

Minutes of Meeting
SATS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
November 3, 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 Brian Davis

** Represented by Sal Madonia

Technical Committee Advisors – Non-Voting

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Thomas Caldwell	IDOT: Urban Program Planning
<input 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 Traci Carter

Others

Neha Agarwal – Regional Planning Commission

Brian Day – Coalition for Citizens with Disabilities in Illinois

Stan Hansen – Crawford, Murphy & Tilly

Tim Landis – State Journal Register

Brad Mosier – Coalition for Citizens with Disabilities in Illinois

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 – 10/06/11 SATS Technical Committee Meeting

Tisdale asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the October 6, 2011 SATS Technical Committee meeting. There were none. Mike Williamsen 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 Locations Improvement Prioritization

Wheeland stated that at the last Technical Committee meeting there was a discussion about prioritizing high crash locations. The Committee suggested that the priority be at any intersection that had a weighted value of sixty or more. A spreadsheet with those intersections was created. The intersection with the highest weighted value was located at Sangamon Ave and Dirksen Pkwy. There was a question as to whether there had been any action taken at the intersections presented on the spreadsheet.

Sal Madonia stated that the intersection at Veterans Pkwy and Washington St had action occur in 2008; the 6th St (BL-55) and Hazel Dell Rd intersection action in 2008; 6th St (BL-55) and St. Joesph St intersection action in 2008; Veterans Pkwy and Lawrence Ave intersection from 2008 to 2011; Veterans Pkwy and Lindbergh Blvd intersection in 2008; Veterans Pkwy and Wabash Ave intersection in 2008; J David Jones Pkwy and Veterans Pkwy intersection in 2011; and the Dirksen Pkwy and Sangamon Ave intersection in 2005.

The Committee suggested that the intersections with improvements be studied since the action date.

Wheeland stated that the crash data figures for those intersections would be tabulated.

IV. 2012-2015 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM CHANGES

There was no report.

V. TECHNICAL ADVISOR UPDATES

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

Wheeland asked Tom Caldwell if Enhancement Program applications would be solicited soon. Caldwell stated that there is no date set. Wheeland stated that the League of Illinois Bicyclists had an understanding that applications would be accepted in early 2012. Brian Davis stated that there was a press release indicting that the Enhancement Program was kept in the federal Transportation Bill reauthorization. Caldwell stated that he would look into the matter further and report back.

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

Traci Carter reported that air passenger business increased approximately ten percent from last year. The main entrance roadway is seventy-five percent complete. A November completion date is anticipated. A FAA project is anticipated this coming spring for ramp re-construction.

VI. AGENCY UPDATES

A. Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission

Sims reported that the Commission received a letter from IDOT regarding the Dirksen Pkwy project between Ridge Ave and Clear Lake Ave. Wheeland stated that the letter was addressed to the Clear Lake Township Road Commissioner. IDOT asked the Township for participation in construction costs for bike lanes and sidewalks. The letter states the bike lanes satisfy the requirements of the Springfield

Regional Planning Commission's Proposed Bicycle and Pedestrian Accommodation Plan. Sims stated that at this point there is no Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, only an initial draft prepared by the Steering Committee. Furthermore, the draft plan is not a Regional Planning Commission document but a SATS document. It was also noted that the draft plan indicates a side path and not bike lanes along Dirksen Pkwy.

Madonia stated that since the jurisdiction of the project cross several boundaries, participation was solicited from the City and Township. Madonia stated that the City of Springfield has sent a letter of intent to participate and the Township stated that they would participate in sidewalk construction costs but could not also fund bike lane construction. Madonia said that bike lanes are to be used rather than a side path to help minimize right-of-way acquisition costs.

Wheeland stated that since the bike lanes are to be five foot wide and a five foot wide sidewalk is to be installed, why then would a ten foot wide side path not be used instead.

Davis reported that IDOT has requested a follow-up meeting with the Township and the County plans to attend as well.

B. Springfield Mass Transit District

No report was given.

C. City of Springfield

Sheehan reported that the Concrete Pavement Patching Program is underway. Currently it is concentrated on Ash St. The program is weather and temperature dependant.

The Capitol Ave Project from 11th St to Martin Luther King Jr Drive has lighting work continuing. Lighting and artistic element installation continues between 5th St and 7th St along Capitol Ave.

D. Sangamon County

No report was given.

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

Madonia reported on the status of the following projects:

- The I-72 bridge over the Sangamon River east of Springfield: a contract to construct a median crossover is underway and will be completed shortly. A rehab project for this bridge is slated for the January letting.
- The Glenarm Palm Road Bridge Project: the roadway is now open to the public.
- The Clear Lake Avenue and Dirksen Parkway project: work is progressing. Resurfacing of Hill Street is underway.

Two public informational meetings are scheduled to discuss projects. The first is slated for November 9th at the Route 66 Hotel from 4-6pm regarding the 6th St widening project from I-72 to Stanford Ave. The other meeting will be held on November 29th at the Crowne Plaza Hotel from 4-6pm regarding the I-55 six-lane expansion project around Springfield.

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 stated that the Steering Committee will be meeting on November 30th at 5:30pm at the Jerome Civic Center to discuss the draft.

B. Small Community MPO Representation (Tabled)

Tisdale asked if any SATS member would like to bring the Small Community MPO Representation discussion off the table. The item remained tabled.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. State 2013-2018 Multi-Year Program

Wheeland stated that IDOT had their 2013-2018 MYP open house last month. Madonia furnished a spreadsheet listing all the projects from the existing 2012-2017 MYP. Three projects on the listing; the I-55 six-lane project; Dirksen Pkwy from Ridge Ave to Clear Lake Ave project; and the Wabash Ave from Koke Mill Rd to Curran project are all in the current TIP. Two other projects; the I-55 between Cook St and I-72 patching project; and the MacArthur Blvd at Ash St project were in last year's TIP, but not in the current TIP. Other projects such as the I-72 Bridge over the Sangamon River project, the I-55BL and Stanford Ave project and the IL-29 and Main St in Rochester project are not in any TIP nor LRTP but are listed in the current State MYP. Three projects in the current TIP are not in the current State MYP. Those projects include the 6th St from I-72 to Stanford Ave project, the Peoria Rd at Ridgley Ave project and the East Lake Shore Dr/Palm Rd at Chatham Rd project.

Wheeland stated that the comment period for the 2013-2018 MYP ends November 15 and the opportunity for the Technical Committee to submit comments still exists.

Williamsen stated that the Village received a notification from IDOT stating that the East Lake Shore Dr/Palm Rd at Chatham Rd project will be proceeding.

Madonia stated that the East lake Shore Dr/ Palm Rd project does not appear in the current State MYP because the funding source has changed. The project is now a State-wide line item safety project. In addition, the Peoria Rd at Ridgley Ave project is also a State-wide line item safety project.

Sims stated that the 6th St from I-72 to Stanford Ave project remains unaccounted for. Madonia stated that this project is a carry-over stand alone project with approximately \$3 million in funding.

Wheeland reported that last year SATS sent a list of supported projects including all the projects in the TIP and the Iron Bridge Rd and Woodside Rd projects to IDOT regarding the MYP. An option for addressing the 2013-2018 MYP would be to submit a letter to IDOT in support of the TIP projects any additional projects in the 2012-2017 MYP and the Iron Bridge Rd and Woodside Rd projects.

Sims made a motion to direct staff to draft a letter to IDOT in support of these. Williamsen seconded the motion and the vote to direct staff to draft the letter was unanimous.

B. 2012 SATS Meeting Schedule

Wheeland stated that a proposed 2012 SATS Meeting schedule was sent out to the Committee members.

Williamsen made a motion to adopt the proposed 2012 SATS Meeting Schedule. Sheehan seconded the motion and the vote to adopt the 2012 SATS Meeting schedule was unanimous.

C. Next Meeting Date – Thursday, December 1, 2011 at 8:30 AM

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kyle Phillips
Recording Secretary