

Minutes of Meeting
SATS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
September 1, 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 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 Leah Sirman

** Represented by Kim Cummins

*** Represented by Roger Blickensderfer

Others

Neha Agarwal – Regional Planning Commission
Brian Davis – Sangamon County Highway Dept.
Bill Davison – Hoelscher Engineering
Brian Day – Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities in Illinois
Jeff Fulgenzi – Regional Planning Commission
Stan Hansen – Crawford, Murphy & Tilly
Tim Landis – State Journal-Register
Brad Mosier – Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities in Illinois
R Scott McTaggart – Village of Jerome
Brad Mills – Regional Planning Commission
Jim Moll – Hanson Professional Services
Kyle Phillips – Regional Planning Commission
Dale Schultz – Regional Planning Commission
Amy Uden – 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 – 8/04/11 SATS Technical Committee Meeting

Tisdale asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the August 4, 2011 SATS Technical Committee meeting. Tim Zahn made a motion to approve the minutes. Sal Madonia seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

III. 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

A. Missing Links

Linda Wheeland stated that one of the LRTP objectives was to identify missing links in the transportation network. Staff created a Missing Links map showing all LRTP road projects that involve new construction that will close gaps in the street and highway system. There were 24 links identified.

Norm Sims made a motion to recommend approval of the Missing Links map to the Policy Committee. Sal Madonia seconded the motion and the vote to recommend approval was unanimous.

B. LRTP Progress Report

Wheeland stated that the 18 Month LRTP Progress Report had been sent to SATS members with the meeting agenda. Objectives were color-coded by status, to indicate those that have been met, those on which work has begun, and those intended to be met by the end of 2011 but on which work has not begun. Those falling in the last category are:

Goal 1 Objective 3 'Identify the network Essential for the Distribution of Agricultural Products' step 1 is complete and step 2 will be made possible with the assistance of the various jurisdictions represented by SATS. Step 2 involves identifying structural deficiencies in the network. SATS members will send a list of bridges or road segments on the agricultural road network that have deficiencies to staff by September 23 for review at the October meeting. (Another Objective is to implement necessary improvements in 20% of the deficient structures by 2015.)

Goal 2 Objective 1 'Prioritize the locations with high numbers of crashes.' A map showing the crash locations was produced. These locations now must be prioritized. IDOT's Traffic Safety Department has plans to create Crash maps at the local street level sometime in the near future.

Wheeland stated that SATS could move forward with the already approved Crash Map, or wait for IDOT's Crash Map.

Sheehan asked how prioritization would affect the rating of projects. Wheeland stated that this is a tool to use in conjunction with others in an attempt to prioritize projects.

Williamsen stated that it was his opinion to use the Crash Map that has already been produced and should IDOT's Crash Map become available in the future, an adjustment can then be made at that time.

Kim Cummins stated that one of the concepts of the Crash Map was to determine projects that would be candidates for improvements utilizing HSIP grant funding.

Staff will email the crash maps to SATS members to review for discussion at the October meeting.

Goal 6 Objective 2 'Develop a policy statement supporting the coordination of development with the Long Range Transportation Plan'. Research is currently underway to see if other areas have such a policy statement.

Goal 9 Objective 3 is to create a format for maintaining the Travel Demand Model. Work will begin on this goal soon.

Tisdale asked if there is any foreseen issue with completing the goals and objectives of the LRTP. Wheeland stated that at this time there were no foreseen issues.

IV. 2012-2015 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM CHANGES

A. Amendment #1

Tisdale reported that this amendment adds a 30-foot heavy duty, low floor transit bus and operating funding for expanded service to Dirksen Parkway. Funding was made possible through JARC (FTA 5316) and State Toll Development Credit funds.

WHEREAS, the Springfield Mass Transit District has been awarded Federal Job Access Reverse Commute (FTA 5316) and Illinois State Toll Development Credit funds to acquire a 30-ft heavy duty low floor transit bus to provide service for an expansion of an existing Dirksen Parkway tripper route into an all-day route along Dirksen Parkway; and

WHEREAS, the Springfield Mass Transit District has been granted Federal Job Access Reverse Commute (FTA 5316) and Illinois State Toll Development Credit funds for operation of this expanded service for FY's 2012-2014; and

WHEREAS, the Springfield Mass Transit District requests the FY 2012-2015 TIP be amended to reflect the bus acquisition in 2012, and the operating revenue additions (highlighted below) for FY 2012, 2013, and 2014, as follows; and

Project Description and Funding:

FY 2012

A1	30-ft Transit Bus	Description:	Purchase Bus to serve expansion of Dirksen Parkway tripper route to an all-day route along Dirksen Parkway.	Purchase one (1) heavy duty low floor bus for expansion	IDOT TDC	FTA 5316	360,000	
	SMTD	Project#	Transit Priority 2					
	Transit	TIP#	06-2012-12					

A1	Operating Revenue	Description:	Overview of Operations Revenue	General breakdown of revenue projections for the fiscal year	Route Revenue	916,000	
					Tax Revenue	2,384,840	
					Other	447,712	
					State Assistance	8,491,153	
					FTA 5307	1,002,800	
	SMTD	Project#	Operations		FTA 5316 / TDC	106,230	
	Operations	TIP#	06-2012-12				\$13,348,735

FY 2013

A1	Operating Revenue	Description:	Overview of Operations Revenue	General breakdown of revenue projections for the fiscal year	Route Revenue	1,000,822	
					Tax Revenue	2,461,386	
					Other	540,000	
					State Assistance	9,490,000	
					FTA 5307	1,107,792	
	SMTD	Project#	Operations		FTA 5316 / TDC	109,160	
	Operations	TIP#	06-2013-04				\$14,709,160

FY 2014

A1	Operating Revenue	Description:	Overview of Operations Revenue	General breakdown of revenue	Route Revenue	1,050,863	
					Tax Revenue	2,535,227	
					Other	550,800	

			projections for the fiscal year	State Assistance	10,439,000	
SMTD	Project#	Operations		FTA 5307	1,484,110	
				FTA 5316 / TDC	113,860	
Operations	TIP#	06-2014-04		\$16,173,860		

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

Tim Zahrn made a motion to recommend approval of the first amendment to the 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program to the Policy Committee. Mike Williamsen 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

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 that the SAA received a federal grant last week. Three terminal related projects will be possible due to the funding. A project to address ADA compliance in the main terminal restrooms and other airfield safety related projects will utilize the remainder of the grant funding.

VI. AGENCY UPDATES

A. Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission

Wheeland reported that the 2011 Parking Survey is complete and available on the Commission's website. Kyle Phillips, the staff member responsible for the survey, recommended and added a new section that looked at occupancy rates of parking within the survey area. This new section has sparked some media interest.

Sims reported that the Commission has received rural comprehensive regional planning funds from IDOT. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan will be expanded to areas outside the MPA using these funds.

Sims also stated that staff continues to assist Sangamon County with the rural transit project. Menard County has asked to join with Sangamon County in this effort.

B. Springfield Mass Transit District

Linda Tisdale reported that the Planning Commission is assisting SMTD with its inventory of bus stops to lay the ground work to utilize the Google Transit feature of Google Maps/Earth. This will allow people to get specific route information and aid in planning trips online.

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, the roundabout is taking shape.
- Meadowbrook Road construction project from Iles Avenue to Greenbriar Drive is now open.
- Artistic elements are being added to Capitol Avenue between 5th Street and 7th Street.

D. Sangamon County

No report was given.

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

Madonia stated that meetings for the Multi-Year Program outreach are scheduled in Quincy at the Oakley Center for September 28th and at the Lincoln Library in Springfield on October 6th.

Madonia reported on the status of the following projects:

- Polecat Creek Project in Chatham, work is continuing on bridge approaches. The project is about one month from full completion.
- The I-72/I-55/6th Street interchange should be fully opened to traffic soon. The project will be complete in two weeks with clean-up underway.
- I-55 Project from Sherman to Clear Lake Avenue work is continuing with striping and milling of the rumble strip on the shoulder.
- The Glenarm Palm Road Bridge project has a bridge deck pour scheduled for the week of September 12th.
- The IL-29 project from Springfield to Rochester is near completion.
- The Clear Lake Avenue and Dirksen Parkway project, the existing Hill Street will be closed on September 6th. The realigned Hill Street will then be tied into the old Hill Street. The south frontage road work is approximately 75% complete.
- The intersection improvement project at Walnut St/J David Jones Pkwy and Veterans Pkwy mill work is being completed on Veterans Pkwy from Peoria Road to Spring Creek. Resurfacing is to start next week.

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 a draft of the plan will be sent to the Steering Committee. Next a public review session will be held to receive public input. SATS members will also receive the draft plan.

B. Small Community MPO Representation

Zahrn stated that this topic was tabled last month and he suggested that it stay on the table until something can be added to the discussion. There was a consensus to table the issue until next month.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Revised Unified Planning Work Program

Wheeland stated that the Commission received about \$48,000 in additional Federal planning (PL) funding from IDOT. Comprehensive regional planning funds (CRPF) will be used to cover the SATS members match. Activities have been added to the UPWP. Neha Agarwal was hired and she will provide assistance in design and presentation of the Multi-modal facility, small community work and help design the Route 66 corridor.

Sims reported that a mini grant program for small communities will also come out of CRPF and PL funding. These grants will be made available for 'PL eligible' projects. Sims stated that small communities often do not have the means to start some of the front end work on projects and that these grants will help.

Mike Williamsen made a motion to recommend approval of the revised Unified Planning Work Program to the Policy Committee. Tim Sheehan seconded the motion and the vote to recommend approval was unanimous.

B. Next Meeting Date – Thursday, October 6, 2011 at 8:30 AM

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kyle Phillips
Recording Secretary