

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**SATS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**  
**February 5, 2015**

**ATTENDANCE**

## Technical Committee Voting Members

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

<input 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 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**

Jim Moll – Hanson Professionals

Bill Davison – Knight E/A

Bill Donels – Springfield Bicycle Advisory Council

Tim Landis – SJR

Steve Keenan – SSCRPC

Brian Davis – Sangamon County Highway Department

Stan Hansen – Crawford, Murphy, and Tilly

Dale Lael – Village of Jerome

Linda Wheeland – Regional Planning Commission

Neha Soni – 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 8:30 AM.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –SATS Technical Committee Meeting**

Chairman Bottom asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the January 8, 2015 Technical Committee meeting. Mike Williamsen made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Norm Sims seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

**III. 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP)**

Linda Wheeland announced that the draft of the final progress report for the plan would be completed shortly, and would be forwarded to SATS members within a week for their review before being finalized in March.

**IV. 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)****A. ST-U Projects Update****I. Stanford Avenue (TIP # 02-2010-09)****i. 11th to Fox Bridge**

Nathan Bottom reported that this section of the project is under preliminary engineering.

**ii. Fox Bridge to Taylor**

Nathan Bottom reported that this section of the project is in the land acquisition stage.

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

No update was given.

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

Tim Zahn reported that work on the right-of-way documents and the Intersection Decision Support (IDS) for the intersection of Route 4 and Woodside Road are underway.

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

Nathan Bottom reported that the IDS for the intersection of Archer Elevator and Iles is under revision and that work on the final draft of the Project Development Report (PDR) is wrapping up.

**B. Amendment 3 – Washington Park Bridges**

Linda Wheeland introduced Amendment #3:

**RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF  
THE THIRD 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 North Bridge and South Bridge over the Jacksonville Branch in Washington Park are in need of replacement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Springfield Park District has been awarded Surface Transportation Urban-Off System Bridge grants for this project (which includes a multi-use path and channel excavation) with an additional 5% for the construction engineering and construction phases through the Federal Innovative Technologies Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Springfield Park District requests that the FY-2015 Annual Element of the FY/2015-2018 TIP be amended by adding the project shown below; and

**Projects Description and Funding:**

Project/Jurisdiction/Class	Description	Action/Comments	Map #	Funding Source	Total Cost
A3 North & South Bridges Springfield Park District Local Road	Termini: Ring Road over Jacksonville Branch in Washington Park	Bridge Replacement, Preliminary Engineering	74	STP-Off Sys Br (80%)	28,789
	Project#:			Park District	7,197
	TIP#: 18-2015-01				<b>\$35,986</b>
Project/Jurisdiction/Class	Description	Action/Comments	Map #	Funding Source	Total Cost
A3 North & South Bridges Springfield Park District Local Road	Termini: Ring Road over Jacksonville Branch in Washington Park	Bridge Replacement, Construction Engineering, Construction	74	STP-Off Sys Br (85%)	1,371,334
	Project#:			Park District	242,000
	TIP#: 18-2015-01				<b>\$1,613,334</b>

Sims asked if SATS had been notified when grant application was made for these projects. Wheeland stated that SATS had received no information on these projects until the TIP amendment was requested.

Tim Zahn made a motion to recommend approval of Amendment 3 to the Policy Committee. Frank Squires seconded the motion. The vote to recommend approval was unanimous.

**C. Amendment 4 – D6 Tree Removal**

Wes Clark introduced Amendment #4:

**RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF  
THE FOURTH 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**, road safety efforts include the removal of obstacles that could cause serious damage or injury in the event of an accident involving a vehicle leaving the roadway; and

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Department of Transportation District 6 requests that the FY- 2015 Annual Element of the FY/2015-2018 TIP be amended by adding the project shown below; and

**Projects Description and Funding:**

Project/Jurisdiction/Class	Description	Action/Comments	Funding Source	Total Cost
A4 Tree Removal	<b>Termini:</b> Various locations throughout the Springfield MPA	Tree Removal	HSIP (State)	56,000
	<b>Project#</b> 72G75		State	6,000
	<b>TIP#</b> 04-2015-05			
				<b>\$62,000</b>

Tim Zahn made a motion to recommend approval of Amendment 4 to the Policy Committee. Frank Squires seconded the motion. The vote to recommend approval was unanimous.

**D. Amendment 5 – Wabash Avenue**

Wes Clark introduced Amendment #5:

**RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF  
THE FIFTH 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**, a traffic signal modernization project that includes flashing yellow left turn signals will be installed at the Robbins Road and West White Oaks Drive intersections, thus completing the Wabash corridor from MacArthur Blvd. to the I-72 ramps with flashing left turn arrows; and

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Department of Transportation District 6 requests that the FY- 2015 Annual Element of the FY/2015-2018 TIP be amended by adding the project shown below; and

**Projects Description and Funding:**

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

Frank Squires made a motion to recommend approval of Amendment 5 to the Policy Committee. Norm Sims seconded the motion. The vote to recommend approval was unanimous.

**E. Amendment 6 – D6 Tree Planting**

Wes Clark introduced Amendment #6:

**RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF  
THE SIXTH 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**, TIP Amendment 4 was for a project to remove trees along state routes as a safety measure. The State proposes to replace those trees at a ratio of 1:1 in the areas that do not present safety issues; and

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Department of Transportation District 6 requests that the FY- 2015 Annual Element of the FY/2015-2018 TIP be amended by adding the project shown below; and

**Projects Description and Funding:**

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

Tim Zahn made a motion to recommend approval of Amendment 6 to the Policy Committee. Frank Squires seconded the motion. The vote to recommend approval was unanimous.

**F. Modification 5 – I-72 East**

Linda Wheeland introduced Administrative Modification #5:

## I-72 East of Riverton

Status of this project has changed to “Advanced Construction” and the FY 2015 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
4	I-72	<b>Termini:</b> 0.5 mi E of Overpass Rd E of Riverton to 0.3 mi E of CH 16 E of Dawson	Resurfacing	69	NHPP-State (AC)	9,900,000
					State	1,100,000
	State	<b>Contract#</b> 72G92				
	Interstate	<b>TIP#</b> 04-2015-03				
						<b>\$11,000,000</b>

And the Advance Construction Projects table in the FY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program has been modified to add 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 5 (FY 2015-2018 TIP)	2015	I-72	<b>Termini:</b> 0.5 mi E of Overpass Rd E of Riverton to 0.3 mi E of CH 16 E of Dawson	Resurfacing	69	NHPP-State (AC)	9,900,000	1/26/2015	
						State	1,100,000		
		State	<b>Contract#</b> 72G92						
		Interstate	<b>TIP#</b> 04-2015-03						
							<b>\$11,000,000</b>		

### 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

JD Stevenson announced that a few weeks prior, FHWA with Planning Commission staff had completed planning review (done every four years) to enhance FHWA’s oversight to ensure that SATS was compliant with federal rules and regulations on long range planning. This is done in addition to Stevenson’s regular attendance at SATS meetings. Upon completion of this meeting, reviewers found that no corrective action was needed to be taken to ensure compliance with federal regulations, as Stevenson expected.

Stevenson stated that FHWA also notes recommendations and commendations in their plan review report that he would communicate in a presentation at a future SATS meeting, likely in April.

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

No report was given.

#### D. Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC)

Mike Stead reported that the ICC staff was in the process of selecting projects for the FY 16-20 Crossing Safety Improvement Program Five-Year Plan. After project selection, this list will be submitted to the Commission for consideration in the first week of March. This will be followed by the publication of the plan one month later in the first week of April.

#### E. Springfield Airport Authority

No report was given.

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

Francesco Bedini-Jacobini reported that discussion on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street rail corridor was currently centered on accommodating the widths of travel lanes for segments of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street roadway which the rail line bisects or runs alongside.

Bedini-Jacobini also announced that a public hearing on the corridor that was originally scheduled for late February has now been pushed back to early March.

**VI. AGENCY UPDATES****A. Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission**

Norm Sims announced that plans were in the works for a meeting of the MPOs in the first week of March to discuss performance measures, particularly those regarding roads and bridges.

Linda Wheeland noted that Neha Soni had sent project spreadsheets to SATS members for the FY 16-19 TIP. According to the recently adopted TIP schedule, SATS members would return their list of projects to staff by the first Monday in March.

**B. Springfield Mass Transit District (SMTD)**

No report was given.

**C. City of Springfield**

No report was given.

**D. Sangamon County**

No report was given.

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

Wes Clark reported that bids are currently underway on the I-55 bridge over Sherman Boulevard and the UP railroad (TIP # 04-2012-08), for which the letting opened on January 30<sup>th</sup>. Bidding on this project will continue through the end of the month.

**F. Village of Chatham**

No report was given.

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS****A. 2040 LRTP Update**

Linda Wheeland reported that 3 of the performance measures in the LRTP, are dependent on crash data being obtained from IDOT. Although access to IDOT's safety data portal has been granted to Planning Commission staff, accessing information on crashes with incapacitating (A) injuries cannot be done in a simple matter as it had been in previous years.

Wheeland stated that difficulties in obtaining this data in the proper format would make it difficult for this information to be included within the final draft of the long range plan. Additionally, Daily

Vehicle Miles Traveled (DVMT) for the MPA is also needed but not currently available.

Wheeland added that the plan is also now out for public review, publicized via SATS's email contact list, two advertisements and an article by Tim Landis in the State Journal-Register, the Planning Commission's Facebook page, and also on the SMTD website. March 3<sup>rd</sup> is the comment deadline.

**B. Public Participation Plan update**

Linda Wheeland reported that this document has to go out for a 45 day public review, and is set to be adopted in May. The draft will be sent to SATS members for review within the next week. Wheeland reported that she had not yet received any comments from SATS members on the plan, so it will likely be much the same document as it previously had been.

**C. Small Community MPO Representation (Tabled)**

Chairman Bottom indicated that no SATS member had requested the Small Community MPO Representation discussion be brought off the table.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. PY16 Unified Planning Work Program**

Linda Wheeland reported work continues on putting this document together; however the mark has not been received.

**B. Next Meeting Date – Thursday, March 5, 2015 at 8:30 AM**

**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 8:44 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Sheehan  
Recording Secretary