

Minutes of Meeting
SATS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
August 4, 2011

ATTENDANCE

Technical Committee Voting Members

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chair Linda Tisdale	Springfield Mass Transit District
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Vice-Chair Tim Sheehan	City of Springfield
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mike Williamsen*	Village of Chatham
<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 Patrick McCarthy

** 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 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

Neha Agarwal – Regional Planning Commission
Chris Benson – Regional Planning Commission
David Booher – IE Consultants – Village of Sherman
Brian Cuffle – Village of Spaulding
Jeff Fulgenzi – Regional Planning Commission
Stan Hansen – Crawford, Murphy & Tilly
Tim Landis – State Journal-Register
R Scott McTaggart – Village of Jerome
Alex Myers – Regional Planning Commission
Kyle Phillips – Regional Planning Commission
Dale Schultz – Regional Planning Commission
Linda Wheeland – Regional Planning Commission

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Linda Tisdale called the meeting of the SATS Technical Committee to order.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 7/07/11 SATS Technical Committee Meeting

Tisdale asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the July 7, 2011 SATS Technical Committee meeting. Norm Sims made a motion to approve the minutes. Tim Sheehan seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

III. 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Wheeland stated that several projects submitted for the FY2012-2015 TIP are not included in the LRTP. In addition, there are several projects that are currently listed as Planned Illustrative projects and should now be listed in the Committed projects category. Therefore, the LRTP needs to be amended to include these

changes during the FY2012-2015 timeframe. An amendment to add 8 projects to the LRTP and move 8 projects from “Planned Illustrative” to “Committed” was presented as follows.

WHEREAS, all projects with identified funding sources that were anticipated to be completed during the period July 2010 – June 2015 are listed as Committed Projects in the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan and projects that are a high priority for implementation over the 25-year period but did not have identified funding sources are listed as Planned Illustrative Projects; and

WHEREAS, funding has become available for eight projects on the Planned Illustrative Projects list and eight projects that have subsequently been identified as necessary but were not included in the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, as shown on the next page, it is proposed to move the eight projects from the Planned Illustrative list to the Committed Projects list and to add the eight new projects to the Committed Projects list.

Amendments to the SATS 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan

PROJECTS ADDED AS COMMITTED PROJECTS				
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF IMPROVEMENT	JURISDICTION	COST	BIKE/PED ACCOMODATIONS
Chatham Road: .3 mile north of Wabash Ave.	Bridge Replacement	Springfield	1,725,000	
E. Lake Shore/Palm Rd.: at Chatham Rd.	Intersection Improvement	State	650,000	
Fayette Avenue	Bridge Replacement	Springfield	1,150,000	
New City Road	Bridge Replacement	County	760,000	
New Salem Church Road	Bridge Replacement	County	350,000	
Oak Crest Road	Bridge Replacement	County	2,400,000	
Old Salem Lane	Bridge Replacement	Gardner RD	610,000	
Plummer Blvd Trail: Ravinia to High School	Construction	Chatham	417,000	Trail
TOTAL			8,062,000	

PROJECTS MOVED FROM PLANNED ILLUSTRATIVE TO COMMITTED IN 2035 LRTP				
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF IMPROVEMENT	JURISDICTION	COST	BIKE/PED ACCOMODATIONS
Archer Elevator Rd.: Wabash to Greenbriar	ROW Acquisition	Springfield	50,000	

Cockrell Lane: Spaulding Orchard to Hollis	ROW Acquisition	Springfield	500,000	Bike Lanes & SW
I-55 Bus. (6th St.): I-72 to Stanford	PE I and PE II	State	1,250,000	
I-55 Bus. (Peoria Rd.): at Ridgely	Intersection Improvement	State	875,000	
IL 29/Dirksen Parkway: N. of Ridge to N. of Clear Lake Ave.	Add 2 lanes and bi- directional turn lane	State	5,800,000	Bike Lanes & SW
Sangamon Valley Trail: former B&O Railroad to .5 mile north of Cantrall Creek Road	PE II	County	192,000	Trail
Stanford Avenue: Fox Bridge to Taylor	Construction	Springfield	3,750,000	Bike Path & SW
Wabash Ave: Moffet to Koke Mill	Add 3 lanes	State	18,000,000	Bike Lanes & SW
TOTAL			30,417,000	

Tim Sheehan made a motion to recommend approval of the amendment to the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan to the Policy Committee. Tim Zahrn seconded the motion and the vote to recommend approval was unanimous.

IV. 2011-2014 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM CHANGES

A. Amendment #14

Tisdale reported that this amendment adds a line item for office equipment and adjusts the cost of the 30-foot Transit buses.

WHEREAS, the Springfield Mass Transit District FY 2011-2014 Capital Projects and Funding Projections for FY 2011 are shown in the TIP as follows:

FY/2011-2014 CAPITAL PROJECTS & FUNDING PROJECTIONS FTA Section 5307 and Discretionary Section 5309

Section 5307 Before Project Balance	Year & Project #	Project Description	# of Units	Unit Cost \$	80% Federal Share			20% Local Share		Notes
					Total Cost \$	Sec. 5307 \$	Sec. 5309 \$	IDOT \$	SMTD	
\$1,181,446	2011 1	30-ft. Transit Buses - Replacement *	2	372,500	745,000	745,000		TRC		A
\$436,446	2011 2	Continue Land Acquisition*	1	381,446	381,446	381,446		TRC		A, F
\$55,000	2011 3	Service Truck*	1	40,000	40,000	40,000		TRC		A
\$15,000	2011 4	Metal Lathe*	1	15,000	15,000	15,000		TRC		A
\$0	2011 5	Continue Construction Off-Street Transfer Center *	1	3,000,000	3,000,000		3,000,000	TRC		D, E
	2011 6	30-ft. Transit Buses - Replacement *	3	372,500	1,117,500		1,117,500	TRC		A
	2011 7	Purchase and Install Bike Racks on Buses (JARC)			57,000	45,600			11,400	A, F
FY 2011 CAPITAL PROJECTS TOTALS					\$ 5,355,946	\$ 1,227,046	\$ 4,117,500		\$11,400	

WHEREAS, the Springfield Mass Transit District requests an amendment to the FY/2011-2014 CAPITAL PROJECTS & FUNDING PROJECTIONS for FY 2011 to add a Furniture and Office Equipment line item with a cost of \$11,000 and modify the 30-foot Transit Bus unit cost for Project #1 from \$372,500 to \$367,000 as shown below; and

Project Description and Funding:

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					Total Cost \$	Sec. 5307 \$	Sec. 5309 \$	IDOT \$	SMTD	
\$1,181,446	2011 1	30-ft. Transit Buses - Replacement *	2	367,000	734,000	734,000		TRC		A
\$436,446	2011 2	Continue Land Acquisition*	1	381,446	381,446	381,446		TRC		A, F
\$55,000	2011 3	Service Truck*	1	40,000	40,000	40,000		TRC		A
\$15,000	2011 4	Metal Lathe*	1	15,000	15,000	15,000		TRC		A
\$0	2011 5	Continue Construction Off-Street Transfer Center *	1	3,000,000	3,000,000		3,000,000	TRC		D, E
	2011 6	30-ft. Transit Buses - Replacement *	3	372,500	1,117,500		1,117,500	TRC		A
	2011 7	Purchase and Install Bike Racks on Buses (JARC)			57,000	45,600			11,400	A, F
	2011 8	Furniture and Office Equipment			11,000	11,000		TRC		
FY 2011 CAPITAL PROJECTS TOTALS					\$ 5,355,946	\$ 1,227,046	\$ 4,117,500		\$11,400	

8. FURNITURE AND OFFICE EQUIPMENT:

Additional furniture and office equipment are needed for new and existing office space.

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

Tim Zahn made a motion to recommend approval of the fourteenth amendment to the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program to the Policy Committee. Sal Madonia seconded the motion and the vote to recommend approval was unanimous.

V. PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

A. Public Comments

Wheeland stated that this is the time when verbal comments may be submitted in response to the 2012-2015 TIP. The draft version of the 2012-2015 TIP has been available for public review for one month. Tisdale asked if there were any public comments at this time. There were none.

B. Written Comments

Wheeland reported that a series of comments were received in response to the draft TIP, most of which were in the form of a question. Each question was presented and discussed by committee members.

The following is a generalized response to the written comments received from the public:

Cardinal Hill/Buckhart Road

Comment: Request for signalized intersection at Cardinal Hill Road and Buckhart Road

Question: Will traffic signals and sidewalks be a part of the overall northerly extension of Cardinal Hill from Buckhart Road?

Response: This will be studied as the project advances.

General Funding

Question: Why are Motor fuel tax funds used for new construction rather than existing network maintenance?

Response: Only a small portion of the available motor fuel tax funds is allocated to new construction. The majority of this funding is used for reconstruction and maintenance activities.

Koke Mill between Old Jacksonville Road and Washington Street

Question: This section of Koke Mill Road was estimated by IDOT to have an average vehicle traffic of 7,000 vehicles per day in 2007. This has increased a great deal since then, particularly during peak drive times and during the school year. There is also a growing number of bikers and runners along this segment, as well as frequent flooding, which compound the existing safety considerations. Old Jacksonville Road, Meadowbrook Road, and Bradfordton Road all have improvements planned. What plans are there for this stretch of Koke Mill Road?

Comment: This section of Koke Mill road should be included in the SATS multi-year planning efforts, particularly considering its frequent flooding problems.

Response: Funding has yet to be identified, but this project is listed as a priority in the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan.

MacArthur Avenue Extension

Question(s): Did this project include any property owner-developer funding participation? Do adjacent business developments pay additional sales tax to assist in the project's funding? Will similar funding be associated with the Stanford Avenue extension?

Response: Yes, business developments in Legacy Pointe are partially funding the project via an additional sales tax. No, the Stanford Avenue project does not include this type of funding at this time.

Rochester Middle School

Comment: Pedestrian and bicycle accommodations are needed for student safety near the middle school at the corner of Main Street and Education Avenue.

Response: The Village of Rochester is responsible to maintain and has jurisdiction of any sidewalks along Cardinal Hill Road and the property owners would be responsible for the installation of sidewalks according to the Village Ordinance for subdivision development, per a written agreement between Sangamon County and the Village of Rochester. Sangamon County will contact the Village and let them know of the concern raised.

Sangamon Valley Trail

Question: The Sangamon Valley Trail extension from Stuart Park northward across the Sangamon river to Central Point Road should be the top trail priority for Sangamon County. The two existing bicycle routes north from Springfield (IL 29 & Peoria Road) consist of wide paved shoulders appropriate only for experienced cyclists. The bridge across the Sangamon River on the planned Sangamon Valley Trail extension will provide an excellent scenic outlook and should be designed to accommodate sightseers, fisherman, and equestrian access.

Response: Sangamon County has applied for and received Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program grant funds to initiate a study of this project. These comments will be submitted for inclusion in this study.

Stanford Avenue Extension

Question: Are there plans for property owner-developer funding and participation for this extension?

Response: These are currently covered by the Land Subdivision Ordinances.

Question(s): What funding sources will be used for this project? Do these funds apply to upgrading existing portions of Stanford Avenue affected by potential additional traffic generated by the new extension?

Response: Motor fuel tax for Preliminary Engineering phases I & II and for all phases from 6th Street to Taylor Avenue. Federal Surface Transportation – Urban funds (\$2.9 million) will be used towards the construction phases from Fox Bridge to Taylor Avenue. The city of Springfield has also applied for TIGER II grants for this project. These funds are strictly for the extension. Potential sources for existing portions of Stanford Avenue will be identified going forward.

Question: What aspects of the Stanford Avenue extension contributed towards its priority over Springfield's Iles Avenue project in the Illustrative Projects listing on page 65?

Response: The Stanford Avenue extension will provide a complete east-west corridor between Veterans and Dirksen; it will improve emergency vehicle access; link four major National Highway System arterials; and provide improved access to bike trail connections.

Comment: There does not appear to be adequate Right-Of-Way from 11th Street to Fox Bridge for a bike trail or bicycle lanes. As an alternative, bicycle traffic could be routed through Bunn Park and up to Ash Street. This detour would be similar to the Interurban Trail detour at Legacy Pointe along the MacArthur Avenue extension.

Response: This project is still being studied. This route suggestion will be considered as the project develops.

VI. TECHNICAL ADVISOR UPDATES

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

Tom Caldwell mentioned the Public Outreach for comments and commentary about the Multi-year Program will be held in Springfield.

Sims stated that there has been an increase in PL funding allocated for SATS. The increase in local match funding will be covered by CRP funding for the current cycle. A revised UPWP will be presented at the next Technical Committee meeting date for SATS approval.

Wheeland stated that the Planning Commission has been offered funds to perform some rural transportation planning activities. Staff is looking into possible planning ideas within the funding scope and also the idea of extending the Bicycle and Pedestrian Way Plan beyond the SATS planning area.

B. Federal Highway Administration: Illinois Division Office

No report was given.

C. Illinois Department of Transportation: Local Roads and Streets

No report was given.

D. Illinois Commerce Commission

Mike Stead stated that recent figures indicate that Train/Vehicle crashes have dropped 59% in Illinois, however, that decrease does not correlate to Sangamon County. There is about one crash per year with casualties within the county. Stead reported that the ICC is looking into improvements in the areas where crashes have occurred.

E. Springfield Airport Authority

Roger Blickensderfer stated that funding for improvements is currently not available through the FAA. Funding through Military sources, however, is still available and work continues on the entrance road project though those means. Airline service is doing well at the airport.

VII. AGENCY UPDATES

A. Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission

Sims reported on a meeting of the ILMPO Advisory Council. One of the discussions involved Pavement Management Policy. Traffic Safety Analysis guidance will be delayed until the winter.

Another discussion introduced the idea of State Travel Guidelines and Policies for MPO staff, its consultants and contractors. This involves staff having to stay in State authorized State rate hotels. An issue with this is that MPO staff, consultants and contractors do not have State IDs relative to receiving such rates.

Sims stated that the Planning Commission may provide some mini-planning grants to some of the smaller communities. Funding will be possible through CRPF and PL funding sources at approximately \$25,000. Staff is considering which grant possibilities may exist given PL funding guidelines.

B. Springfield Mass Transit District

No report was given.

C. City of Springfield

Sheehan reported on the status of the following projects:

- Capitol Avenue Streetscape/Beautification project is continuing from 11th Street to Martin Luther King Jr Drive.
- Meadowbrook Road construction project from Iles Avenue to Greenbriar Drive is continuing.
- The Annual Sidewalk program is coming to a close.
- The Annual Overlay program from last year is complete.

Wheeland asked about the round-about camera at 12th Street and Capitol Avenue. Sheehan stated that the camera is available for the public to view. Wheeland expressed the desire to link the camera to the Planning Commission's website.

D. Sangamon County

Zahrn reported that the Sangamon Valley Trail ribbon cutting ceremony was held recently and that the Trail is now open and being used by the public. ITEP funding has been awarded for the design of the second phase of the Trail.

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

Sal Madonia reported on the status of the following projects:

- Polecat Creek Project in Chatham, work is continuing on Phase II with a bridge deck pour occurring next week. Work is nearly 70% complete.
- The I-72/I-55/6th Street interchange Phase II work is continuing with a bridge deck pour occurring on August 10th. The project is 60% complete.
- I-55 Project from Sherman to Clear Lake Avenue work is nearly finished with just the striping needing to be complete.
- The Glenarm Palm Road Bridge project has sub-structure work finished and beam work is continuing. The project is approximately 40% complete.
- A project with two sections on Jefferson Street from Emporia Avenue to just east of Veterans Parkway and Madison Street from Lewis Street to I-55BL patching work will be completed by the time of the State Fair.
- The IL-29 project from Springfield to Rochester is near completion and has miscellaneous sidewalk work underway. This project is 95% complete.
- The Clear Lake Avenue and Dirksen Parkway project had a 48-inch pipe under Clear Lake

Avenue moved. This was a timing consuming effort, but is finally complete. Frontage Road work both north and south of Clear Lake Avenue is now the main focus.

Patrick McCarthy asked if there was a time table for the overlay construction as part of the Polecat Creek project in Chatham. He stated that an e-alert was sent to residents in an effort to suggest alternative routes and avoid the area. Madonia stated that he would look into the timetable and let Chatham officials know.

F. Village of Chatham

McCarthy reported that the sign inventory is complete. Chatham is looking forward to a group sign purchase and the possibility of renting a retroreflective testing device. The Chatham Water project is underway with the transmission lines in place and some small pieces that connect to New Berlin are yet to be complete.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Bicycle/Pedestrian Way Plan

Dale Schultz stated that the sidewalk survey has been completed by staff. Staff is currently working to draft the plan. The draft plan will be presented to the SATS committees after a steering committee meeting and there is a chance for the public to give additional input.

B. Small Community MPO Representation

Wheeland stated with the short time period between the special meeting last Thursday and the deadline to submit comments on Tuesday it was her understanding that there was a desire to table this discussion until more consideration can be given to the subject.

Zahrn stated that more time should be devoted to this issue.

Sims said that at the ILMPO Advisory Council meeting he had asked the members if they had experience with small project funding set asides. Since the meeting was just Tuesday, responses have not yet been received.

Stevenson stated that although set asides for smaller projects are okay, routes that receive this funding must be federally eligible routes.

Tim Zahrn made a motion to table the Small Community MPO Representation item until such a time when more information can be gathered. Sal Madonia seconded the motion and the vote to table the discussion was unanimous.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Next Meeting Date – Thursday, September 1, 2010 at 8:30 AM

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kyle Phillips
Recording Secretary