

Minutes of Meeting
SATS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
April 7, 2011

ATTENDANCE

Technical Committee Voting Members

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chairman Mike Williamsen	Village of Chatham
<input 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 Jay Jessen

** Represented by Sal Madonia

Technical Committee Advisors – Non-Voting

<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"/>	Mike Stead*	Illinois Commerce Commission
<input 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 John Blair

** Represented by Roger Blickensderfer

Others

Neha Soni Agarwal – Regional Planning Commission

Chris Benson – Regional Planning Commission

Stan Hansen – Crawford, Murphy & Tilly

Kevin Kuhn – Quigg Engineering

Tim Landis – State Journal Register

Lynn Miller – Springfield Bicycle Club

Jim Moll – Hanson Professional Services

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 – 3/03/11 SATS Technical Committee Meeting

Williamsen asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the March 3, 2011 SATS Technical Committee meeting. There were none. Tim Sheehan made a motion to approve the minutes. Norm Sims seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

III. 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

A. Crash Data Analysis

Linda Wheeland reported that this project is an objective of the 2035 LRTP, a way to identify deficiencies

in the transportation network. The Crash Data Analysis was performed for all vehicle crashes, crashes involving bicycles, and crashes involving pedestrians. Using guidance from IDOT, the crash locations were identified 1) by the numbers of crashes involving fatalities and incapacitating injuries and 2) by crashes weighted by type. The six maps were presented to the Technical Committee. The purpose in creating this analysis was, in part, to assist in addressing safety as a priority project selection criteria. In addition, projects presented for the TIP and LRTP could be noted and prioritized regarding safety concerns.

Sal Madonia made a motion to recommend approval of the Six Crash Data Maps as an official planning tool of SATS to the Policy Committee. Norm Sims seconded the motion and the vote to recommend approval was unanimous.

IV. 2011-2014 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM CHANGES

A. Amendment #13

Madonia introduced TIP Amendment #13 to the SATS Technical Committee members.

WHEREAS, Interstate 55 from Cook Street to south of I-72(N)/Clear Lake Avenue in Springfield has a severe rutting issue, IDOT District 6 has proposed to mill and resurface the southbound driving lanes; and

WHEREAS, IDOT District 6 requests that the FY-2012 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
A13	I-55	Termini:	Cook Street to south of I-72(N)/Clear Lake Avenue	Mill and resurface SB driving lanes.	State	35,000	
	State	Contract#:	72E09		I-M	315,000	
	Interstate	TIP#:	04-2012-11		\$350,000		

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

Norm Sims made a motion to recommend approval of TIP Amendment #13 to the FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program to the Policy Committee. Tim Sheehan 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**

Thomas Caldwell reported that IDOT in conjunction with FHWA conducted a planning review of SATS. Caldwell stated that everything was going well with the SATS and that the Staff has done a fine job.

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

JD Stevenson added to the discussion about the Planning Review by stating that a report highlighting the observations and findings is currently being worked on and should be available by late May and presented sometime in June.

Stevenson thanked the Staff for their cooperation during the Planning Review.

C. Illinois Department of Transportation: Local Roads and Streets

Williamsen stated that there have been discussions between Kim Cummins, Kevin Kuhn and Linda Wheeland regarding sign retroreflectivity requirements. Agencies have until January 2012 to establish and implement a sign assessment or management method to maintain minimum levels of sign retroreflectivity. The compliance date for meeting the minimum retroreflectivity requirements on regulatory, warning, and ground-mounted guide signs is January 2015. For overhead guide signs and street name signs, the compliance date is January 2018.

Williamsen noted that potential funding is available through the Highway Safety Improvement Program. Last year, the Tri County RPC in Peoria was awarded \$1.4 million from HSIP to upgrade signage in that area. Sangamon County is currently doing a similar project with communities outside of the MPA. Williamsen stated that he believes that for HSIP funding to be competitive it should be a cooperative effort between agencies. He would like to have SATS draft a letter to the various jurisdictions within the MPA stating that by the end of 2011 a sign inventory should be done. This step will need to be completed in order to apply for HSIP funding in 2012. Sims asked if there is to be a cooperative effort; that perhaps a special SATS meeting may be in order. Wheeland stated that Kevin Burke, with IDOT Local Roads, is available to address the SATS members about the issue at the June Technical Committee Meeting. Wheeland also stated that there is a cost-benefit analysis associated with HSIP funding and that smaller communities alone may not fulfill that requirement. Williamsen stated that an analysis of accidents and crashes was used in the Tri County RPC HSIP application. Williamsen requested that Staff contact the non-member communities within the SATS area and ask them to attend a special meeting regarding the sign retroreflectivity issue, to be held immediately following the June Technical Committee meeting.

D. Illinois Commerce Commission

John Blair stated that the Crossing Safety 5-Year Plan was published and is available online at the ICC's website.

E. Springfield Airport Authority

Roger Blickensderfer stated that work on the airport entrance road is again underway. On Tuesday, April 5th, American Eagle changed some of its air operations leading to more markets opening up to direct flights to Dallas originating from Springfield. During the 3rd week of May, direct flights to Myrtle Beach, SC will be available and on June 24th direct flights will be available to Lakeland, FL with Direct Air.

VI. AGENCY UPDATES

A. Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission

Sims stated that the regular meeting of the Illinois MPO Advisory Council was yesterday and several items of interest were discussed. These items include:

- An agreement was struck with IDOT to hold training opportunities for MPOs regarding Crash Data Analyses.
- A discussion about Pavement Management System Plans and how smaller communities could coordinate in their development. IDOT was supportive of the MPOs working together with smaller communities in a cooperative effort.
- Senate Bill 1258 (Sandoval) was discussed. SB 1258 in essence would allow the Road Fund to be

used for projects that are currently disallowed. These projects could include rail, public transit and structures related to those modes of transportation, among other things.

- Another piece of legislation was talked about, House Bill 1966 (Burke) regarding creating a High Speed Rail Commission. There is concern regarding local input and the geographical distribution of the Commission members.
- House Bill 3047 (Jakobsson) creating a Complete Streets Act was discussed. An amendment to the Bill provides that "complete streets" includes a life-cycle cost analysis of pavement options and that a life-cycle cost analysis shall be a part of the complete streets implementation.

B. Springfield Mass Transit District

No report was given.

C. City of Springfield

Tim Sheehan reported on the status of the following projects:

- Annual Sidewalk and Concrete Patch Maintenance is underway.
- The Meadowbrook Rd Construction Project between Iles Ave and Greenbriar Dr was awarded last month to Truman L Flatt & Sons. Work on this project has begun.
- The Capitol Ave Beautification Project from 11th St to MLK Dr is listed on the April IDOT letting.

D. Sangamon County

Jay Jessen reported that the Sangamon Valley Trail is currently paved for approximately 1.5 miles. Paving and shoulder work is continuing.

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

Sal Madonia reported on the status of the following projects:

- At the 6th St interchange at I-55/I-72, I-72 bridge deck replacement over I-55; project started this week.
- IL-4 over Polecat Creek in Chatham; bridge replacement; project is 15% complete.
- Palm Rd near Glenarm; bridge replacement; new sub-structure is being worked on.
- I-55 at Fancy Creek to Clear Lake Ave; resurfacing project; patching is complete, milling and overlay will begin next week.
- Clear Lake Ave and Dirksen Pkwy intersection; utility relocation work is currently being done; storm water and sewer work should start next week.
- Old Jacksonville Rd, Monroe St and Veterans Pkwy project has striping and sidewalk work continuing.

F. Village of Chatham

No report was given.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Bicycle/Pedestrian Way Plan

Dale Schultz reported that a proposed network of Bicycle and Pedestrian Ways was developed in conjunction with Ed Barsotti, the consultant on the Plan. Meetings with the Villages of Chatham, Sherman, Rochester and Jerome have been conducted and their feedback, local knowledge and suggestions have been introduced into the Plan. Next Monday meetings will be held with IDOT, the City of Springfield and Sangamon County.

Schultz stated that an active group of volunteers has been gathering information on bicycle parking and have returned data on some 300+ locations and recommendations.

The Planning Commission will be promoting and helping to sponsor the annual ‘Curb your Car During Bike to Work Week’ event which will be held May 16th – 20th.

B. PY 2012 Unified Planning Work Program

Wheeland stated that a draft of the UPWP was sent to SATS members for review. Wheeland asked if there were any additional comments. There were none.

Tim Sheehan made a motion to recommend approval of the PY 2012 Unified Planning Work Program to the Policy Committee. Sal Madonia seconded the motion and the vote to recommend approval was unanimous.

C. Public Participation Plan

Wheeland stated that a draft of the PPP has been sent out for a 45 day public review period ending April 29. Any comments that are received will be sent to the SATS members prior to the next meeting. Currently there have not been any comments.

D. 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program

i. ST-U Project Selection

Wheeland stated that Chris Benson has been working on the next TIP. Wheeland noted that IDOT may release its list of projects sooner this year than last. Madonia stated that the list of projects would be released later that day.

Wheeland reported that SATS members were sent a list of ranked projects that were submitted for ST-U funding last year. FHWA and IDOT have advised SATS to move forward with programming ST-U dollars in the next TIP. Wheeland noted that Brian McFadden, the Chairperson of the SATS Policy Committee, will not be available to attend the next Policy Committee meeting and asked that the Policy Committee hold off on project selection until May. Williamsen suggested that the Technical Committee also wait until May.

Norm Sims made a motion to delay ST-U project selection until the next meeting. Sal Madonia seconded the motion and the vote to delay ST-U project selection was unanimous.

E. Proposed Changes to Ozone Standards

Wheeland stated that a draft letter to the SATS area congressional delegation regarding concerns with the purposed changes to Ozone standards was sent to SATS members. Williamsen had suggested some changes to the letter prior to the meeting. Those changes were made to the draft letter.

Tim Sheehan made a motion to approve the letter concerning the Proposed Changes in Ozone Standards. Norm Sims seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Next Meeting Date – Thursday, May 5, 2010 at 8:30 AM

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kyle Phillips
Recording Secretary