

**Minutes of Meeting
SATS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
August 6, 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 type="checkbox"/>	Sue Graham	IDOT: District 6: Local Roads & Streets
<input checked="" 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

Others

Stan Hansen – Crawford, Murphy, and Tilly
 Bill Davison – Knight E/A
 Dale Lael – Village of Jerome
 Jim Moll – Hanson Professionals
 Jim Dixon – Faith Coalition for the Common Good
 Brian McFadden – Sangamon County
 Elliott McKinley – Springfield Park District
 Linda Wheeland – Regional Planning Commission
 Jeff Fulgenzi – Regional Planning Commission
 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 8:29 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 July 2, 2015 Technical Committee meeting. Nate Bottom made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Norm Sims seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

III. 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

A. Amendment 1

Linda Wheeland introduced Amendment #1:

RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT ONE 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, all projects with identified funding sources and anticipated to be completed during the period 2015 – 2019 are listed as Committed Projects in the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, funding has recently been obtained for the three projects shown below that were originally listed as “Planned Illustrative Projects” and will be moved to the “Committed Projects” list in the SATS 2040 LRTP; and

MAP #	PROJECT DESCRIPTION <i>(listed alphabetically)</i>	TYPE OF IMPROVEMENT	JURISDICTION	COST
August 2015 - Projects Moved from the Planned Illustrative Projects List				
33	I-72 over Wabash Ave. & NS Railroad 1.2 miles east of the Wabash Ave. Interchange	New bridge Deck, Slopewall Repair, Bridge Painting	IDOT - District 6	12,000,000
34	IL 97/Jefferson Street: east of IL 125 to east of Koke Mill Road	Resurfacing (3P), Shoulder Reconstruction, Milled Rumble Strip	IDOT - District 6	2,600,000
35	MacArthur Boulevard: At Laurel Street	Land Acquisition	IDOT - District 6	350,000

WHEREAS, funding has also recently been obtained for the five projects shown below that will 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
August 2015 - Projects Added to the 2040 LRTP				
36	11th Street and Ash Street	Traffic Signal Removal and Replacement	Springfield	200,000
37	11th Street and Laurel Street	Traffic Signal Removal and Replacement	Springfield	200,000
38	Ring Road in Washington Park: North Bridge and South Bridges	Bridge Replacement: Preliminary Engineering	Springfield Park District	35,986
39	Ring Road in Washington Park: North Bridge and South Bridges	Bridge Replacement: Construction Engineering & Construction	Springfield Park District	1,613,334
40	8th Street: Cook to Edwards Edwards Street: 7th to 9th	Sidewalk, Curb Ramp, Curb & Gutter Removal and Replacement, Streetscaping	Springfield	665,000

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Technical Committee has voted to recommend approval of Amendment One to the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan to the Policy Committee.

Mr. Sims stated that he did not believe the State of Illinois is in compliance with Federal law regarding the Federal requirement that the State enter into agreements with MPOs as a condition of receiving Federal funding. He believes that these agreements have lapsed as of June 30 because a budget agreement has not yet been reached. He has not heard anything from the Federal Government regarding the lapse of funding and agreements. During the FHWA review, the first objective spelled out by the Federal Government was that the MPO be in compliance with current transportation planning law.

Mr. Sims pointed out that he believes the first three projects in the Amendment; projects #33, 34, and 35 are in compliance, as they were funded before the State/MPO agreement lapsed. Projects #38 and 39 are in the current Transportation Improvement Program, and are in compliance. Project #40 was added to the TIP as a 2017 project that was moved up, but it was funded before June 30, so is in compliance.

Mr. Sims did not believe that projects #36 and 37 are in compliance. He asked whether an MPO can operate without an agreement with the State and be in compliance with Federal law. Mr. Sims asked JD Stevenson, FWHA, his opinion and Mr. Stevenson asked Mr. Sims for clarification. Mr. Sims asked Mr. Stevenson whether Federal law requires states to operate (transportation planning) through an MPO. Mr. Stevenson reiterated that it is required that there be MPOs and that the MPO is responsible for certain documents and processes necessary to the transportation planning process. Mr. Sims asked Mr. Stevenson on what basis does the Federal government deem that the State is operating through an MPO. Mr. Stevenson said that if there is no agreement and the RPC stops doing MPO work, the effects will be seen in the absence of a Transportation Improvement Program or Long Range Transportation Plan. At that point, the State and the MPO would not be in compliance.

Mr. Sims asked Mr. Stevenson if a state can accept and spend federal funding if it is not in compliance with Federal law. Mr. Stevenson could not answer the question definitively. He said that in the MPO area that is out of compliance, no further projects would be authorized. Mr. Sims asked Mr. Stevenson for further guidance.

Mr. Zahn said that if the State is not in compliance with Federal law and does not have a funding agreement with the MPO, then he is not sure the Committee can act on amendments to the TIP and LRTP. Mr. Sims stated that he believes the Committee can take action, but future legality would not be guaranteed.

Mr. Caldwell stated he was told that the agreements had been executed, but were being held until a budget is agreed upon. The funding is the point of contention. Mr. Sims asked if the agreements could be obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request. Mr. Caldwell stated the agreements would not be released. The agreements are dated to July 1, 2015 when they go into effect. Mr. Caldwell also stated that he believes that like many contracts, the agreement from the previous 2014/2015 contract will be in effect until the new contracts are released.

Mr. Sims did not believe that the previous agreement, which had a specific June 30, 2015 expiration, would be effective or allow the MPO to operate legally under Federal law. Mr. Sims asked Mr. Caldwell to inquire with IDOT legal counsel if the old agreement continues in the absence of a new contract and the State will continue to meet the financial obligations of the previous agreement.

Mr. Stevenson added that FHWA was not aware that the State was possibly not in compliance until 8/5/2015.

Norm Sims made a motion to approve Amendment 1. Nathan Bottom seconded the motion.

Mr. Sims stated that he would feel comfortable voting "Yes" to Projects 33, 34, and 35, and projects 38, 39, and 40. He would abstain to vote on projects 36 and 37.

Mr. Bottom suggested tabling Amendment 1 in its entirety to the September, 2015 SATS Technical Committee meeting.

Chairman Zahrn asked for a motion to approve Amendment 1, with items 36 and 37 removed or a motion to table the entire amendment until the September meeting.

Ms. Wheeland noted that projects 36 and 37 have to be in the Long Range Transportation Plan if they are to be included in the TIP. The draft TIP will go out for 30 day public review, so it will not be approved by the Committee until the next meeting. If the amendment is tabled, the committee still has the opportunity to approve the amendment before the TIP is approved.

Norm Sims made a motion to table items 36 and 37, and to approve Amendment #1, with projects 36 and 37 removed, to the Policy Committee. Wes Clark seconded the motion. The vote to recommend approval was unanimous.

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B. Amendment 2

Linda Wheeland introduced Amendment #2:

**RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF
AMENDMENT TWO TO THE
2040 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

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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, all projects with identified funding sources and anticipated to be completed during the period 2015 – 2019 are listed as Committed Projects in the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, funding has been obtained for the eleven high-speed rail projects shown below that will be added to the “Committed Rail Crossing & Improvement Projects” list in the SATS 2040 LRTP; and

August 2015 - Projects Added to the 2040 LRTP				
3rd Street/Current Union Pacific Corridor				
44	Woodside Road	Redesign of Traffic Signals	State	88,000
45	Carpenter Street	Redesign of Traffic Signals	State	195,000
46	Madison Street	Redesign of Traffic Signals	State	195,000
47	Jefferson Street	Redesign of Traffic Signals	State	195,000
48	South Grand Avenue	Redesign of Traffic Signals	State	195,000
49	Ridgely Avenue	Redesign of Road Approach	State	1,220,000
50	8th Street & Converse Avenue	Redesign of Road Approach	State	900,000
51	6th Street & North Grand Avenue	Redesign of Road Approach	State	923,000
52	4th Street	Redesign of Road Approach	State	222,000
53	Lawrence Avenue	Redesign of Road Approach	State	66,000
54	Laurel Street	Redesign of Road Approach	State	234,000

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Technical Committee has voted to recommend approval of Amendment Two to the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan to the Policy Committee.

Nathan Bottom, noted that the City and State were still in discussion on these projects and he made a motion to table Amendment #2 until the September, 2015 Technical Committee meeting. Norm Sims seconded the motion. The vote to table Amendment #2 was unanimous.

C. Priority Bicycle Routes Performance Targets

Ms. Wheeland noted that one performance target in the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan is to complete 50% of the key bicycle corridors, which connect citizens without automobiles to Economic Activity Centers, by 2020. The plan indicates that the baseline measure requires identification of these key corridors in 2015. Staff is creating a map using routes identified by the Citizens' Advisory Committee and other likely segments of the Envisioned Bicycle Network. This map will be sent to the Technical Committee members for discussion at the September, 2015 meeting.

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 the City has acquired its first land parcel and the design stage is continuing.

ii. **Fox Bridge to Taylor**

Bottom announced that the city has acquired all rights-of-way and is looking forward to a September, 2015 letting.

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

Tim Zahn stated that Sangamon County is finishing the Project Development Report and the noise wall evaluation is continuing.

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

Zahn stated that Sangamon County is submitting the Intersection Design Study for Woodside Road from Chatham Road to Illinois State Route 4 to IDOT, establishing project limits, and are working to issue a Phase I report.

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

Bottom announced that the City has a Project Development Report and Intersection Design Study; land acquisition will begin shortly.

B. Modification 11 - East Lake Shore Drive to AC

Linda Wheeland introduced Modification #11:

**Administrative Modification 11 to the
FY 2015 – 2018 Transportation Improvement Program
May 7, 2015**

Pavement Management System – East Lake Shore Drive

Status of this project has changed from “Current” to “Advanced Construction” and the FY 2016 Annual Element of the FY 2015-2018 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
6 M11	Pavement Management System	Termini:	C.H. 43 Begin Mile 1.362 to End Mile 5.405	Construction & Construction Engineering	N/A	County	440,000	
						Engineering	35,000	
	County	Contract#	ST-R (AC)			1,725,000		
		TIP# 03-2016-01						
							\$2,200,000	

And the Advance Construction Projects table in the FY 2015-2018 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 11 (FY 2015-2018 TIP)	2016	Pavement Management System	Termini:	C.H. 43 Begin Mile 1.362 to End Mile 5.405	Construction and Construction Engineering	N/A	County	440,000		5/7/2015	
							Engineering	35,000			
		County	Contract#	ST-R (AC)			1,725,000				
		Minor Arterial	TIP# 03-2016-01								
							\$2,200,000				

C. Modification 12 - Dirksen Parkway intersection to Current

Linda Wheeland introduced Modification #12:

**Administrative Modification 12 to the
FY 2015 – 2018 Transportation Improvement Program
May 15, 2015**

Dirksen Parkway at Northfield Drive, Bissell Road, and Sam’s Place

Status of this project has changed from “Advanced Construction” to “Current” and the FY 2015 Annual Element of the FY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program has been modified to remove AC from the federal funding source as shown below.

Project/Jurisdiction/Class		Description		Action/Comments	Map #	Funding Source		Total Cost
A1 M2 M12	Dirksen Parkway	Termini:	Northfield Drive and Bissell Road	Pedestrian Signals	A1			
			Sam's Place	Traffic Signals and Pedestrian Signals				
	State	Project#	72H04			HSIP (State)	180,000	
	Principal Arterial	TIP#	04-2015-04			State	20,000	
								\$200,000

And the Advance Construction Projects table in the FY 2015-2018 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 2 (FY 2015-2018 TIP)	2015	Dirksen Parkway	Termini:	Northfield Drive and Bissell Road	Pedestrian Signals	A1	HSIP (State) (AC)	180,000		11/14/2014	5/15/2015
				Bissell Road Sam's	Traffic Signals and Pedestrian Signals		State	20,000			
		State	Contract#	72H04							
		Principal Arterial	TIP#	04-2015-04							
								\$200,000			

D. Modification 13 - Fayette Avenue to Current

Linda Wheeland introduced Modification #13:

**Administrative Modification 13 to the
FY 2015 – 2018 Transportation Improvement Program
June 29, 2015**

Fayette Avenue Bridge

Status of this project has changed from “Advanced Construction” to “Current” and the FY 2015 Annual Element of the FY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program has been modified to remove AC from the federal funding source as shown below.

Project/Jurisdiction/Class		Location		Action/Comments	Map #	Funding Source		Total Cost
3 M10 M13	Fayette Avenue Bridge (Structure # 084-8000)	Termini:	Over Jacksonville Branch	ROW Acquisition, Utility Relocation, C & CE for Bridge Replacement	40	Springfield	320,500	
	Springfield Collector	Contract#				STP-Br	1,282,000	
		TIP# 02-2011-08						
								\$1,602,500

And the Advance Construction Projects table in the FY 2015-2018 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 2014-2017 TIP)	moved from 2015 to 2014	Fayette Avenue Bridge (Structure #084-8000)	Termini:	Over Jacksonville Branch	ROW Acquisition, Utility Relocation, C & CE for Bridge Replacement	12	Springfield	320,500		5/9/2014	6/29/2015
		Springfield Collector	Contract#				STP-Br (AC)	1,282,000			
			TIP# 02-2011-08								
								\$1,602,500			

E. Modification 14 - Wabash Avenue to Current

Linda Wheeland introduced Modification #14:

**Administrative Modification 14 to the
FY 2015 – 2018 Transportation Improvement Program
June 29, 2015**

Wabash Avenue at Robbins Road and White Oaks Drive

Status of this project has changed from “Advanced Construction” to “Current” and the FY 2015 Annual Element of the FY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program has been modified to remove AC from the federal funding source as shown below.

Project/Jurisdiction/Class		Description		Action/Comments	Funding Source		Total Cost
A5 M8 M14	Wabash Avenue	Termini:	At Robbins Road and At West White Oaks Drive in Springfield	Traffic Signal Modernization			
					HSIP (State)	585,000	
	State	Project#	72H33		State	65,000	
	Principal Arterial	TIP#	04-2015-06				\$650,000

And the Advance Construction Projects table in the FY 2015-2018 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 8 (FY 2015-2018 TIP)	2015	Wabash Avenue	Termini: At Robbins Road and At West White Oaks Drive in Springfield	Traffic Signal Modernization	A5				3/6/2015	6/29/2015	
		State	Contract#	72H33			HSIP (State) (AC)	585,000			
		Principal Arterial	TIP#	04-2015-06			State	65,000			
								\$650,000			

F. Modification 15 - Stanford Avenue extension

Linda Wheeland introduced Modification #15:

**Administrative Modification 15 to the
FY 2015 – 2018 Transportation Improvement Program
July 15, 2015**

Stanford Avenue Extension: Fox Bridge Road to Taylor Avenue

This project is moved from the FY 2015 Annual Element of the FY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program to the FY 2016 Annual Element of the FY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program.

Project/Jurisdiction/Class		Location		Action/Comments	Map #	Funding Source		Total Cost
4	Stanford Avenue Extension (New Construction)	Termini:	Fox Bridge Road to Taylor Avenue	P.E. II, ROW Acquisition, C & CE for planned 3-lane road construction, sidewalks,	31	Springfield	2,300,000	\$5,200,000
	Springfield	Contract#				ST-U	2,900,000	
	Minor Arterial	TIP#	02-2010-09					

V. **TECHNICAL ADVISOR UPDATES**

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

IDOT hosted an Illinois MPO Advisory Council meeting on 8/5/2015. It was requested that IDOT give the MPO Council an update on federal legislation, which was presented by Jeff Bell, IDOT Federal Affairs. The report was about the Federal Surface Transportation Re-authorization (MAP-21), which has been extended a third time. The extension is for a three-month period, while Congress works on a long-term re-authorization. At this time, there are no known effects to the current MPOs and future effects from funding re-authorization are not known, due to early stages of negotiation. A summary of the presentation will be sent to SATS members, outlining what is currently known about state highway funding allocations.

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)**

Due to a lack of state funding, the ICC does not have money available for railway grade crossing upgrades, and cannot begin any new railway crossing projects until further notice. FY2015 projects should not be affected, but there will be effects to the crossing upgrade budget in FY2016.

E. **Springfield Airport Authority**

No report was given.

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

Francesco Bedini-Jacobini announced that there is nothing new to report. Third Street projects are still under discussion. Tier II projects, which include the Chicago to Joliet and Granite City to St. Louis portions of the Chicago to St. Louis route, have been suspended due to budget limitations. The Springfield flyover project is still active, with alternatives being discussed.

VI. AGENCY UPDATES

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

Norm Sims spoke about the MPO meeting hosted by IDOT, thanking them for taking the time to host the meeting and commenting that the communication between the MPOs and IDOT is helpful.

Mr. Sims acknowledged that the FHWA Planning Review and 2040 LRTP addressed the need to include the smaller communities in the SATS planning process. To address this need to involve more villages and towns not represented by voting members on the committee, the Regional Planning Commission began the process of reaching out to other towns in the Metropolitan Planning Area through the Regional Leadership Council. Mayors were asked to identify contacts from each community to work with the RPC and SATS. It was noted that there is also interest from other communities throughout Sangamon County to work with the RPC and SATS regarding transportation planning. There was concern from the Council that the current hold on motor fuel tax funding would cause townships and communities to lose at least one construction season and that many roads are currently in need of critical maintenance before winter.

In compliance with federal law, MPOs were recently asked to prepare an indirect costs allocation plan. An outside agency, Maximus, which is under contract with Sangamon County, prepared the ICAP, which was submitted to IDOT August 5, 2015. SSCRPC is waiting for a response from IDOT.

Linda Wheeland added that SSCRPC was preparing the six-month LRTP progress report. The draft document would be sent to committee members for review and comment after updates from the 8/6/2015 meeting were incorporated.

B. Springfield Mass Transit District (SMTD)

Shoun Reese announced that the SMTD Board of Trustees has approved a bus stop optimization plan that will be implemented in stages, starting with the North Fifth Street and North Ninth Street routes. The goal is to have the bus stops consolidated along these two routes prior to the State Fair in order to improve traffic flow around the State Fairgrounds this year. They hope to have the plan fully implemented by January, 2017.

C. City of Springfield

Nathan Bottom announced updates to the following projects:

Overlay Program

Mr. Bottom reported that the overlay program was a little over 50% complete with work being done in Indian Hills, Youngstown Hills, and Harrison Park. The city is also rehabilitating selected brick streets.

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

Mr. Bottom reported that the city was placing steel beams on the Union Pacific bridge and wrapping up loose ends on the Norfolk-Southern bridge. Excavating and form work for the retaining walls would commence shortly.

Fayette Avenue Bridge (TIP # 02-2011-08):

Mr. Bottom reported that the bridge is almost complete, with railing, curb, and gutter work yet to continue. The bridge should be open by Labor Day, 2015.

State Street:

Mr. Bottom reported that the city has done a partial reconstruction of State Street from Laurel to Ash Street to address some drainage issues. Construction should be finished by the week of August 10, 2015.

D. Sangamon County

Tim Zahn announced that the County was close to completing repair work to shoulders on Old Route 66.

The East Lake Shore drive project is waiting for a signed contract, and pre-work preparations are under way. Construction should start in September, 2015 and completed Fall, 2015.

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):

Utility relocation was complete for Stage I.

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

Utility relocation was complete for Stage I.

I-72: Chatham Road to New Berlin (TIP # 04-2015-01):

Paving is complete from Wabash to New Berlin and IDOT is doing night work, paving Chatham Road to Wabash. Stage II micro surfacing is starting 8/6/2015 on the Chatham Road bridge.

Veterans Parkway: Jefferson to Irwin Road (state funded only):

The project should be finished by 8/7/2015.

Sam's Place/Dirksen Pkwy Signal Replacement (TIP # 04-2015-04):

IDOT is currently waiting for delivery of mast arms for traffic light replacement. The project is on hold until the mast arms are delivered.

I-72, East of Overpass Rd to East of Dawson (TIP # 04-2015-03):

IDOT is currently paving Stage II.

SB I-55 at the Sherman Interchange (TIP # 04-2012-08):

IDOT has started Stage II of the project.

Mr. Clark reported that IDOT, in an effort to improve public outreach, will have a tent at the Illinois State Fair, August 17-21, 2015, to solicit citizen input on the State's multi-year program.

F. Village of Chatham

Patrick McCarthy announced that the Village had a meeting with IDOT and ICC about the rail crossing at Goldenrod, and that progress is being made and the Village is beginning the process of land acquisition.

The Chatham Village Board has approved a new subdivision on Mansion Road, consisting of 300 apartments, single family units, and duplexes. Improvements to Mansion Road will be necessary in the near future, as the developer cannot upgrade the road enough to serve the expected number of new residents. Mr. McCarthy indicated that help in improving Mansion Road would be welcome.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. **FY 2016 - 2019 Transportation Improvement Program**

The draft FY 2016-2019 TIP was sent out to the SATS members for review prior to the meeting. Linda Wheeland noted that in the introduction, under Project Selection and TIP changes, the following statement appears, *“If special circumstances arise necessitating moving a second, third, or fourth year project forward to the first year, review by the Technical Committee is required.”* This provision does not serve any real purpose. Mr. Stevenson added, from a federal perspective, that as long as the Committee is not substantially changing the costs or scope of the project, moving a project from one year to another is considered a modification, and does not require an amendment. The Committee agreed that moving an approved project to another year in the TIP should not require review by the Technical Committee but could be handled through a modification.

Ms. Wheeland also sought clarification to the statement further into that section, *“For clarification, any change involving an illustrative project can be made through an administrative modification and does not require an amendment.”* Ms. Wheeland believed that moving an illustrative project to an annual element of TIP projects is consequential enough to require an amendment. The Committee agreed that moving an illustrative project to an annual element of TIP projects should require an amendment while adding projects to the illustrative projects list (not funded) can be done through an administrative modification.

Two Route 66 Scenic Byway projects in the draft 2016-2019 TIP, for bike racks and a statue in Sherman had been reimbursed costs and as a result taken out of the draft TIP.

The projects removed from Amendment 1 to the LRTP, plus the entirety of Amendment 2, that was tabled, were in the draft TIP document. Ms. Wheeland sought clarification that these projects should be removed from the TIP, as any project that is featured in the TIP must also be featured in the Long Range Transportation Plan first. The Committee agreed that the projects would be taken out of the draft TIP.

Nate Bottom made a motion to recommend approval of the draft 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program, with the above noted changes, to the Policy Committee. Norm Sims seconded the motion. The vote to recommend approval was unanimous.

The changes to the draft TIP would be completed that same day and copies of the TIP would be made available online and at public locations for review. The review period will end 9/8/2015.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. **Functional Classification Changes**

IDOT had made a list of proposed functional classification changes to roadways within the Springfield MPA. The City of Springfield had issues with some of the recommendations. These had been sent to Committee members for review. Mr. Bottom outlined the City's position:

- Greenbriar Road: There are preliminary plans for Preston Place and Mill Creek that fill in the gaps on Greenbriar Rd, which should remain a major collector, rather than local road.
- Ash Street and Laurel Street both act as minor collectors west of MacArthur Blvd and east of the speed bumps.
- Cherry Road/Outer Park Drive act as access to most of Leland Grove, as well as Franklin Middle School and Hy-Vee. This corridor should remain a minor collector instead of a local road.
- With progress on the 11th Street extension, Shepherd Road is anticipated to function as a collector street between Toronto Road and West Lake Shore Drive. It should not be reclassified as a local road.
- Old Salem Road borders on multiple newer, mature developments. The road should be classified as a minor collector out to Bradford Lane, which also should be classified as a minor collector.

As part of the Long Range Plan, the Community Advisory Committee made some recommendations to functional classification changes as well:

- In the Village of Jerome, Filmore is classified as a minor collector. It does not have a traffic signal at the intersection of Wabash Avenue and does not function as a collector. The Village recommends reclassifying Park Street as a minor collector and Filmore as a local road.
- The Village of Riverton recommends Third Street, should have its classification as a collector extended south of Lincoln Street to Old Route 36.
- The Village of Rochester would like to classify Oak Street as a minor collector to the Village Limits. This would not connect to any other road on the functional classification network. Because of the lack of connectivity to other roads in the network, it cannot be classified as a collector. The Village maintains that the road should be classified as a collector because of development along the road.

Mr. Clark asked Mr. Bottom for emails and other materials outlining the City's position on reclassification and Mr. Clark will forward the information to the proper IDOT personnel.

The recommendations to amend the changes in the functional classifications will be submitted in writing to IDOT by staff, pending approval of the Policy Committee.

Nate Bottom made a motion to recommend accepting the IDOT Functional Classification Changes to the MPA road network with the modifications heard by the Committee. Norm Sims seconded the motion. The vote to recommend approval was unanimous.

B. FHWA Planning Review follow up

Linda Wheeland reported that JD Stevenson had presented the FHWA Planning Review to the SATS Policy Committee in May. It was an extensive review of SATS activities and policies with recommendations for where improvements could be made. Staff had prepared proposed actions to address the recommendations, which also were presented to the Policy Committee and accepted. The report and proposed actions were sent to SATS members.

- The first recommendation, to reach out to smaller communities through the Regional Leadership Council, had begun the previous week.
- The second recommendation made was to stop the practice of having the same person attend both SATS Committees (Policy and Technical). As of July, different representatives have been appointed to each committee by all jurisdictions.
- The third recommendation was to create an indirect cost allocation plan, which was carried out and submitted 8/5/2015.
- The ninth recommendation was to coordinate with member agencies to determine which member agencies have acceptable ADA transition plans. Ms. Wheeland would send a brochure from FHWA and PowerPoint presentation from IDOT Region 2 District 2, discussing ADA transition plans. Member organizations should review the materials and the topic will be discussed at the September, 2015 meeting. Tim Zahrn announced that he would send a link to the Sangamon County Highway Department's plan.
- The eleventh recommendation was to use the national state emphasis on performance measurements in the STU project prioritization process. It would involve re-working the application for STU funds. Regional Planning Commission staff reviewed the STU project application and incorporated performance targets found in the Long Range Transportation Plan. These changes will be sent out to the Committee for review and discussion at the September meeting.

C. 2015 Parking Survey

The 2015 Parking Survey is in the final, proofreading phase. When that is finished, it will be sent out to SATS members.

D. Next Meeting Date – Thursday, September 3rd at 8:30 AM

X. ADJOURNMENT

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

There being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned at 9:27 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Sass
Recording Secretary