

Minutes of Meeting
SATS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
August 2, 2012

ATTENDANCE

Technical Committee Voting Members

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mike Williamsen	Village of Chatham
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chair Frank Squires	Springfield Mass Transit District
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tim Zahn	Sangamon County
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Vice-Chair Tim Sheehan	City of Springfield
<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 type="checkbox"/>	JD Stevenson	Federal Highway Administration: Illinois Division Office
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Terry Fountain	IDOT: District 6: Local Roads and Streets
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mike Stead	Illinois Commerce Commission
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mark Hanna*	Springfield Airport Authority
<input type="checkbox"/>		IDOT: Division of Public and Intermodal Transportation

* Represented by Roger Blickensderfer

Others

Stan Hansen – Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc.
 Jim Moll – Hanson Engineering
 Lynn Miller – Springfield Bicycle Club
 R Scott McTaggart – Village of Jerome
 Neha Soni – Regional Planning Commission
 Dan Begert – Regional Planning Commission
 Jeff Fulgenzi – Regional Planning Commission
 Dale Schultz – Regional Planning Commission
 Linda Wheeland – Regional Planning Commission

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Frank Squires called the meeting of the SATS Technical Committee to order at 8:30 AM.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 7/05/12 SATS Technical Committee Meeting and 7/19/2012 SATS Technical Committee Special Meeting

Squires asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the July 5, 2012 and July 19, 2012 SATS Technical Committee meetings. There were none. Norm Sims made a motion to approve the July 5 minutes and Tim Zahn seconded the motion. Mike Williamsen made a motion to approve the July 19 minutes and Norm Sims seconded. Both votes were unanimous.

III. 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Wheeland reported that preparation of the annual LRTP progress report is scheduled to begin in August and notified the Committee that they will be asked to update the status of any of their ongoing projects as a result.

IV. 2012-2015 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM CHANGES

Wheelend announced that the process of closing out the 2012-2015 TIP is underway, noting that the last amendment to the TIP was passed by means of the special meetings held by the SATS Technical and Policy Committees on July 19 and 30, respectively.

Once information is received from the Federal Highway Administration, Planning Commission staff will prepare the Annual Listing of Federally Obligated Projects based on projects in the TIP.

V. 2013-2016 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

A Draft version of the 2013-2016 TIP was distributed to Technical Committee members prior to the meeting. Wheelend called attention to a table in the TIP documenting the annual allocation of Surface Transportation Program – Urban (ST-U) funds, informing the Technical Committee of changes to its format from previous years. Wheelend explained that after a discussion with Terry Fountain of IDOT, it was determined that making these changes would improve the clarity of the table. Specifically, the change was to highlight projects receiving ST-U funds that had not yet been finalized or closed out, and which had been under contract with IDOT prior to the implementation of the SATS policy to include a not-to-exceed cap on the amount of ST-U funds that a TIP project could possibly receive.

Seven projects with ST-U allocations from 1997-2008 are still under contract with IDOT for 80% funding of final project cost, meaning the ST-U allotment could increase or decrease from the amount shown in the table. SATS members agreed to work with Terry over the next few weeks to finalize the paperwork and close out these projects so an accurate ST-U balance could be determined prior to adoption of the TIP.

Wheelend also noted that in the 2015 annual element of the Draft TIP a County project on Old Jacksonville Road showed \$2.8 million of ST-U funding, or 80% of a revised cost estimate. However, SATS had approved \$2.16 of ST-U funds for this project, so another funding source will be needed to cover the difference.

The Technical Committee requested additional time to review the document with the goal of voting to on its release for public review at the September meeting.

VI. TECHNICAL ADVISOR UPDATES

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

Thomas Caldwell reported that Karen Shoup, formerly of the Illinois State Board of Education, had been announced as the new Urban Program Planning Bureau Chief.

B. Federal Highway Administration: Illinois Division Office

No report was given.

C. Illinois Department of Transportation: Local Roads and Streets

Terry Fountain announced the return of Kim Cummins, IDOT Local Roads and Streets field engineer, from maternity leave. Fountain indicated that ITEP applications were being accepted and reviewed with an anticipation of awards being announced in late October. No set date was given for another round of Safe Routes to School applications, but Fountain indicated that one is expected.

D. Illinois Commerce Commission

No report was given.

E. Springfield Airport Authority

Roger Blickensderfer announced a ribbon-cutting ceremony scheduled for Saturday August 4 at 10 AM to celebrate the opening of a new entrance road at Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport. Blickensderfer noted that a Division of Aeronautics ramp project is nearing completion and that the Airport Authority also received a grant for a taxi way extension.

VII. AGENCY UPDATES

A. Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission

Norm Sims discussed the recent passing of the MAP-21 funding authorization and the performance measure requirements contained therein. Sims noted that establishment of performance measures may be determined by a federal rulemaking process, with federal performance measures influencing state measures and state measures influencing local measures.

Sims also reported that as part of the state multi-year plan update, IDOT will involve the MPO in focus groups on topics related to regional transportation issues. Tentatively, these topics for SATS will include general regional transportation needs and economic development and local business needs. These focus groups are being coordinated by Josh McClusky of IDOT and facilitated by MPO staff.

Linda Wheeland announced that the 2012 Parking Survey is nearing completion and will be released shortly.

Dale Schultz reported that the railroad simulation portion of the transportation demand model is undergoing an update with the help of an outside consultant to illustrate the traffic effects of the High Speed Rail Environmental Impact Statement Alternative 2A to consolidate existing rail lines on 3rd Street on the 10th Street corridor. Road closings and new rail crossings that result from this relocation will be reflected in the new model.

B. Springfield Mass Transit District

No report was given.

C. City of Springfield

Tim Sheehan stated that the City's overlay program is nearing completion, with only 19th Street, and Knox Knolls remaining. In August, a seal coat will be applied to any roads with pot holes and rough patches. The sidewalk program is currently ongoing and approximately forty percent complete.

D. Sangamon County

No report was given.

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

Madonia stated that construction is ongoing in the area of Springfield. In addition to various smaller striping projects, Madonia reported construction underway in the following areas:

- Clear Lake Avenue and Dirksen Parkway – Stage III reconstruction of the center median, 50% complete.

- I-72 structure over the Sangamon River – traffic has been reversed and construction is beginning on the eastbound bridge.
- In Chatham at Palm Road and Chatham Road – traffic signals have been installed and activated.
- Sangamon Avenue at Colt Road – foundation poured for traffic signal installation, with electrical work to follow.
- West Lake Bridge, 5th St and 6th St – painting of structures.
- Hotel at Peoria Rd and Ridgely – scheduled for demolition.

F. Village of Chatham

No report was given..

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Bicycle/Pedestrian Way Plan

Wheeland stated that the Steering Committee had made changes to the Draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan based on public comments received during the 30 day public review period. These changes had been sent to Technical Committee members prior to the meeting. Tim Zahn requested that the facilities for the segment of Bradfordton Road from Old Jacksonville to Washington St be indicated as a sidepath. Zahn also requested that the segment of Toronto Road from 2nd to to Canadian Cross be changed from bike lanes to paved shoulders.

Norm Sims made a motion to recommend adoption of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Way Plan with these two changes to the Policy Committee. Mike Williamsen seconded the motion and the vote to recommend adoption was unanimous.

B. Small Community MPO Representation (Tabled)

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

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Next Meeting Date – Thursday, September 6, 2012 at 8:30 AM

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned at 9:02 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel Begert
Recording Secretary