

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**SATS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**  
**October 4, 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 Zahrn	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 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"/>	Kim Cummins	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**

David Booher – IE Consultants / Village of Sherman

Kristin Timmons – Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc.

Jim Moll – Hanson Engineering

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

**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 – 8/02/12 SATS Technical Committee Meeting**

Squires asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the August 2, 2012. Nathan Bottom pointed out a typographical error in the spelling of his name. Mike Williamsen made a motion to approve the September 6 minutes with an amendment to correct this error and Sal Madonia seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

**III. 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

No report was given.

**IV. 2012-2015 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

**A.** Frank Squires introduced Amendment #16 to the SATS Technical Committee (below). Sal Madonia 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

**WHEREAS**, the Springfield Mass Transit District's paratransit service, Access Springfield, has a need to accommodate passengers using wheelchairs with a combined weight of up to 1,000 pounds; and

**WHEREAS**, SMTD applied for and was awarded a New Freedom Grant to purchase a medium-duty vehicle with a heavy-duty lift; and

**WHEREAS**, the Springfield Mass Transit District requests an amendment to the FY/2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program to add the following project to the FY 2013 Annual Element; and

**Project Description and Funding:**

Project/Jurisdiction/Class	Description	Action/Comments	Funding Source	Total Cost
A16 Paratransit Vehicle SMTD Urban Paratransit	<b>Description:</b> Add vehicle with 1,000 pound lift capacity	New medium-duty vehicle to be modified with heavy-duty 1,000 lb. lift	IDOT TDC	150,000
	<b>Project#</b> Paratransit Priority 2 <b>TIP#</b> 06-2013-05		FTA 5307	
				<b>\$150,000</b>

**WHEREAS**, the funding used for this project will not affect any other project in the TIP; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Technical Committee has voted to recommend approval of the Sixteenth Amendment to the FY/2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program to the Policy Committee.

- B.** Frank Squires introduced Amendment #17 to the SATS Technical Committee (below). 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.

**WHEREAS**, the Springfield Mass Transit District has been awarded a grant through the Clean Fuels Grant Program, to acquire seven 35-ft CNG powered transit buses and associated capital items to replace seven CNG powered buses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Springfield Mass Transit District requests the FY 2013 Annual Element of the FY 2012-2015 TIP be amended to include the project shown below; and

**Project Description and Funding:**

Project/Jurisdiction/Class	Description	Action/Comments	Funding Source	Total Cost
A17 35-foot Transit Buses SMTD Urban Transit	<b>Description:</b> Purchase seven CNG powered replacement buses and associated capital items	It is expected that the purchase and delivery schedule will be thirty-six months	IDOT TDC	3,075,000
	<b>Project#</b> Transit Priority 1 <b>TIP#</b> 06-2013-06		FTA 5308	
				<b>\$3,075,000</b>

**WHEREAS**, the funding used for this project will not affect any other project in the TIP; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Technical Committee has voted to recommend approval of the Seventeenth Amendment to the FY/2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program to the Policy Committee.

## V. DRAFT 2013-2016 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

### A. Public Information Meeting

Linda Wheeland explained that the October 4, 2012 SATS Technical Committee meeting was to serve as a forum to receive public comments on the Draft 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program, and opened the floor for any public comments. There were none.

Mike Williamsen inquired about public comments received via the internet. Wheeland noted that one commenter had pointed out a lack of information about high speed rail projects that are planned for the area. Wheeland informed the Technical Committee that she had contacted Thomas Caldwell about the possibility of including some rail projects, and that Caldwell had in turn contacted Miriam Gutierrez with IDOT. Currently, as the high speed rail project is in only its first phase and a route through Springfield has not yet been selected, specific details on rail-related projects are not yet available. JD Stevenson did note, however, that once new funds began to be obligated for the design and preliminary engineering stages of individual projects that it would be possible to include information about those projects in the TIP at that time. Stevenson agreed that including this additional information would be beneficial to the public but noted that its inclusion is not explicitly required.

There being no additional public comments, Norm Sims made a motion to recommend approval of the 2013-2016 TIP, with the addition of the two SMTD projects that had just been recommended for approval as amendments to the 2015-2016 TIP. Tim Zahn seconded the motion and the vote to recommend approval 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 directed the attention of the Technical Committee to the FHWA website for information on the MAP-21 funding authorization bill ([fhwa.dot.gov/map21](http://fhwa.dot.gov/map21)). Stevenson highlighted links to "Fact Sheets," detailing the funding programs of MAP-21; "Presentations," containing additional information on the funding programs; "Legislation," containing a link to the bill itself; and "Webinars," which hosts recordings of past sessions on the contents of MAP-21 and presents a schedule of upcoming sessions. Stevenson encouraged Committee members to familiarize themselves with the bill by looking over the contents of the site.

Stevenson commented that MAP-21 will include some changes as to the evaluation of state and metropolitan level planning, with a greater emphasis now on performance-based planning. FHWA will be working with states and MPOs to set standards and will keep planning agencies up-to-date on them as that work progresses. Norm Sims expressed concern that those MPOs that will be engaged would be the TMAs representing disproportionately large areas. Sims also questioned how federal, state, and local standards might differ from each other.

Stevenson then discussed a change to the National Highway Performance Program. Previously the NHPP had included only interstate highways, and some principal arterials and intermodal connectors. With MAP-21, every principal arterial is now also considered part of the National Highway System. The implication of this change means that many miles of local jurisdiction roads have been added to the NHS, along with many bridges. Outdoor advertising controls are applicable to NHS roads, so limits to

outdoor advertisements will now be imposed on those local roads that are being added to the NHS. Any advertisements on these roads that are over the limit will be considered non-conforming uses.

**C. Illinois Department of Transportation: Local Roads and Streets**

Kim Cummins reported that the Village of Williamsville had received \$2.2 million in federal discretionary funds to address a Highway Rail Crossing Hazard Elimination Corridor. The total cost of the project is \$7.1 million. The Illinois Commerce Commission will contribute to the project using ICC funds. Cummins and Mike Stead of ICC, along with the other interested parties are currently working on scheduling a coordination meeting to get the project started.

IDOT will be sending an award letter to Sherman as lead agency on the joint communities' HSIP grant to replace traffic regulatory signs, and to the participating communities. The total award amount is \$307,064. A TIP amendment will be prepared for SATS consideration in November.

**D. Illinois Commerce Commission**

No report was given.

**E. Springfield Airport Authority**

Roger Blickensderfer inquired about the anticipated amount of federal funds that other Technical Committee member organizations were expecting for the next fiscal year. The consensus appeared to be that most were unsure, and that they did not expect an update on their funding situations until sometime after January 2013. Blickensderfer suspected that based on an increasingly diminishing allocation in recent years from FAA that that the decline would continue.

**VII. AGENCY UPDATES**

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

Norm Sims posed a question about the timeline of distributing PL funds, observing that the delay in releasing those numbers has been a problem for MPOs that are currently trying to create their budgets. Thomas Caldwell promised to look in on the situation.

**B. Springfield Mass Transit District**

Frank Squires noted that SMTD had opened a Twitter account to keep riders updated on route schedules.

**C. City of Springfield**

Nathan Bottom stated that the City completed its seal coat program and sidewalk program, and is halfway completed with its concrete patching program. A pavement preservation plan is underway.

Linda Wheeland requested a map of the sidewalks repaired and constructed during the sidewalk program in order to update the Priority Pedestrian Network in the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.

**D. Sangamon County**

No report was given.

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

Sal Madonia reported that on Wednesday October 3<sup>rd</sup> IDOT conducted its multiyear plan outreach meeting, which was attended by approximately 30 people.

Madonia reported 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 – milling and paving is scheduled to be completed by October 15th;
- I-72 structure over the Sangamon River – bridge work is complete and cleanup activities are underway;
- Stanford Ave Bridge, 5<sup>th</sup> St and 6<sup>th</sup> St – completed;
- Motel demolition at Peoria Rd and Ridgely – the structure has been demolished and site work is beginning.

**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.

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**IX. 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.

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Annual Listing of Federally Obligated Projects**

Linda Wheeland announced that the Annual Listing of Federally Obligated Projects has been submitted to FHWA, and that the document is available on the SSCRPC website for viewing.

**B. Next Meeting Date – Thursday, November 1, 2012 at 8:30 AM**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned at 9:06 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel Begert  
Recording Secretary