom announced that design engineering is continuing, and that work on the plats is wrapping up. The City is still targeting a June 2016 letting.

B. Amendment 9 – SMTD ITS & Operating Revenue

Shoun Reese introduced Amendment #9:

**RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF
THE NINTH 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 FY/2015-2018 TIP includes a project for Intelligent Transportation System as shown below; and

Current FY 2015 Annual Element Projects Description and Funding:

Project/Jurisdiction/Class		Description	Action/Comments	Funding Source	Total Cost
1	Intelligent Transportation System	Description: Continue Intelligent Transportation Systems	For mainline operations:Computer Aided Dispatch/Automatic Vehicle Location System (CAD/AVL); Automatic Voice Announcement System (AVAS); Automatic Passenger Counter (APC); Real-Time Information System (RTIS); Interactive Voice Response (IVR) Non-Revenue Vehicle Technologies	IDOT TDC	
	SMTD	Project# Transit Priority 1		FTA 5307	
	Urban Transit	TIP# 06-2012-02			\$1,482,047

WHEREAS, the Springfield Mass Transit District requests to modify the project to remove the Automatic Passenger Counters and the Non-Revenue Vehicle ITS equipment and add upgrade to telephone system, upgrade of radio repeaters, digital trunking and VoIP. The total cost is amended as below; and

Projects Description and Funding as amended in FY 2015:

Project/Jurisdiction/Class	Description	Action/Comments	Funding Source	Total Cost
1 A9 Intelligent Transportation System	Description: Continue Intelligent Transportation Systems	For mainline operations: Computer Aided Dispatch/Automatic Vehicle Location System (CAD/AVL);	IDOT TDC	
SMTD	Project# Transit Priority 1	Automatic Voice Announcement System (AVAS); Real-Time Information System (RTIS); Interactive Voice Response (IVR); Upgrade to Telephone system, Upgrade of radio repeaters, digital trunking and VoIP.	FTA 5307	1,473,047
Urban Transit	TIP# 06-2012-02			\$1,473,047

WHEREAS, the FY/2015-2018 TIP includes Operating Budget as shown below; and

Current FY 2015 Annual Element Projects Description and Funding:

Operating Revenue	Description:	Overview of Operations Revenue	General breakdown of revenue projections for the year.	Route Revenue	1,302,790
				Tax Revenue	2,604,575
				Other	101,550
				State Assistance	10,917,074
SMTD	Project# Operations			FTA 5307	1,105,188
Operations	TIP# 06-2015-04			2015 SMTD Operations Total	\$16,031,177

Shoun Reece made a motion to recommend approval of Amendment 9 to the Policy Committee. Norm Sims seconded the motion. The vote to recommend approval was unanimous.

C. Amendment 10 – SMTD Acquisition of Buses

Shoun Reese introduced Amendment #10:

RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE TENTH 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 Springfield Mass Transit District requests that the FY- 2015 Annual Element of the FY/2015-2018 TIP be amended by adding the projects as shown below; and

Projects Description and Funding:

Project/Jurisdiction/Class	Description	Action/Comments	Funding Source	Total Cost
A10 Low-Floor Alternative Fueled Cut-away Buses and Associated Capital Items	Description: Acquire 5 Low-Floor Alternative Fueled Cut-away Buses and Associated Capital Items	Acquire 5 Low-Floor Alternative Fueled Cut-away Buses and associated capital items for expansion service.		
SMTD	Project# Transit Priority		LOCAL	165,000
Urban Transit	TIP# 06-2015-07		FTA 5309	660,000
				\$825,000
Project/Jurisdiction/Class	Description	Action/Comments	Funding Source	Total Cost
A10 Light Duty Buses	Description: Acquire 2 Light Duty Buses	Acquire 2 Light Duty Buses for expansion service		
SMTD	Project# Transit Priority		LOCAL	25,600
Urban Transit	TIP# 06-2015-08		FTA 5309	102,400
				\$128,000

Shoun Reese made a motion to recommend approval of Amendment 10 to the Policy Committee. Wes Clark seconded the motion. The vote to recommend approval was unanimous.

D. Amendment 11 – Downtown Streetscape

Nathan Bottom introduced Amendment #11:

**RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF
THE ELEVENTH 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 City of Springfield requests that the FY- 2016 Annual Element of the FY/2015-2018 TIP be amended by adding the project as shown below; and

Projects Description and Funding:

Project/Jurisdiction/Class		Description	Action/Comments	Funding Source		Total Cost
A11	Downtown Streetscape	Termini: Downtown TIF District	Sidewalk, curb ramp, curb and gutter removal replacement & streetscaping	Springfield	400,000	
	City of Springfield	Contract#		ITEP	1,000,000	
	Minor Arterial	TIP# 02-2013-09		\$1,400,000		

Nathan Bottom made a motion to recommend approval of Amendment 11 to the Policy Committee. Shoun Reese 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)

Francesco Bedini-Jacobini announced that the HSR project was placed under review by the Rauner administration, and the review was completed May 18. The project is back on track for completion, except for the Springfield section, which has been placed on hold pending further discussion.

VI. AGENCY UPDATES

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

Norm Sims talked about a discussion he'd had with JD Stevenson regarding the proposed transportation funding acts (both called the "DRIVE Act") in both houses of Congress. Sims stated that some of the items are very similar in both the Senate and House versions of the bill, particularly as to how they impact MPOs, so he suggested the idea of FHWA and IDOT getting together to develop a briefing for the MPOs on what they can expect to see in the bill. Sims listed the following components affecting MPOs which jumped out at him:

- Language on Complete Streets changes from the use of "may" to the use of "shall."
- All Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds would be allocated to jurisdictions by population. State governments would be allowed to take half of this money away from local governments, but could not transfer this money to non-TAP eligible uses.
- Share of STP funding to local governments goes from 50 percent to 55 percent. The actual total would decrease under the first three years of the bill due to off-system bridges set-asides. There would also be a decrease in the portion of STP funding that would go to highway safety projects.
- Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) will now be eligible for TIFIA loans
- Earmarks for projects of "national significance."
- New technology innovation and employment grant program

Sims stated that it was more likely that the final bill would look like the Senate version before it is officially enacted. He added that the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) would be hosting a teleconference on July 7 from 2-3 Central Standard Time on the components of the Senate bill and the House bill. Sims gave the phone number and access code needed to participate in the teleconference.

Thomas Caldwell asked if NARC had previously done regular synopses on proposed bills in Congress, and Sims said that this was the first that he knew of. Tim Zahrn added that the National Association of Counties was doing a similar teleconference.

B. Springfield Mass Transit District (SMTD)

Shoun Reese announced that SMTD is progressing with their ADA-accessible concrete bus stop pads, along roads under City of Springfield and IDOT jurisdiction. The target date for completion is in August, weather permitting. Reese also stated that SMTD would be demolishing the building on the vacant property they own in front of Mervis Recycling.

Reese announced the redesign of SMTD's website, which was done in tandem with route restructuring to help give passengers a better idea on both how the system operates, as well as help them better understand the changes made.

C. City of Springfield

Nathan Bottom announced updates to the following projects:

Carpenter Street Underpass (TIP # 02-2014-09): Construction is continuing, weather permitting, with the Norfolk Southern bridge deck to be poured within a week. Retaining walls on the east side of the overpass are also under construction.

Fayette Avenue Bridge (TIP # 02-2011-08): Work is ongoing, weather permitting as well, with work focusing on completion of the abutments on the west side of the bridge.

D. Sangamon County

Tim Zahrn announced that the pavement rehabilitation recycling shoulder project on East Lake Shore Drive, from near the Vachel Lindsay Bridge to Old Route 66 (**TIP # 03-2016-01**), was let in June and is expected to be awarded if not under construction by August 1. A public information meeting was held on June 30 regarding the north extension of the Sangamon Valley Trail (**TIP # 03-2015-04**). ITEP funding is available, and the county is looking at a letting in the spring or summer of 2016, after which construction would begin.

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 curb and gutter, is underway, as are the sidewalks at the northern end of the project area. Plans for Stage 2 utility relocation are complete.

Wabash: Koke Mill to Curran (TIP # 04-2011-07): Storm sewer installation has begun, with weather slowing progress.

I-55: Lake Springfield Bridge to Southwind Road (TIP # 04-2015-02): Project was completed in mid-June.

I-72: Chatham Road to New Berlin (TIP # 04-2015-01): Surface is being paved from Wabash to New Berlin, and Chatham Road bridge over I-72 is under construction for deck repairs and a Microsilica overlay.

Veterans Parkway: Jefferson to Irwin Road (state funded only): Binder was placed starting June 29, with pavement to be completed by the end of July.

Sam's Place/Dirksen Pkwy Signal Replacement (TIP # 04-2015-04): There will be a preconstruction meeting shortly, with the meeting having been postponed until the delivery of mast arms.

I-72, East of Overpass Rd to East of Dawson (TIP # 04-2015-03): PCC paving has begun as of June 15th, and paving in the eastbound driving lane is complete.

SB I-55 at the Sherman Interchange (TIP # 04-2012-08): Stage 1 deck pour was scheduled for the day of the meeting, July 2, weather permitting.

F. Village of Chatham

Patrick McCarthy announced that the West Walnut Street reconstruction project is nearly 100 percent complete. McCarthy added that Chatham is presently under significant growth, with three new subdivisions under development, one at the northwest corner of the Village which is zoned for higher density residential, including apartments.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. FY 2016 - 2019 Transportation Improvement Program

Neha Soni announced that all the projects had been submitted, and that the draft plan is being finalized and will be sent out before the August meeting.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Functional Classification Changes

Due to the unexpected absence of Linda Wheeland from the Technical Committee meeting, Norm Sims made a motion to postpone this agenda item to the August meeting. Tim Zahrn seconded the motion and the vote to postpone was unanimous.

B. Next Meeting Date – Thursday, August 6, 2015 at 8:30 AM

X. ADJOURNMENT

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

There being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:53 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Sheehan
Recording Secretary