

Minutes of Meeting
SATS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
May 3, 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 checked="" 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 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 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 Roger Blickensderfer

Others

Lynn Miller – Springfield Bicycle Club
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
Stan Hansen – Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc.
Bill Davison – Hoelscher Engineering
Dale Lael – Village of Jerome
Aaron Alexander – Student

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 – 4/05/12 SATS Technical Committee Meeting

Tisdale asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the April 5, 2012 SATS Technical Committee meeting. There were none. Mike Williamsen made a motion to approve the minutes. Tim Zahrn 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. Tisdale explained an Administrative Modification that had been made to the TIP.

The following project is added as an Other Illustrative Project (separate from the ST-U Prioritized Illustrative Projects):

SMTD Paratransit Vehicles

The Springfield Mass Transit District operates Access Springfield to provide complementary paratransit service in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Service is provided 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM Monday through Saturday and 6:45 PM to midnight Monday through Friday. Over the twelve months ending in February 2012 Access Springfield experienced a 5.6% increase in ridership. From June 2011 – January 2012 revenue bus miles increased 3.8% over the same time period a year earlier.

Nine of the Access Springfield vehicles are over 8 years old and have accumulated miles ranging from 123,831 to nearly 270,000 miles. The useful life of these vehicles is considered by IDOT to be 150,000 miles. This means that nearly 40% of the Access Springfield fleet is currently eligible for replacement. In 2014, 48% of the fleet will be eligible for replacement. Given the current rate of growth in the number of individuals registered to ride, as well as the increase in ridership and mileage, it is important that the Access Springfield fleet be updated to ensure that SMTD can meet current and future demand for service.

The FY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program currently shows the replacement of 1 medium-duty paratransit vehicle in 2012, 2013, and 2014. The additional 6 vehicles will be added to the Other Illustrative Projects List as follows:

Project/ Jurisdiction/ Class	Description	Action/Comments	Total Cost	Status	Anticipated Year
16 Paratransit Vans	Medium-duty Paratransit Van with Lift	Purchase 6 replacement vans	\$378,000	Grant application filed.	2013
SMTD Paratransit					

B. Tisdale introduced the #13 Amendment to the Technical Committee

WHEREAS, the Springfield Mass Transit District has been notified by IDOT of the opportunity, through the Illinois Downstate Bus Program, to acquire five (5) 35-ft clean diesel transit buses and associated maintenance items to replace five (5) diesel buses purchased in 1999; and

WHEREAS, the Springfield Mass Transit District requests the FY 2012-2015 TIP be amended to reflect the bus acquisition in FY 2012, as described below; and

Project Description and Funding:

A13	35-ft Transit Buses	Description:	Purchase five (5) replacement buses and associated capital maintenance items.	It is anticipated that the purchase and delivery schedule will take thirty-six months.			
	SMTD	Project#			IDOT TDC		
	Transit	TIP#	06-2012-13		FTA 5309	1,948,000	
					\$ 1,948,000		

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

Mike Williamsen made a motion to recommend approval of the amendment to the Policy Committee. Tim Zarhn seconded the motion and the vote to recommend approval was unanimous.

V. 2013-2016 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Linda Wheeland requested 2013-2016 TIP project submissions from all SATS agencies that had not yet submitted them, and noted that the initial deadline for submissions was April 15, 2012.

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

No report was given.

C. Illinois Department of Transportation: Local Roads and Streets

Terry Fountain reported that IDOT had only received one application for HSIP funds in District 6, which was the joint communities sign upgrade project facilitated through SATS. Fountain noted that funding awards would be announced in July or August. May 29 is the deadline for ITEP applications to be submitted online. Hardcopies of those applications need to be submitted immediately afterward. Fountain said that the announcement of ITEP funded projects would be made likely in October of this year.

D. Illinois Commerce Commission

No report was given.

E. Springfield Airport Authority

No report was given

VII. AGENCY UPDATES**A. Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission**

Norm Sims discussed the Sustainable Design Assessment Team that will be visiting Springfield for a series of downtown planning workshops on May 7 through May 9. He urged that Technical Committee members participate if possible.

Linda Wheeland briefed the committee on a webinar on urban areas that she, Dale Schultz, and Kyle Phillips had attended that was put on by the Federal Highway Administration and the Census Bureau. She reported that the Census had released a new delineation of the urbanized area around Springfield and noted that some areas had been added and some removed, which could have implications for transportation planning and the classification of urban and rural roads. Wheeland stated that the SSCRPC staff planned to look into the matter and prepare a report for SATS in the near future.

Wheeland reported that SSCRPC is currently conducting public engagement workshops as part of the preparation of a Rural Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan that will cover rural areas of Sangamon county outside of the SATS planning area. She stated that one meeting had already been conducted in Illiopolis, and that future meetings were planned for Thayer (on Thursday, 5/3) and Clayville (on Saturday, 5/12). The purpose of these meetings is to solicit residents for their opinions on current conditions of bicycle and pedestrian facilities in their communities.

Wheeland then directed attention to the Multi-Use Trail Brochure produced by SSCRPC, which had recently been distributed at the Springfield Earth Awareness Fair and received a very positive response. Also promoted at the EAF event were the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, which received some public comments, as well as the Multi-Modal Transit Facility conceptual plan, and the Curb Your Car During Bike to Work Week event. Wheeland reported that the booth was busy and that children were very interested in the Bike Your Neighborhood and Plan Your Neighborhood games that SSCRPC staff had prepared for the event.

B. Springfield Mass Transit District

Linda Tisdale reported that the Federal Transit Administration had completed its triennial review of SMTD and that the mass transit district had received a perfect score. Tisdale credited her staff for their excellent work in compliance, administration, and operation.

C. City of Springfield

Tim Sheehan stated that the City is currently in the middle of the annual overlay program, and that rain has caused some delay in asphalt application. Sheehan estimated that approximately thirty percent of overlay projects have been completed, and that ten percent of sidewalk projects have been completed. Sheehan also reported that preliminary engineering on Chatham Road and Lincoln Avenue bridge replacement projects is underway, as are studies of the Stanford Ave extension and Archer Elevator Road. Sheehan stated that the City of Springfield planned to submit three ITEP applications: one for Capitol Avenue from 5th to 2nd Street, one for various streetscapes in the downtown, and one for the Spaulding Dam walkway.

D. Sangamon County

No report was given.

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

Sal Madonia briefed the committee on the governor's new multi-year highway program, commenting that it was a significantly reduced program compared to previous years and informing the committee

that the reductions would likely mean reduced highway work in the area. Madonia also announced a public hearing on the Long Range State Transportation Plan on Wednesday June 6 at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel and Conference Center from 4 to 7 pm and encouraged SATS members to attend.

Other ongoing IDOT projects mentioned by Madonia included conducting a countywide count of traffic, and construction projects on Clear Lake and Dirksen, Palm Road and Chatham, I-72 bridges over the Sangamon River, and patching on I-55 around Springfield. Norm Sims asked about the status of the I-55 additional lanes study, and Madonia answered that an advisory committee had met and work is progressing with a presentation for the public planned for the near future.

F. Village of Chatham

Mike Williamsen reported that the Village will be moving forward with construction of its ITEP-funded bike trail on Plummer Avenue and that the Village plans to apply for ITEP funds for the second phase of that project during the current round of ITEP applications.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lynn Miller commended the staff of SSCRPC on their work with the Bike and Pedestrian Plan and pointed to the volume of public comments on the plan as a testament to the staff's effort at involving the community.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Bicycle/Pedestrian Way Plan

Wheeland stated that the thirty day public comment window for the Bike Ped plan had closed on May 2nd and that many substantive comments had been received from a total of twenty-seven individuals. Wheeland then asked the opinion of the Technical Committee with regard to incorporating the comments into the plan, and Tim Sheehan recommended scheduling an additional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Steering Committee meeting to discuss the comments. The committee agreed and directed staff to hold a Steering Committee meeting later in the month of May.

B. Curb Your Car During Bike to Work Week May 14th – 18th

Dale Schultz reiterated his desire for SATS members to encourage participation in the Curb Your Car During Bike to Work event and distributed flyers for the event for members to post in their offices and raise awareness. Schultz also encouraged members to attend the unveiling of the new downtown Springfield bicycle racks after the group ride on Wednesday, May 16.

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. PY 2013 Unified Planning Work Program - Revision

Wheeland presented a revision to the Unified Planning Work Program for PY 2013, showing more federal planning funds available than was indicated in the UPWP approved in April. The local match

will be provided by SSCRPC and will not affect the local match of any other SATS members. Norm Sims moved to accept the changes to the work program and Sal Madonia seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B. Next Meeting Date – Thursday, June 7, 2012 at 8:30 AM

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:57 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Begert
Recording Secretary