

**Minutes of Meeting
SATS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
November 1, 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 Nathan Bottom	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 Brian Davis

** 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 type="checkbox"/>	Mike Stead	Illinois Commerce Commission
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mark Hanna**	Springfield Airport Authority
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Diana Nevitt	IDOT: Division of Public and Intermodal Transportation

* Represented by Kim Cummins

** Represented by Roger Blickensderfer

Others

David Booher – IE Consultants / Village of Sherman
 Kristin Timmons – Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc.
 Tim Landis – State Journal Register
 Philip Koeberlein – Cummins Engineering Corp.
 R Scott McTaggart – Village of Jerome
 Neha Soni – Regional Planning Commission
 Dan Begert – Regional Planning Commission
 Dale Schultz – Regional Planning Commission
 Linda Wheeland – Regional Planning Commission
 Brian Sheehan – 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 – 10/04/12 SATS Technical Committee Meeting

Squires asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the October 4, 2012. Mike Williamsen made a motion to approve the minutes and Sal Madonia seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

III. 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

A. Draft Statement on Development Coordination

Linda Wheeland began by introducing Diana Nevitt of the IDOT Division of Public and Intermodal

Transportation, the newest SATS Technical Advisor member, and Brian Sheehan, the newest addition to the transportation planning staff at SSCRPC.

Wheeland explained that one of the objectives of the Long Range Transportation Plan was to develop a policy statement supporting the coordination of development with the LRTP. A draft statement was sent out to SATS members in order to initiate a discussion on the topic. Mike Williamsen asked if any immediate action was necessary with regard to the draft statement and Wheeland informed him that there was not at this time. Given that, Committee members agreed that they would take the draft statement back to their local officials and return to SATS with any comments before voting to approve it. Norm Sims moved to postpone the vote until that time, Williamsen seconded the motion and the vote to delay action on the statement was unanimous.

IV. 2013-2016 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

A. Linda Wheeland introduced Amendment #1 to the SATS Technical Committee (below).

WHEREAS, several communities in the Metropolitan Planning Area desire to upgrade traffic regulatory signs to meet federal retroreflectivity standards which will improve roadway safety by enhancing sign visibility both day and night; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Sherman, as lead agency for a joint project with the communities of Curran, Grandview, Jerome, Leland Grove, Riverton, Rochester, Southern View, and Spaulding, has obtained a Highway Safety Improvement Program grant for the replacement of existing traffic regulatory signs in these nine communities; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Sherman requests that the following project be added to the FY 2013 Annual Element of the FY 2013-2016 TIP; and

Project Description and Funding:

Project/ Jurisdiction/ Class		Location	Action/Comments	Funding Source		Total Cost
A1	Traffic Regulatory Signs	Termini: Throughout nine communities	Replacement of traffic regulatory signs and posts to meet federal retroreflectivity standards	HSIP	307,064	
	Sherman	Contract#		Curran	346	
	Various	TIP# 05-2013-01		Grandview	3,625	
			Jerome	3,508		
			Leland Grove	6,702		
			Riverton	5,825		
			Rochester	3,351		
			Sherman	5,140		
			Southern View	4,739		
			Spaulding	887		
				\$341,187		

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. Linda Wheeland then introduced Amendment #2 to the SATS Technical Committee (below).

WHEREAS, the Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division (EFLHD) has developed a FY 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for transportation projects within Federal Lands.; and

WHEREAS, the EFLHD TIP includes a pavement preservation project for the asphalt paved streets and parking areas at the Lincoln Home National Historic Site; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration requests the following project be added to the FY 2015 Annual Element of the SATS FY/2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program; and

Project Description and Funding:

Project/ Jurisdiction/ Class		Location		Action/Comments	Funding Source		Total Cost
A2	Pavement Preservation	Termini:	Lincoln Home National Historic Site	Preventive Maintenance on asphalt paved streets and parking areas	Federal Lands Transportation Program	100,000	
	National Park Service	Contract#					
	Local	TIP#	17-2015-01		TOTAL	\$100,000	

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. Nathan Bottom 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

Kim Cummins reported that IDOT would be visiting with communities in December to discuss programming the next five-year funding cycle. Cummins said she had no knowledge of STU fund apportionment at this time but that a picture of the funding situation would become clearer after those discussions.

Cummins reported that two TIP projects in the District's STU program, Stanford Ave from Fox Bridge to Taylor Ave and an intersection relocation on Old Jacksonville at Bradfordton, are progressing.

Work is continuing on finalizing the MacArthur Boulevard project costs, though it is unknown at this time whether there might be any residual STU funds from the project.

Cummins then discussed the meeting that was held with Dave Booher and the communities involved in the HSIP funding award for retroreflective sign upgrades. An August, 2013 state letting is anticipated for sign installation, with October, 2013 targeted as the installation date.

Cummins announced that ITEP funding awards are anticipated to be announced on Monday, November

5, 2012.

D. Illinois Commerce Commission

No report was given.

E. Springfield Airport Authority

Roger Blickensderfer reported that the Springfield Airport Authority had presented its three-year TIP to the Division of Aeronautics on Monday, October 29, 2012, and that the meeting was attended by FAA representatives. The final submission of the TIP is due on January 18, 2013.

F. Illinois Department of Transportation: Division of Public and Intermodal Transportation

No report was given.

VI. AGENCY UPDATES

A. Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission

Norm Sims commended the presentations given at the recent IDOT Fall Planning Conference and MPO Directors Conference. Sims noted that performance measures were a prominent topic of both conferences and that it will be necessary to coordinate efforts with IDOT as the MPO moves forward with its development of measures, as federal guidance will be slow in coming.

Sims noted that during the traffic safety presentation of the Fall Planning Conference that Sangamon County had been labeled a “yellow” county with regard to traffic-related accidents and fatalities. Sims had discussed with Karen Shoup, the IDOT Urban Program Planning Bureau Chief, about measures to improve safety in order to improve the county’s status to “green.”

Linda Wheelend reported that representatives from Sangamon County, the City of Springfield, the Springfield Park District, IDOT, and the Village of Chatham had met with Marla Gursh of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to discuss placing road signs on area streets and trails to mark the Route 66 Bike Trail. IDNR made available several Route 66 Trail road signs to mark the route of the trail through Sangamon County. The trail runs mostly on-road, though a portion does run on the Interurban Trail. Gursh discussed the possibility of getting off-road trail signs made as well, though she noted none were available at the time.

The Village of Chatham accepted ten signs to be placed on its roads, and the Village of Sherman expressed interest in the project, but the city of Springfield declined the offer. Marshal Metcalf of IDOT stated that according to a policy of avoiding sign clutter and distractions for motorists on state routes that IDOT would also not be able to accept the signs.

Wheelend informed the Technical Committee of the need to update the SATS Public Participation Plan by April, 2013. She advised the committee to begin thinking of ideas for changes to improve involvement in the public participation process.

Wheelend then introduced Daniel Begert to demonstrate the use of an app created to address the objective in the SATS Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan of identifying drainage grates and other hazards to on-road bicycling in the Springfield area. Begert explained that the app had been created using the ESRI web mapping tool and that it could be accessed either through the ESRI web mapping portal, or by downloading the free ESRI app to a smart device and searching for it there. Once the app, tentatively

titled “Mapping Springfield Area Bike Hazards,” had been accessed, a user could add data to it by taking pictures of identified hazards and uploading those pictures to the app. The user would create a point on the map, either with a click of a mouse on their home computer or by using the GPS capabilities of their smart device to identify the location, and then submit that data for verification by SSCRPC staff. Once compiled, this data layer would then be submitted to the relevant jurisdictions for use in addressing the identified hazards.

B. Springfield Mass Transit District

No report was given.

C. City of Springfield

Nathan Bottom stated that the City of Springfield is wrapping up its concrete patching program. The city’s asphalt, concrete, and brick streets have all been rated according to the standards of its pavement preservation program. The City has submitted the results of its pavement assessment to IDOT and anticipates their response within a month.

D. Sangamon County

Brian Davis stated that the county’s pavement preservation is completed, and included an asphalt overlay within the MPA limits.

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

Sal Madonia reported that construction is wrapping up for the season in most areas of Springfield. Madonia reported construction underway in the following areas:

- Clear Lake Avenue and Dirksen Parkway –paving is scheduled to be completed by November 2, signals are scheduled to be installed by the end of the year, and landscaping and lighting are scheduled for spring of 2013;
- Sangamon Avenue at Colt Road – signals installed.

F. Village of Chatham

Mike Williamsen reported that work on the bike trail on Plummer Boulevard from Ravinia to Park is continuing. The contractor is hopeful that the project will be completed this construction season.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Small Community MPO Representation (Tabled)

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

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2010 Urbanized Area Changes

Linda Wheeland began by explaining the different urban boundaries used in the SATS planning area. The first of these boundaries is the Census-defined *Urbanized Area (UZA)*, which is based on population density. From that, SATS created its own *Urban Area (UBA)*, which squares off the boundaries of the UZA. Roads within the UA are eligible for urban funding; those outside are eligible only for rural funding. The *Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA)* encompasses all of the UZA and UBA, as well as all areas potentially developable within the next 25 years.

With the release of the 2010 Census, the Springfield area UZA underwent some changes from its 2000 extent. Some areas were removed and some were added, but all new areas added to the UZA were still within the MPA and within the UBA. A map illustrating those changes is included in these minutes.

Wheeland informed the Technical Committee that the only federal transportation funding linked to the UZA concerns transit. For the Springfield area, SMTD is the designated recipient of funds used for providing urban transit, and Sangamon-Menard Area Regional Transit is eligible for the rural funds. Those funds could only be used to provide rides outside of the designated UZA.

Mike Williamsen made a motion to recommend approval of the new 2010 UZA boundary to the Policy Committee. Nathan Bottom seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

B. 2013 SATS Meeting Schedule

Linda Wheeland presented the proposed 2013 SATS Meeting Schedule. There were no objections. Norm Sims moved adoption of the schedule. Sal Madonia seconded the movement and the vote to approve was unanimous.

C. Next Meeting Date – Thursday, December 6, 2012 at 8:30 AM

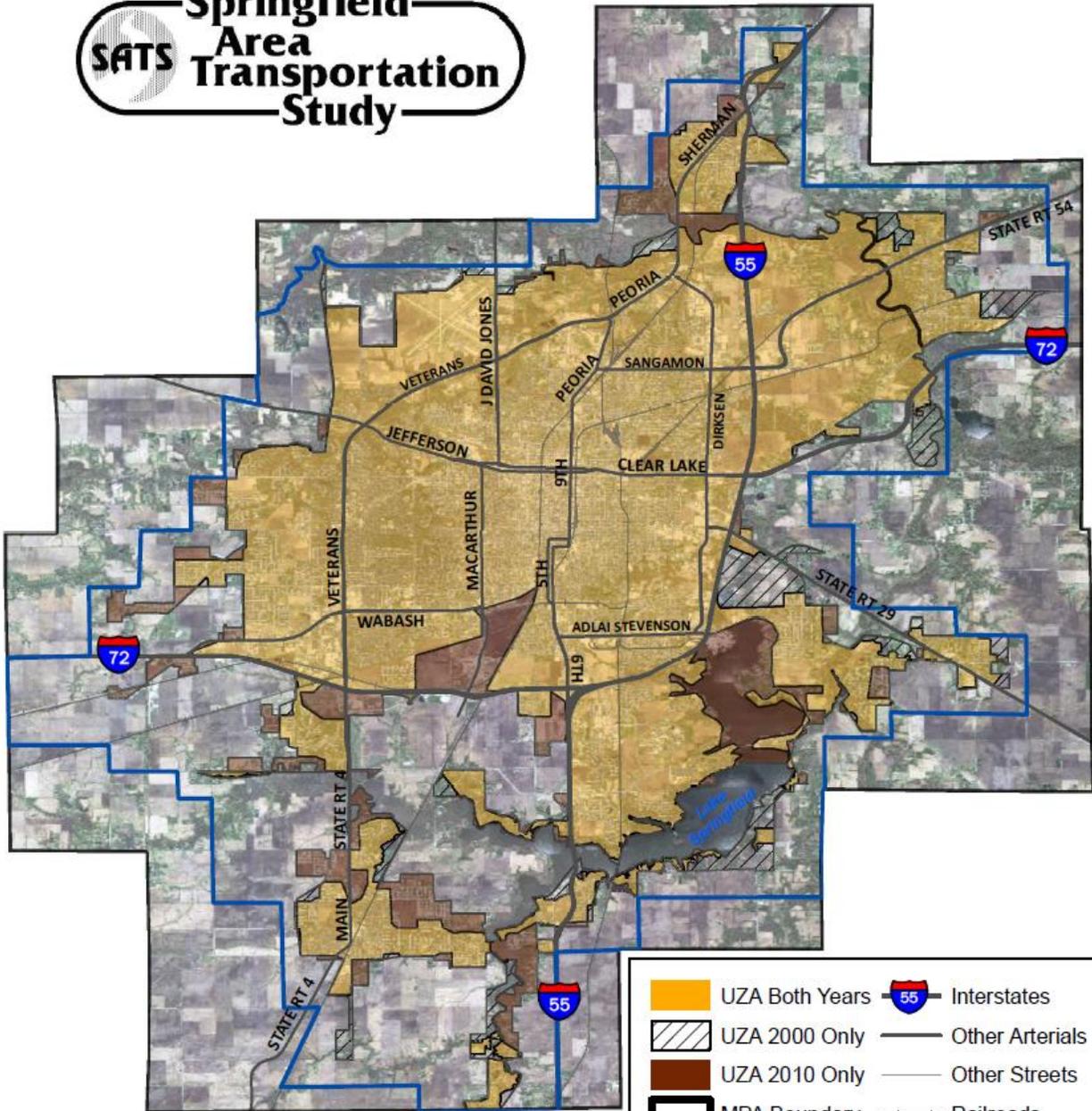
X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned at 9:05 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel Begert
Recording Secretary

SATS Springfield Area Transportation Study



	UZA Both Years		Interstates
	UZA 2000 Only		Other Arterials
	UZA 2010 Only		Other Streets
	MPA Boundary		Railroads
	Urban Area Boundary 2005		

**LAND IN SPRINGFIELD URBANIZED AREA
2000 CENSUS VERSUS 2010 CENSUS**

