

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**SATS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**  
**July 1, 2010**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Technical Committee Voting Members**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chairman Mike Williamsen	Village of Chatham
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Vice-Chairperson Linda Tisdale	Springfield Mass Transit District
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tim Sheehan	City of Springfield
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tim Zahrn	Sangamon County
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Norm Sims	Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Laura Mlacnik*	Illinois Department of Transportation: Region 4, District 6

\* Represented by Sal Madonia

**Technical Committee Advisors – Non-Voting**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Curtis Jones	IDOT: Urban Program Planning
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	JD Stevenson	Federal Highway Administration: Illinois Division Office
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mike Stead	Illinois Commerce Commission
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Terry Fountain	IDOT: District 6: Local Roads and Streets
<input type="checkbox"/>		IDOT: Division of Public and Intermodal Transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mark Hanna*	Springfield Airport Authority

\* Represented by Roger Blickensderfer

**Others**

Chris Benson – Regional Planning Commission  
Ray Boosinger – Springfield Resident  
Kim Cummins – IDOT: District 6  
Brian Davis – Sangamon County Highway Department  
Bill Davidson – Hoelscher Engineering  
Bill Donels – Springfield Bicycle Club  
Russ Militello – IDOT: District 6  
Lynn Miller – Springfield Bicycle Club  
Kyle Phillips – Regional Planning Commission  
Robert Plunk – Riverton Resident  
Dale Schultz – Regional Planning Commission  
Linda Wheeland – Regional Planning Commission

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Mike Williamsen called the meeting of the SATS Technical Committee to order.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 06/03/10 SATS Technical Committee Meeting**

Williamsen asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the May 6, 2010 SATS Technical Committee meeting. There was the following correction to the minutes:

On page 8 of the June 3<sup>rd</sup> minutes under the Illinois Department of Transportation: Region 4, District 6 section last bullet point I-29 should read IL-29.

The minutes were approved as corrected.

### **III. 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program**

#### **A. Information Meeting**

Linda Wheeland stated that the draft 2011-2014 TIP had been available for public review since June 8 and that public comments would be taken at this time. Williamsen asked if there was anyone present to comment on the TIP,

- Ray Boosinger stated his concerns regarding suffering an adverse impact from the state project to widen IL-97 (Jefferson Street) particularly in the area between Koke Mill Road and Veterans Parkway. Sal Madonia clarified that this FY2011 TIP project was solely for the purpose of converting the design plans which were prepared several years ago from Metric units to English Standard units. Madonia stated that at this time there was no funding for construction or land acquisition. He also stated that he would be glad to meet with Mr. Boosinger to discuss the project.

#### **B. Public Comments Submitted**

Wheeland stated that there were public comments submitted via email and the following were discussed in the committee:

Comments received from Mike Schwab detailed concerns regarding three separate issues. First, Mr. Schwab has a concern regarding exiting the Capitol City Shopping area onto Dirksen Parkway. He suggested adding a traffic light between the Long John's Silver Restaurant and the Arby's Restaurant. He also suggested extending the west access road south to the Steak n' Shake Restaurant.

Committee Response: Adding a traffic signal at this location would require a feasibility study and IDOT will look into the possibility.

Mr. Schwab's next comment details an issue regarding the east-west use of a bicycle along Stanford Ave.

Committee Response: The Stanford Ave extension project includes bicycle accommodations.

The last comment spoke about extending Junction Circle from Stanford Ave to North Street to allow for easier travel for bicyclists across Stanford Ave.

Committee Response: This issue will be addressed during development of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan.

A comment was also received from Brian Reardon regarding how the resurfacing of Old Jacksonville Rd between Monroe St and Chatham Rd with accompanying bike/pedestrian trail should be made a priority. There are no current plans within the 2011-2014 TIP to address this concern.

Committee Response: This issue will be addressed during development of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan.

Tim Zahrn made a motion to recommend approval of the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program to the SATS Policy Committee. Linda Tisdale seconded the motion and the vote passed unanimously.

### **IV. TECHNICAL ADVISOR UPDATES**

#### **A. Illinois Department of Transportation: Central Bureau of Urban Program Planning**

No report was given.

**B. Federal Highway Administration: Illinois Division Office**

No report was given.

**C. Illinois Department of Transportation: Local Roads and Streets**

Terry Fountain stated that applications for enhancement projects are currently being accepted. The deadline for applications is mid-August. Applications are to be submitted electronically. Applicants with projects within the MPO are required to send a copy to the MPO.

Fountain also commented that IDOT is currently accepting School Travel Plans as part of the Safe Routes To School Program.

**D. Illinois Commerce Commission**

No report was given.

**E. Springfield Airport Authority**

Roger Blickensderfer stated that the SAA has 2 projects underway. The project to relocate the entrance road came in over bid. The SAA is attempting to increase funding through talks with the military and other federal funding sources. The SAA is seeking a rebid for this project.

**V. AGENCY UPDATES**

**A. Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission**

Norm Sims stated to the committee that the MacArthur Corridor Study is moving forward.

Wheeland reported that July 1st is the first meeting of the Rural Transit Partnership Group. The Sangamon County Board has undertaken an initiative to look into the feasibility of creating a rural transit service within the county. There is some state funding to help start the system and state/federal funding to operate the system once underway. Invitation letters were sent out to people, organizations and businesses that could have an interest in rural transit.

**B. Springfield Mass Transit District**

Linda Tisdale reported that SMTD has registered with Google to participate in Google Transit which will allow passengers to plot their bus trip online. Planning Commission staff member Chris Benson and a retired SMTD supervisor have been in the field collecting bus stop descriptions to be used for this project. Planning Commission staff will also be preparing specific data needed to provide to Google.

Tisdale also stated that route changes went into effect on June 7<sup>th</sup> and that there have been very few complaints.

**C. City of Springfield**

Tim Sheehan reported that the Capitol Avenue project from 7<sup>th</sup> Street to 11<sup>th</sup> Street continues to progress, the ARRA enhancement Capitol Avenue project from 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> streets is in Phase I with

pavement removal and utility relocation, the emergency repair program overlay at MLK Jr. and 11<sup>th</sup> Street is complete, the ARRA funded joint project with IDOT at Old Jacksonville Rd and Veterans Parkway is progressing with utility relocation and is about 25% complete. The Washington Street Bridge project has paving completed and the contractor is currently installing sidewalk rail and repairing median crossovers. Meadowbrook Bridge is 99% complete with some minor grading repairs to be done.

#### **D. Sangamon County**

The Sangamon Valley Bike Trail project has just had its preconstruction conference and work is expected to start in 2-3 weeks. The county plans to submit TIGER II applications for the Iron Bridge Road and Woodside Road improvement project. Pawnee Road Bridge south of Lake Springfield has been replaced. The Vigal Road Bridge, southeast of Lake Springfield is currently under construction.

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

Russ Militello reported on the following projects:

June 11<sup>th</sup> Letting Selections:

- Sangamon Avenue from Peoria Rd to Hastings Rd low bid awarded to Truman L Flatt & Sons for \$1.131 million.
- Veterans Parkway at Wabash Trail for guardrail installation Clevenger Contractors was the low bidder at \$17,860
- Peoria Rd from Dirksen Parkway to Cabin Smoke Trail to install milled rumble strip, Illinois Valley Paving was the low bidder at \$69,300
- IL-29 from Dirksen Parkway to John Street in Rochester resurfacing project, Truman L Flatt & Sons was the low bidder at \$4.496 million.
- Veterans Parkway at various intersections from Greenbriar Dr to Mansion Road to install traffic signal modernization, Egizii Electric was the low bidder at \$115,675.
- Clear Lake Ave from Magnolia Dr to just east of I-55, a bid was received, but was beyond the awardable range and will be re-let on July 30<sup>th</sup>.
- IL-29 (Peoria Rd) from Sangamon Avenue to Northbrook Ct, IL-4/IL-29 (Veterans Parkway) from Peoria Rd to 1/10 of a mile west of J. David Jones Parkway, IL-4/IL-29 (Veterans Pkwy) at J. David Jones Pkwy, IL-29 (J. David Jones Pkwy) from the proposed revised Capitol Airport entrance to south of Jefferson Street, the bid was rejected and will be re-let on July 30<sup>th</sup>.
- I-55 from just north of Fancy Creek Sherman to the .6 miles north of I-72, R.A. Cullinan & Sons was the low bidder at \$21,153,804.
- Old Route 36 from Fleck Rd east to the Macon County line for micro resurfacing, Micro-Surfacing was the low bidder at \$1,005,624

Militello reported that none of the projects will interfere with the State Fair.

#### **F. Village of Chatham**

The Chatham ARRA funded project on Gordon Drive is underway with weather having been an issue. The contractor has the floor poured in the box culvert extension and weather should no longer be an issue.

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

A member of the public asked about SMTD's bike rack grant. Tisdale stated that within a few days notification of successful grantees would happen. The member of the public also asked about ITEP enhancement grant awards. Fountain stated that since the application process was still open, a list of applicants was not available at this time.

**VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. 2011 Unified Planning Work Program Revision**

Wheeland stated that due to some changes to the way internal budgeting is done at the Planning Commission and the availability of new reports from the County, a change to the indirect rate was needed. The proposed revision to the UPWP had been sent to Committee members prior to the meeting.

Tim Sheehan made a motion to recommend approval of the revised 2011 UPWP. Linda Tisdale seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

**B. Next Meeting Date – Thursday, August 5, 2010 at 8:30 AM**

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kyle Phillips  
Recording Secretary