

Minutes of Meeting
SATS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
March 1, 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 Sal Madonia

Technical Committee Advisors – Non-Voting

<input 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 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 Roger Blickensderfer

Others

Neha Agarwal – Regional Planning Commission
Dan Begert – Regional Planning Commission
David Booher – Village of Sherman
Brian Day – Coalition for Citizens with Disabilities in Illinois
Bill Davidson – Hoelscher Engineering
Jeff Fulgenzi – Regional Planning Commission
Doug Hammel – Houseal Lavigne Associates
Stan Hansen – Crawford, Murphy & Tilly
John Houseal – Houseal Lavigne Associates
R Scott McTaggart – Village of Jerome
Brad Mosier – Coalition for Citizens with Disabilities in Illinois
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 8:30 AM.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 2/02/12 SATS Technical Committee Meeting

Tisdale asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the February 2, 2012 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

Linda Wheeland reported that at the last meeting, members requested ADT information be listed on the Crash Location spreadsheet. Sal Madonia forwarded this information for intersections where improvements had been made to the Planning Commission and the information is currently displayed.

Tisdale asked when the ADT information could be updated. Madonia stated that the State is on a 5-year ADT count cycle and that this year counts will be made again.

Williamsen asked if ADT data is available for intersections that did not have improvements. Madonia stated that ADT information for all intersections is available, and he would forward the data to Planning Commission staff.

Wheeland stated that the data was compiled to help aid in HSIP grant applications as well as a way to prioritize future safety improvements.

Sims asked if there would be an extra consideration for crash locations that have not seen an improvement since 2005. Williamsen asked how the current project prioritization scoring system addresses safety. Wheeland stated that currently safety represents a total of thirty points in the project selection scoring process.

Williamsen suggested that a new name be given to the Crash Location data list. Sims suggested that the list be called the 'Intersection Safety List'. The list will be updated annually as crash data from IDOT becomes available.

Mike Williamsen made a motion to recommend adoption of the 'Intersection Safety List'. Norm Sims seconded the motion and the vote to recommend adoption was unanimous.

B. Two Year Progress Report

Wheeland stated that the 2035 LRTP Two Year Progress Report indicates which objectives have been met, where work has begun and the status of different projects.

Williamsen asked about Goal 1 Objective 1. Sims answered that this objective has handled by Hanson Professional Services. Hanson identified eight Economic Activity Centers within the Springfield MPA. Wheeland stated that the Economic Activity Center locations are also being used to help form the Bicycle and Pedestrian Way Plan.

Tisdale stated that Goal 7 Objective 1, "Provide presentations on operations and management best practices to SATS Technical Committee members to generate new ideas by 2012", is indicated as a partial attainment. Wheeland stated that Goal 7 Objective 1 is an ongoing process.

IV. 2012-2015 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM CHANGES

Wheeland stated she received a call from the Village of Riverton regarding a Transportation Enhancement project. Wheeland requested that the Village send the proposed project to the MPO and stated that it would be added as an illustrative project to the current TIP. Wheeland stated that this would be a good way to incorporate these types of projects into the SATS review process as IDOT is using an online system for applications and those applications will not be typically given to the MPO. Ideally, it would be beneficial to

get application information from the communities so that projects can be entered into the TIP.

Yesterday, spreadsheets were sent to SATS members to aid in developing the next TIP, this information is due back by April 15th. Information from the other communities needs to be obtained as well. Currently there is no formal way to get information from non-SATS members. .

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 stated the federal government passed a new long-term FAA bill last month. Practical application of funding is still yet to be known.

VI. AGENCY UPDATES

A. **Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission**

Sims stated that the online application process for ITEP is functioning and that notification of the next TIGER grant funding cycle is out.

Sims reported that a presentation of the Transit Oriented Development project was given at a public meeting sponsored by DSI with favorable results and that the Citizens Club has requested a presentation on March 23rd.

Sims stated that he received a request from the Metropolitan Planning Council in Chicago to support the Cardin-Cochran Amendment. The Cardin-Cochran Amendment would change Enhancement funding. In MAP-21, Enhancement funding is bundled together with other funding, meaning that funds may not be designated exclusively for Enhancement projects at all. The Cardin-Cochran Amendment would carve out ten percent for State administration, Tier I MPOs would get a carve out based on population as identified in MAP-21, then the remaining areas would compete against each other for the remaining amount of funds. Should there not be sufficient applications, the funds would then be used by the State. Sims stated that there is an issue with the MAP-21 MPO tier system and that cooperative, coordinated planning would be lost at the local level.

Wheeland reported that IDOT has sent out its position on the American Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act of 2012, and copies were provided to the Technical Committee members.

Wheeland stated that there is a State Rail Plan meeting to be held on March 6th from 4-7PM at the Lincoln Library.

Wheeland stated that a request for information was sent out by IDOT regarding a State-wide Bicycle Plan. Copies of the document were provided to Technical Committee members. Each member agreed to complete the questionnaire and submit to IDOT as well as the Planning Commission for use in future planning efforts.

Dale Schultz stated that as a part of project tracking efforts, pictures are being taken of completed projects in the SATS area. A section has been added to the Planning Commission's website to host the project tracking pictures. Another section of the website informs the public as to Open Houses and other Meetings that regard member agency activities.

B. Springfield Mass Transit District

Tisdale stated that new software was implemented for the Access Springfield service. This software's aim is improve the utilization of capacity on vehicles during scheduled trips. The software seems to be working well and capacity on vehicles has increased.

C. City of Springfield

Sheehan stated that some removal of concrete has begun in an effort to prepare for the overlay program.

D. Sangamon County

No report was given.

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

No report was given.

F. Village of Chatham

Williamsen stated that the Village has an Enhancement project for a bike trail where the construction costs have risen significantly. The Village has been negotiating with IDOT for the past few months to address the issue. It has come to the point where the project has to be shortened to fit within the available resources. A TIP amendment will be forthcoming to reflect the changes.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Bicycle/Pedestrian Way Plan

Wheeland stated a draft plan has been prepared and the Steering Committee will review the plan at its next meeting on March 22nd at the Jerome Civic Center. Should the plan be approved, a public

information meeting to present the plan is scheduled for April 4th at the Lincoln Library. A thirty day public comment period will follow the public information meeting.

B. Sign Retroreflectivity HSIP Grant Application

Wheeland stated that a meeting was held with all the communities that are participating in the joint grant application. The Village of Sherman has been identified as the lead agency. There are currently ten communities that are participating. David Booher stated that inter-government agreements are currently being drafted by Sherman. Wheeland stated that at the end of March another meeting of the participating communities will be held to go over the application.

C. 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. Regional Comprehensive Plan

John Houseal of Houseal Lavigne Associates made a short presentation regarding the Regional Comprehensive Plan. Attachment A is a questionnaire that was presented as part of the discussion.

B. Next Meeting Date – Thursday, April 5, 2012 at 8:30 AM

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned at 9:40AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kyle Phillips
Recording Secretary

