

Minutes of Meeting
SATS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
June 2, 2011

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 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 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 Kim Cummins

** Represented by Roger Blickensderfer

Others

Neha Agarwal – Regional Planning Commission
Wayne Beck – Village of Rochester
Chris Benson – Regional Planning Commission
David Booher – IE Consultants – Village of Sherman
Chris Bott – Greene & Bradford, Inc.
Kevin Burke – IDOT BLRS
Brian Davis – Sangamon County Highway Department
Bill Davison – Hoelscher Engineering
Stan Hansen – Crawford, Murphy & Tilly
Kevin Kuhn – Quigg Engineering
Tim Landis – State Journal Register
Dale Laningham – Village of Rochester
Alex Lyons – Village of Riverton
Robert Mathis Sr. – Village of Curran
R Scott McTaggart – Village of Jerome
Lynn Miller – Springfield Bicycle Club
Jim Moll – Hanson Professional Services
Kyle Phillips – Regional Planning Commission
Dale Schultz – Regional Planning Commission
Linda Wheeland – Regional Planning Commission
Lori Williams – City of Springfield

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 5/05/11 SATS Technical Committee Meeting

Williamsen asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the May 5, 2011 SATS

Technical Committee meeting. Tim Sheehan stated that on page 3 in the City of Springfield section, it should read, 'The Meadowbrook Road project is approximately ninety percent complete on storm sewer installation.' Tim Zahrn made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Tim Sheehan seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

III. 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

No report was given.

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

No report was given.

D. Illinois Commerce Commission

No report was given.

E. Springfield Airport Authority

Roger Blickensderfer reported there are a couple military projects underway utilizing federal funds.

V. AGENCY UPDATES

A. Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission

Dale Schultz reported on the results of the 'Curb your Car during Bike to Work Week' promotion. Schultz stated that there were three return champions to the event. They are, Memorial Health System SportsCare, Illinois Commerce Commission and the Illinois Department of Revenue. The longest commutes by mode of transportation were: bike, 22.6 miles; SMTD bus, 9 miles; running, 5.5 miles; walking, 9 miles; overall including a commuter bus, 52.4 miles. All of these distances were one-way. There were 26 teams. The individual participation increased to 214 from 199 last year. There were 632 person days of curbed cars. Four thousand fifty-two miles were traveled via alternative transportation. With fuel consumption calculated at 18 miles per gallon, 225.12 gallons of fuel were saved. With current fuel costs at \$3.80/gallon, fuel savings during the event were \$855.46. 52 commuters curbed their cars during all five days of the event. Schultz thanked the sponsors, the participants and Linda Tisdale for SMTD support.

Norm Sims stated that on May 26th the planning commission was invited to participate in a conference call with the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO), National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) and the National Association of Counties (NACo) regarding congressional action on the Highway Bill and the definition of a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). There are discussions that would increase the threshold in population for a MPO to 200,000

currently it is 50,000. The possibility of ‘grandfathering’ current MPOs under the threshold is unclear. Other talks include placing the standards of Transportation Management Areas (TMAs) on current non-TMA MPOs. There seems to be some confusion in Congress on the differences between TMAs, MPOs and Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs). There is also some discussion on how the Census Bureau defines urbanized areas. Sims stated that in the near future, contact may be needed to enlighten the congressional delegation regarding these issues and smaller MPOs comments.

B. Springfield Mass Transit District

Tisdale stated that the Historic Site Route will be revised and a few changes will be made to the mainline schedule. The Planning Commission will prepare schedule brochures reflecting these changes.

C. City of Springfield

Sheehan reported that the 2010 Overlay and Sidewalk programs are coming to a close. A milling and resurfacing project on South Grand Avenue between MacArthur Blvd and Illini Road will be starting Thursday. The Meadowbrook Rd project from Iles Ave to Greenbriar Drive is about 30% complete.

D. Sangamon County

Tim Zarhn reported that the Sangamon Valley Trail project will have final paving work starting next week.

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

Sal Madonia reported on the status of the following projects:

- Clear Lake Ave and Dirksen Pkwy Project is approximately 5% complete. Utility relocation and rain have delayed this project.
- IL-4 in Chatham over Polecat Creek has Stage I deck and approaches poured; traffic will be switched in about 2 weeks.
- Palm Rd Bridge Project in Glenarm is undergoing Phase I sub-structure construction with work about 15% complete.
- The I-55 Project from Clear Lake Ave to Fancy Creek has nighttime work continuing with final surface work.
- The I-72 EB Lanes Project over I-55/6th Street Interchange has traffic control up and Stage I removal work is continuing; work is 20% complete.
- IL-29 Project from Springfield to Rochester has paving in the Rochester area ongoing; work is 60% complete.
- The Monroe Avenue/Old Jacksonville Road/Veterans Parkway Project had its striping equipment experience a malfunction and the project is delay.
- The Walnut St at Veterans Pkwy intersection reconstruction project is about 65% complete.

F. Village of Chatham

No report was given.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Bicycle/Pedestrian Way Plan

Dale Schultz reported that work is continuing with Ed Barsotti, the consultant on the project. A summer completion date is anticipated.

B. 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program

Wheeland stated that work is continuing on the 2012-2015 TIP with some loose ends being wrapped up and within a few weeks it should be finalized and sent to SATS members before the next meeting. After the next meeting the document is anticipated to be sent out for public review.

Williamsen asked if the Listing of Obligated Projects is a separate document. Wheeland stated that the

Annual Listing of Federally Obligated Projects is a separate document created with information provided by FHWA, in August and a completion deadline of September 30th.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Small Community MPO Representation

Williamsen stated that the Chairman of the SATS Policy Committee, Brian McFadden, received a letter from the President of the Village of Sherman regarding small community formal representation in SATS. The Policy Committee directed the Technical Committee to look further into the issue. The Planning Commission created a chart that displays how other downstate MPOs deal with this issue. The chart is attached to these minutes.

Roger Blickensderfer stated that he could see how local insight could be of value, but maybe not in a voting capacity.

Sheehan asked if the smaller communities were currently represented by the County. Wheeland stated that at one time they were but since the County does not have a formal relationship with the communities in the MPA this arrangement did not work. Kim Cummins was then designated as the representative but she is not a voting member of SATS.

Sims stated that there are several issues on the table including, Technical Committee versus Policy Committee, Individual representation versus Collective representation and lastly, voting versus non-voting. Sims stated that he was not opposed to smaller community representation in SATS.

Kevin Kuhn stated that most small communities are not familiar with SATS and have become disenfranchised with SATS due to their lack of formal involvement.

Williamsen stated that he does not have an issue with all the communities having voting membership in the Technical Committee. Williamsen also reported that in Northeastern Illinois, there exists a Council of Mayors that elects representatives to vote on both the Technical and Policy Committees on their behalf at their regional MPO. Williamsen stated that all SATS Technical and Policy meetings are public and that anyone could come and provide comments during those meetings, albeit not in a voting capacity.

Wheeland stated that representation in SATS goes beyond voting. The MPO is also a planning body

and represents the entire MPA. When planning road projects, input from local communities is desirable. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Way Plan has seen small community involvement in a cooperative and helpful manner with coordination of projects and promotion of connectivity, unlike what is currently happening with road project planning.

Sims asked if SATS would direct staff to poll the smaller communities that are interested in formal representation in SATS and ask them their thoughts on the issue. Williamsen suggested staff meet with the communities and ask for a recommendation for how to proceed. Community representatives in attendance agreed this was a good idea.

B. Changing of Officers

Williamsen stated that today is his last day as the Chairman of the Technical Committee. The next Chairman will be Linda Tisdale.

C. Next Meeting Date – Thursday, July 7, 2010 at 8:30 AM

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kyle Phillips
Recording Secretary