

Minutes of Meeting
SATS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
April 5, 2012

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 type="checkbox"/>	Tim Zahrn	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 Nathan Bottom

** 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 John Blair

** Represented by John Sestak

*** Represented by Roger Blickensderfer

Others

Tim Landis – State Journal Register
Lynn Miller – Springfield Bicycle Club
Scott McTaggart – Village of Jerome
Kristin Timmons – Crawford, Murphy & Tilly Inc.
Brad Mills – Regional Planning Commission
Neha Agarwal – Regional Planning Commission
Dan Begert – Regional Planning Commission
Jeff Fulgenzi – Regional Planning Commission
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 at 8:33 AM.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 3/01/12 SATS Technical Committee Meeting

Tisdale asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the March 1, 2012 SATS Technical Committee meeting. There were none. Norm Sims made a motion to approve the minutes. Sal Madonia seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

III. 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

No report was given.

IV. 2012-2015 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM CHANGES

A. Nathan Bottom introduced TIP Amendment #11 to the Technical Committee.

WHEREAS, the City of Springfield will utilize Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) funds for the landscaping and lighting enhancements along the Madison/Jefferson/Clear Lake corridor; and

WHEREAS, the city requests that the FY-2012 Annual Element of the FY/2012-2015 TIP be amended by adding the project listed below; and

Project Description and Funding:

Project/Jurisdiction/ Class		Location		Action/ Comments	Map #	Funding Source & Total Cost			
A11	Madison/ Jefferson/ Clear Lake	Termini:	11 th St to Magnolia Dr	PE I, II, C & CE (landscape and lighting)	A11	ITEP	500,000		
	Springfield					Springfield	125,000		
	Principal Arterial	Contract#							
		TIP#	02-2012-06						\$625,000

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

Sal Madonia made a motion to recommend approval of the amendment to the policy committee. Norm Sims seconded the motion and the vote to recommend approval was unanimous.

B. Patrick McCarthy introduced TIP Amendment #12 to the Technical Committee.

WHEREAS, the FY 2012 Annual Element of the TIP includes the engineering and construction of a multi-use trail along the Plummer Boulevard corridor as shown below; and

Existing Project Description and Funding:

Project/Jurisdiction/ Class		Location		Action/ Comments	Map #	Funding Source & Total Cost			
1	Plummer Blvd Trail	Termini:	Ravinia Drive to the west entrance of Glenwood High School	Construction, utilities, and PE II	27	Chatham	99,800		
	Chatham					ITEP	317,200		
	Multi-use Trail / Collector	Contract#							
		TIP#	01-2011-01						\$417,000

WHEREAS, since adoption, estimated construction costs on this project have increased almost 40%, with the Village unable to fund 100% of the cost increase. Negotiations between the Village and

IDOT resulted in additional funding and the project being broken into phases; and

WHEREAS, the initial project scope included the design and construction of a multi-use trail along Plummer Boulevard between Ravinia Drive and Peach Tree Drive, utilizing a previously installed 13' pipe culvert to take the trail under the UP Railroad between Ravinia Drive and Park Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the reduced scope of phase 1 maintains the critical segment between Ravinia Park Drive and Park Ave utilizing the 13' pipe culvert with lighting and security cameras in the 250' culvert. The above ground segment of the trail between Park Avenue and Peach Tree Drive will be deferred to phase 2; and

WHEREAS, the Village requests that the FY-2012 Annual Element of the FY/2012-2015 TIP be amended by modifying the project as shown below, including a revised cost amount; and

Proposed Project Description and Funding:

Project/Jurisdiction/ Class		Location		Action/ Comments	Map #	Funding Source & Total Cost	
1	Plummer Blvd Trail – phase 1	Termini:	Ravinia Dr and Park Ave	Construction, PE III	27	Chatham	108,465
	Chatham	Contract#				ITEP	337,200
	Multi-use Trail / Collector	TIP#	01-2011-01				

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

Norm Sims made a motion to recommend approval of the amendment to the policy committee. Sal Madonia seconded the motion and the vote to recommend approval was unanimous.

V. FY2013 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

A. Linda Wheeland stated that a draft of the PY2013 Unified Planning Work Program had been sent to committee members with the agenda for the meeting. This program details the transportation planning activities and funding for planning year 2013. She indicated that federal planning funds were being reduced for fiscal year 2013, most notably in street and highway planning funding. Norm Sims made a motion to approve the PY2013 Unified Planning Work Program, which was seconded by Sal Madonia. The vote to approve was unanimous.

VI. 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

JD Stevenson informed the committee that SAFETEA-LU had been extended for ninety days, through June 30, 2012.

C. Illinois Department of Transportation: Local Roads and Streets

John Sestak reported that Safe Routes to School projects were beginning, but indicated that it was still very early in the process. Norm Sims asked for clarification on the procedure for alerting MPOs of new

Safe Routes project applications and awards as they relate to the Transportation Improvement Programs. Mr. Sestak responded that an update to the website had made and project applications are available to the public, in addition to information about projects being awarded grants.

D. Illinois Commerce Commission

The ICC approved 5-year plan is on the agency website.

E. Springfield Airport Authority

No report was given

VII. AGENCY UPDATES

A. Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission

Norm Sims discussed two policy issues associated with the current legislative battle over the extension of SAFETEA-LU. First, Sims stated that there was some concern about a provision in the House bill that would give governors the authority to overrule local TIPs.

Second, Sims briefed the committee on potential changes to the current MPO population threshold put forward in the House and Senate versions of the bill. Sims stated that whereas MPOs are currently created to plan for urban areas with populations equal to or greater than 50,000, the proposed Senate bill would increase this threshold to 200,000, and the House bill would increase the threshold to 100,000.

Sims distributed fact sheets to the committee depicting urban areas currently represented by MPOs nationwide which would no longer receive federal funds in the event that the population threshold was raised to 200,000. His figures showed that of the 497 MPOs in currently qualifying urban areas, 38% would continue to receive funds if the threshold was raised to 200,000. That percentage is raised to 62% if the House version of the bill passes and the population is raised to only 100,000.

B. Springfield Mass Transit District

No report was given.

C. City of Springfield

Nathan Bottom stated that the City had begun its bituminous overlay program, and that approximately twenty percent of the concrete work of a segment of 7th Street had been completed. Additionally, he stated that a million dollar sidewalk program is scheduled to begin next week in the Ash and Laurel area, and then move counterclockwise around the city.

D. Sangamon County

No report was given.

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

Sal Madonia discussed several projects currently being undertaken by IDOT. Madonia stated that an advisory committee was being formed under the context-sensitive solutions approach to assist in the study related to the potentially widening of I-55 to six lanes around Springfield. Madonia announced

that approximately twenty people had thus far expressed interest in serving on the advisory committee and he solicited interest from SATS members about participating. He announced that the first advisory committee meeting was planned for April 10, from 5 to 7 pm.

Madonia then detailed the on IDOT construction projects: first, the widening of Dirksen Parkway at the Clear Lake intersection; second, ongoing patching of I-55 and I-72 around Springfield; third, signals and lighting as part of an intersection improvement at the Palm and Chatham intersection; and fourth, planning for construction of dual structures on I-72 over the Sangamon River, with work planned to begin on April 23rd.

F. Village of Chatham

Patrick McCarthy stated that the Village had no major projects aside from the bike trail scheduled for the year.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Bicycle/Pedestrian Way Plan

Wheeland announced that the Bicycle/Pedestrian Way Plan steering committee approved a final draft plan on March 22, and that the draft was presented at a public meeting on Wednesday, April 4th. Wheeland estimated that thirty-five individuals attended the event which consisted of a powerpoint presentation; large displays of the bicycle, multi-use trail, and pedestrian network maps; and renderings depicting recommended bicycle accommodations as they would appear if constructed. Wheeland stated that the plan is currently in a public comment phase, which will run through May 1, at which time the comments will be collected and presented to the SATS Technical Committee for review. These comments can be submitted online at the SSCRPC website where a digital copy of the plan is hosted, or by mail to the SSCRPC office. Physical copies of the plan were also distributed to five public locations in Springfield and Chatham.

B. Sign Retroreflectivity HSIP Grant Application

Wheeland stated that several local communities met recently with Terry Fountain to review the HSIP grant application that was put together and submitted by David Booher, engineer for the Village of Sherman. Fountain was optimistic about the chances of the communities being awarded the grant. In the event of the grant being awarded, signs would likely begin to be installed in the summer of 2013.

C. Small Community MPO Representation (Tabled)

Tisdale indicated that no SATS member had requested the Small Community MPO Representation discussion be brought off the table.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Curb Your Car During Bike to Work Week

Dale Schultz detailed the various activities planned for the 5th Annual Curb Your Car During Bike to Work Week event scheduled to take place from May 14 to May 18. Schultz stated that a mid-week

group commute was planned with the help of the Springfield Bicycle Advisory Council. The route takes cyclists from Lincoln Park to Enos Park and then to Adams Street, the final destination, at which an unveiling is planned for new downtown bicycle racks.

B. Next Meeting Date – Thursday, May 3, 2012 at 8:30 AM

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:55 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Begert
Recording Secretary