

Minutes of Meeting
SATS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
July 7, 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 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
Rex Bangert – Village of Leland Grove
David Booher – IE Consultants – Village of Sherman
Brian Cuffle – Village of Spaulding
Brian Davis – Sangamon County Highway Department
Bill Davison – Hoelscher Engineering
Maribeth Eandi – Village of Rochester
Joe Hill – Village of Rochester
Kevin Kuhn – Quigg Engineering
Mark Mahoney – City of Springfield
Robert Mathis Sr. – Village of Curran
R Scott McTaggart – Village of Jerome
Lynn Miller – Springfield Bicycle Club
Alex Myers – Regional Planning Commission
Kyle Phillips – Regional Planning Commission
Dale Schultz – Regional Planning Commission
Kristin Timmons – Crawford, Murphy & Tilly
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 – 6/02/11 SATS Technical Committee Meeting

Tisdale asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the June 2, 2011 SATS Technical Committee meeting. Mike Williamsen 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 TIP are not currently listed under Committed projects in the LRTP. Therefore, the LRTP needs to be amended to include these projects as Committed during the FY2012-2015 timeframe. An amendment will be prepared and made available for public review prior to the August Technical Committee meeting.

IV. 2011-2014 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM CHANGES

A. Administrative Modification #2 – Vachel Lindsay Bridge Project

Sheehan reported that this project had a higher than anticipated cost and that this Administrative Modification is necessary to reflect the adjustment of funding.

This project is in the FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program as project #02-2011-07 and is shown with anticipated cost and funding figures as follows:

A10	Vachel Lindsay Bridge; Structure # 084-9916	Termini: Over Lake Springfield on Long Bay Drive	C & CE Maintenance Repairs	Springfield	581,806	
	Springfield	Contract#		ITEP	1,200,425	
	Collector	TIP# 02-2011-07				

The actual cost of this project is greater than originally anticipated and additional Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) funding has been approved. The FY 2011-2014 TIP will be modified to show the project with these new figures as follows:

A10 M2	Vachel Lindsay Bridge; Structure # 084-9916	Termini: Over Lake Springfield on Long Bay Drive	C & CE Maintenance Repairs	Springfield	392,851	
	Springfield	Contract#		ITEP	1,571,410	
	Collector	TIP# 02-2011-07				

V. TECHNICAL ADVISOR UPDATES

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

Tom Caldwell reported that there is a tentative schedule for the multi-year public outreach meeting to be held in Springfield sometime between August and October.

Caldwell also stated that there is a new acting Secretary of Transportation Ann Schneider.

B. Federal Highway Administration: Illinois Division Office

J D Stevenson stated that in April FHWA conducted a 'Planning Review' of SATS and the report is currently in its final stages and will be presented at the next Policy Committee Meeting on July 14th.

C. Illinois Department of Transportation: Local Roads and Streets

Kim Cummins reported that information regarding new Federal TIGER III grants will be coming out later in the year.

Stevenson recalled a sum of around \$530 million dollars in TIGER III grant funding.

Norm Sims reported seeing information about a webcast on TIGER III grants scheduled for the 18th of July and pre-application due date of October 1st and final due date of October 31st.

D. Illinois Commerce Commission

No report was given.

E. Springfield Airport Authority

Roger Blickensderfer reported that work is continuing on the entrance road project. This project is having some impact on Route IL-29.

VI. AGENCY UPDATES

A. Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission

Wheeland reported that the 2011 Parking Survey is near completion and will be made available soon.

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 Phase III is underway. Sidewalk, curb and gutter removal is currently being worked on from MLK Drive to 12th Street, as well as installation of a roundabout at 12th Street.
- Meadowbrook Road extension work continues with paving.
- Crack seal work is complete and oil and chip work will begin later this summer.
- The 2010 Overlay and Sidewalk programs are now near completion.

D. Sangamon County

Zahrn reported the paving is completed on the Sangamon Valley Trail. Shoulder work is underway and should be completed this week. The SVT should be open within a week or two.

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

Sal Madonia reported on the status of the following projects:

- The Old Jacksonville Road/Monroe Street/Veterans Parkway project is complete.
- Polecat Creek Project in Chatham traffic is switched over to Stage II and work is continuing.
- The I-72/I-55/6th Street interchange traffic will be switching lanes on Tuesday. Work is underway.
- I-55 Project from Sherman to Clear Lake Avenue work is about 75% complete with about another month of work to be done, final surfacing is underway.
- Intersection improvement project at Walnut Street and Veterans Parkway is approximately 70% complete with paving of left turn lanes underway.
- The Glenarm Palm Road Bridge project has sub-structure work continuing.

- A new 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 start soon.
- The IL-29 project from Springfield to Rochester is near completion and has miscellaneous sidewalk work underway.
- The Clear Lake Avenue and Dirksen Parkway project has dirt and storm/sewer work underway on relocated Hill Street. A 40-inch pipe under Clear Lake Avenue is delaying the project.

F. Village of Chatham

No report was given.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lynn Miller presented a picture to the Planning Commission from the Springfield Bicycle Club in appreciation of the work done on the 'Curb your Car during Bike to Work Week' event.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Bicycle/Pedestrian Way Plan

Dale Schultz reported that work is continuing on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Way Plan with a comprehensive audit of sidewalk facilities in association with the priority pedestrian ways recently undertaken by Planning Commission staff. A late-Summer completion date of the draft plan is anticipated.

B. 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program

Wheeland stated that a draft copy of the TIP was distributed to the Committee. Changes to the draft will include items #21 (a State project at I-55/I-72/6th Street interchange) to reflect PE II and a county project item at Woodside Road and Iron Bridge Road that currently shows zero dollars of HBP funds, this amount will be struck from the TIP. Possible Railroad funding was also shown and will remain at zero dollars.

A consensus was reached and the Draft 2012-2015 TIP will be made available for public review. At the next Technical Committee meeting on August 4th a public informational meeting will be held to hear comments from the public. Public comments will be taken through August 10th.

C. Small Community MPO Representation

Tisdale stated that the Committee was provided a proposal formed from a meeting of the smaller communities held on June 22nd.

Williamsen asked if Williamsville was to be added into the MPA. Wheeland stated that a portion of Williamsville currently lies within the MPA. Williamsen asked if the borders of the MPA should be looked at to include a larger area.

Sal Madonia presented a map of Functional Road Classification with collector, arterial and principle arterial road networks to illustrate the miles of roadway in each community currently eligible for federal funding.

Wheeland stated that the map presented by IDOT was created without input from the smaller communities and roadway classification recommendations may change.

Sheehan stated that smaller communities were invited to submit ARRA funding applications in the past. Sherman is the recipient of some ARRA funds. Their projects were ranked along with projects from communities with formal SATS representation and Sherman was successful in being allocated ARRA funding. Sheehan also stated that the smaller communities had been represented in SATS committees by Kim Cummins.

Williamsen asked if it was the intent of the proposal to be the Technical Committee's recommendation to the Policy Committee or if there is to be more discussion.

Sims stated that the Committee should submit a meaningful recommendation to the Policy Committee that makes sense to all parties involved.

Wheeland stated that smaller communities do not have a formal way to be involved with many SATS activities including TIP project submission, planning processes and LRTP development.

Brian Cuffle asked what would it hurt to add two additional voting members to the Technical Committee.

Williamsen asked how the coordination between smaller communities and their representatives would work? Wheeland stated that coordination would be made possible through a subcommittee of the smaller communities that would meet quarterly and be facilitated by Planning Commission staff.

Kim Cummins suggested a Technical Advisory role of the smaller communities within SATS.

Sims suggested polling SATS Technical Committee members for their issues and suggestions regarding the proposal made by the smaller community group.

Rex Bangert asked if inclusion into SATS would help smaller community's applications in project scoring.

Sims suggested having a special meeting before the next Technical Committee meeting to discuss this topic exclusively and formulate a recommendation to the Policy Committee. Planning Commission staff will schedule the meeting.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Next Meeting Date – Thursday, August 4, 2010 at 8:30 AM

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kyle Phillips
Recording Secretary