

Minutes of Meeting
SATS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
October 7, 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 Zahn*	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 Brian Davis

** 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 Kim Cummins

** Represented by Roger Blickensderfer

Others

Chris Benson – Regional Planning Commission

Bill Davidson – Hoelscher Engineering

Stan Hansen – Crawford, Murphy & Tilly

Kyle Phillips – Regional Planning Commission

Dale Schultz – Regional Planning Commission

Leah Sirman – FHWA

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 – 09/02/10 SATS Technical Committee Meeting

Williamsen asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the September 2, 2010 SATS Technical Committee meeting. Tim Sheehan stated that on page 3 under the City of Springfield heading that Meadowbrook Bridge Project should be Lincoln Avenue Bridge Project. Norm Sims made a motion to approve the corrected minutes. Linda Tisdale seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

III. 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Linda Wheeland stated that the Planning Commission is moving forward with implementing objectives in the LRTP. One of the objectives is to create a Complete Streets policy statement. Chris Benson has researched other MPOs Complete Streets policies. Wheeland gave a brief overview of various types of policies adopted by different MPOs. Brian Davis asked what similar sized MPOs have done. Benson briefed the SATS members on the various policies and resolutions he had found as part of his research effort. Mike Williamsen stated that he was in favor of a policy approach and not a requirement approach. Norm Sims stated that SATS members should take a look at what IDOT has done in moving forward

toward a policy statement. Tim Sheehan asked if a Complete Street policy was only required for projects that are federally funded, like ST-U projects. Brian Davis asked if the Staff has examples of the statements that were found during the research. Linda Wheeland said that the Staff would forward Chris' spreadsheet detailing other MPO's policies to SATS members.

Another objective of the LRTP is to create a system for identifying locations with high numbers of accidents and to prioritize needed improvements. Wheeland and Kyle Phillips presented several maps displaying vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle crashes within the MPA. After discussion it was determined that a map set should be produced that displayed the last 5 years as well as the last 10 years focusing on fatalities and A-Injury types and identifying the top 5% accident prone intersections for all modes of travel in addition to the 3 separate modes. It was suggested that Dan Mlacnik be consulted regarding the method used by IDOT to identify the top crash locations.

IV. 2011-2014 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM CHANGES

A. Amendment #3

Sal Madonia introduced TIP Amendment #3 to the SATS Technical Committee members.

WHEREAS, research from FHWA suggests a 15% reduction of all crash types with the upgrade of signal heads to include reflective backplates; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Transportation District 6 has identified several locations in the Metropolitan Planning Area that are candidates for this safety improvement; and

WHEREAS, the District requests that the FY-2011 Annual Element of the FY/2011-2014 TIP be amended by adding the project listed below; and

Project Description and Funding:

Project/ Jurisdiction/ Class		Location		Action/Comments	Funding Source		Total Cost
Traffic Signals Upgrade		Termini:	Various Locations	Upgrade existing signal heads with reflective backplates			
	State	Contract#	72D97		HSIP - Safety	180,000	
	Principal Arterials	TIP#	04-2011-14		State	20,000	
							\$200,000

WHEREAS, the funding used for this project will not affect any other project in the TIP.

Tim Sheehan made a motion to recommend approval of TIP Amendment #3 to the FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program to the Policy Committee. Norm Sims seconded the motion and the vote to recommend approval was unanimous.

V. 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

J D Stevenson introduced Leah Sirman, a planning trainee.

C. Illinois Department of Transportation: Local Roads and Streets

Kim Cummins reported that Truck Access Route Program (TARP) applications are now being accepted. This program is designed to aide upgrading of truck routes to the new 80,000 lbs load bearing capacity. ITEP applications have been reviewed and project selections will be made in late-October.

D. Illinois Commerce Commission

Mike Stead reported that the federal government has provided a grant for a Public Education Research Study. Stead stated that local governments in down-state Illinois have been mostly unresponsive to participating. This grant is a public safety effort.

E. Springfield Airport Authority

Roger Blickensderfer reported on the following capital developments:

- Widening of taxiway 'Golf' is complete.
- Building of T-Hangers on Charlie Ramp is continuing, one will house a new flight school.
- In a safety effort, runway guard lights will be added to five taxiway intersections within three weeks.
- A new wash bay at the car washing facility is to be built soon to accommodate Enterprise Car Rental.
- The entrance road project will begin in late fall or early winter with some minor work including a turn lane and drainage on IL-29.

Blickensderfer stated that passenger boarding and deplaning at the Airport is up 9.85% as of August.

VI. AGENCY UPDATES

A. Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission

No report was given.

B. Springfield Mass Transit District

Linda Tisdale stated that ridership increased in August. Since the route changes ridership has decreased some nine tenths of a percent, beating the consultant estimates of a five to seven percent decrease. SMTD is anticipating some major operational issues this winter with the loss of storage space. Electrical lines will be installed to buses that will be parked outside to accommodate engine block heaters. SMTD is looking into de-icing materials to keep lifts operational throughout the winter.

C. City of Springfield

Tim Sheehan reported that the bids were rejected for the Meadowbrook Road Project from Iles Ave to Greenbriar Dr that was let last month. This project is going to be re-let in January.

Sheehan reported on the status of the following construction projects:

- Capitol Avenue from 6th Street to 7th Street is open, artistic elements are being installed on the 5th Street to 7th Street segment.
- The ARRA joint project with IDOT at IL-4 and Old Jacksonville Road is about 90% complete. Final overlay is currently being installed.
- Hotel/Motel overlay project will begin next week with construction starting on Lawrence Avenue from Monroe Street to Feldkamp Avenue.
- The annual concrete patching project will begin next week.
- The Washington Street Bridge is open.

D. Sangamon County

Brian Davis reported on the status of the following projects:

- The Sangamon Valley Trail project is coming along with intersection and grade crossing work continuing. Paving is still anticipated to begin this fall.
- Cape seal construction on Williamsville and Cardinal Hill Roads is awaiting striping
- Curran Twp is moving forward with its Mansion Road Project on the fringe of the MPA and will be let this month.

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

Sal Madonia stated that IDOT Dist 6 will be holding two open house public information meetings to discuss its multi-year program in Springfield at the State House Inn on October 21st from 4-6PM and in Quincy at the Oakley Lindsay Civic Center on October 19th from 4-6PM.

Madonia reported on the status of the following projects:

- The ARRA Joint venture with the City of Springfield at IL-4 and Old Jacksonville Road, all paving should be completed next week with final striping to follow.
- I-72 east of I-55 to Old Route 36 is 90% complete with shoulder work continuing.
- Sangamon Avenue from Peoria Road to Hastings Road, resurfacing is complete and traffic signal work is underway.
- Drainage work on Wabash Avenue is going slowly and should be completed by December.
- A project with various locations on Peoria Road, Walnut Street and Veterans Parkway has patching complete and mill work continues. Should the weather cooperate this fall, paving should be completed as scheduled.
- I-55 near Williamsville, patching is complete, bridge work is continuing.
- IL-29 from Springfield to Rochester, patching is complete and mill work is underway.
- The Clear Lake Avenue and Dirksen Parkway Project was awarded and should begin construction this fall.
- In Chatham, the Polecat Creek and IL-4 Project has been awarded, work may begin before the end of the year.

F. Village of Chatham

Mike Williamsen reported that the ARRA Project on Gordon Drive is now open to traffic, some landscape work remains.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Bicycle/Pedestrian Way Plan

Wheeland stated that the first meeting of the Steering Committee was held on September 21st, Ed Barsotti went over the guiding principles that were proposed. Communities are to contact Wheeland whether or not they support the principles. A public engagement workshop is to be held on October 20th at 6PM at Lincoln Library. This is to be a working session where citizens will be asked to mark up maps and give suggestions on routes that they would like to have put into place and then break into groups and set priorities.

B. Public Participation Plan

Wheeland reported that the PPP is being updated as it is every two years. A progress report was given at the last meeting showing the effectiveness of the different activities undertaken. Wheeland asked the SATS members to look over the plan and give suggestions of what they would like to see in the plan. The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) was also asked for suggestions during the update of the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan. The CAC did have three suggestions and those were put into the Long Range Transportation Plan. Within the PPP there is an online survey effort that is conducted yearly. Thoughts were that this was excessive and not necessary. It was suggested that a two month long survey be conducted as the LRTP is being updated. They also provided ideas of additional names to be put on the contact list. A representative from the Springfield Urban League participated on the CAC and outreach efforts to the traditionally underserved will be conducted with the assistance of the Urban League as stated in the LRTP.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. FY 2010 Annual Listing of Federally Obligated Projects

Wheeland reported that this is required by the FHWA. Chris Benson compiled the information given by FHWA and conducted any additional research needed in creating a document presented to SATS members. JD Stevenson stated that he has not had a chance to look it over, but he is confident that the document was fine given that he and Chris have worked closely together on it. Williamsen asked why some ARRA projects were not yet obligated. Stevenson stated that this listing was accurate as of June 30th when the report was last ran.

B. Next Meeting Date – Thursday, November 4, 2010 at 8:30 AM

X. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kyle Phillips
Recording Secretary