

Minutes of Meeting
SATS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
July 11, 2013

ATTENDANCE

Technical Committee Voting Members

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nathan Bottom, Chair	City of Springfield
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tim Zahn, Vice Chair	Sangamon County
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mike Williamsen	Village of Chatham
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Frank Squires	Springfield Mass Transit District
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Norm Sims	Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Laura Mlacnik*	Illinois Dept. of Transportation (IDOT): 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"/>	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"/>	Diana Nevitt	IDOT: Division of Public and Intermodal Transportation

* Represented by Kim Cummins

** Represented by Roger Blickensderfer

Others

Jim Moll - Hanson

David Booher – Village of Sherman/Quigg Engineering

Elliott McKinley – Springfield Park District

Kristin Timmons – Crawford, Murphy, and Tilly

Neha Soni – Regional Planning Commission

Linda Wheeland – Regional Planning Commission

Dale Schultz – Regional Planning Commission

Brian Sheehan – Regional Planning Commission

Jessica Weitzel – Regional Planning Commission

Amy Uden – Regional Planning Commission

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –SATS Technical Committee Meeting

Chair Bottom asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the June 6, 2013 Technical Committee meeting. Frank Squires made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted and Tim Zahn seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

III. 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

No report was given.

IV. FY 2013-2016 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

A. Administrative Modification #8 (Springfield – Chatham Road Bridge)

Linda introduced Administrative Modification #8:

Wheeland explained that last month an administrative modification was processed based on a notification from IDOT that the Chatham Road bridge project funding status had been changed to Advanced Construction (AC). The notification however was in error and the Funding status was not changed to AC so another modification was processed to delete AC status from this project as follows:

CHATHAM ROAD BRIDGE

Status of this project has changed from “Advanced Construction” to “Current Status” and the FY 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program has been modified to reflect this change as shown below.

Project/Jurisdiction/Class		Location		Action/Comments	Funding Source		Total Cost
3	Chatham Road Bridge (FAU 8006)	Termini:	Structure No. 084-3041 0.3 miles north of Wabash Avenue	ROW Acquisition, Utility Relocation, C & CE for Bridge Replacement	Springfield	589,000	
	Springfield	Project#			STP-Br	2,356,000	
	Minor Arterial	TIP#	02-2011-05				
							\$2,945,000

B. Administrative Modification #9 (IDOT – IL 97 Safety Lighting)

Linda Wheeland introduced Administrative Modification #9:

IL 97 Safety Lighting

Status of this project has changed to “Advanced Construction” and the FY 2013 Annual Element of the FY 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program has been modified to add AC to the federal funding source as shown below.

Project/Jurisdiction/Class		Description		Action/Comments	Funding Source		Total Cost
A17 AM 9	IL 97	Termini:	Moore Rd, Hazlett Ln, & Koke Mill Rd intersections	Safety lighting	HSIP (AC)	90,000	
	State	Project#	72G04		State	10,000	
	Other Principal Arterial	TIP#	04-2013-15				
							\$100,000

C. Administrative Modification #10 (Chatham – Plummer Boulevard Multi-Use Trail)

Linda Wheeland introduced Administrative Modification #10:

Plummer Boulevard Multi-use Trail

Status of this project has changed to “Advanced Construction” and the FY 2013 Annual Element of the FY 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program has been modified to add AC to the federal funding source as shown below.

Project/Jurisdiction/Class		Description		Action/Comments	Map #	Funding Source		Total Cost
A18 AM10	Plummer Boulevard Multi-use Trail	Termini:	Park Avenue to Gordon Drive	PEI, PEII, Construction Engineering, Construction	A18	Chatham	87,605	
	Chatham	Project#				ITEP (AC)	350,400	
	Trail	TIP#	01-2013-01					
							\$438,005	

D. Amendment #25 (SMTD – CNG Station)

Frank Squires introduced Amendment #25:

WHEREAS, the Springfield Area Transportation Study (SATS), in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Transportation, has a comprehensive, cooperative, and continuing (3C) planning process for transportation planning in compliance with Federal regulations for the urbanized area; and

WHEREAS, the Springfield Area Transportation Study approved the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for FY/2013-2016 on October 11, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Springfield Mass Transit District is in the process of replacing a Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fueling station located at the District; and

WHEREAS, the cost for this project has increased since first appearing in the Transportation Improvement Program for FY 2012 and the funding had been shown as 5309 and IDOT TDC only; and

WHEREAS, the Springfield Mass Transit District requests that the FY-2013 Annual Element of the FY/2013-2016 TIP be amended by adding the project listed below as Transit Priority 1 and changing the priority of the other SMTD projects accordingly; and

Project Description and Funding:

Project/Jurisdiction/Class	Description	Action/Comments	Funding Source	Total Cost	
A25 CNG Station	Description: Replace CNG fueling station	This project was originally shown in FY 2012. Cost and funding source changes have since occurred.	IDOT TDC		
SMTD	Project#: Transit Priority 1		FTA 5307		592,000
Urban Transit	TIP#: 06-2012-09		FTA 5309		1,000,000
				\$1,592,000	

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 Twenty-fifth Amendment to the FY/2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program to the Policy Committee.

Frank Squires made a motion to recommend approval of Amendment #25 to the Policy Committee. Tim Zahn 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

Thomas Caldwell announced that the meetings for the Illinois State Bicycle Plan outreach would be taking place on Wednesday, July 17th at Lincoln Library. An afternoon session for transportation professionals would be taking place between 2pm and 4pm, and another for the general public will take place between 6:30pm and 8pm. Linda Wheeland clarified that it would be important for attendees to arrive by the start of either meeting as that is when the presentations are to begin.

B. Federal Highway Administration: Illinois Division Office

No report was given.

C. Illinois Department of Transportation: Local Roads and Streets

Kim Cummins announced that the current round of applications for Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) funds is due on August 20th.

D. Illinois Commerce Commission

No report was given.

E. Springfield Airport Authority

Roger Blickensderfer announced that renovations of two sets of restrooms, one in the baggage claim area and the other in the main terminal of the airport, have been completed as of July 3rd.

Also, Blickensderfer updated SATS on two FY 2012 federally funded projects, one which has already commenced, an extension of Taxiway Yankee from its current terminus to improve connections with the main runway, which Blickensderfer announced would use \$2 million. Blickensderfer also announced that the Airport Authority would be completing the last phase of replacing the existing perimeter fencing of 6 to 8 feet in height with a uniform 10 foot height around the entire airport within the next couple weeks

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 announced that Planning Commission staff had recently heard from consultants on the high speed rail project who were looking for project-related data to conduct additional analysis.

Linda Wheeland mentioned that the Transportation for Illinois Coalition (TFIC) had put out a proposal for funding of transportation projects in the state related to user taxes, such as changing the way gas taxes are collected, among other things. Wheeland announced the Managing Director and the Director of Communications and Grassroots Outreach would be attending the Policy Committee meeting on the afternoon of Thursday, July 18th to update the committee on the status of the bills and their proposal. Wheeland mentioned that anyone who may be interested is welcome to attend.

Wheeland also announced that comments on the Sangamon County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan were due the following Monday, then would go to the steering committee who would be finalizing the plan within a few weeks.

Wheeland stated that a graduate student from the University of Illinois had contacted the Planning Commission regarding a project that had been contracted for by IDOT and FHWA, on the inclusion of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in the transportation planning process. She added that she had met with the student the day before the meeting and that there may be guidance coming from IDOT on the inclusion of NEPA. Sims asked if IDOT was interested in making this a requirement and Wheeland stated that she only got the impression that it would be guidance.

JD Stevenson explained that this is part of a research project through the Illinois Transportation Center and the University of Illinois. Stevenson added that some states have their own online systems that environmental resource agencies and other similar groups can use to inform planning agencies in the early stages of a project that they may impact neighboring wetlands or endangered species habitats, or other areas that may merit environmental protection. Sims added that a cost-benefit component could be added to this.

Roger Blickensderfer said that in his experience, IDOT will not look at applications that do not have environmental analysis done up front. Sims clarified that this is because the Springfield Airport Authority, among many other agencies, is required to include this information on specific projects. The Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) don't get to the project implementation level in the planning process. Wheeland added that she believed it was a way to identify which projects may run into some environmental issues down the road. Stevenson also mentioned that NEPA approval is good for a limited period of time.

B. Springfield Mass Transit District

No report was given.

C. City of Springfield

Nathan Bottom announced that overlays in subdivisions on the northwest side of Springfield were nearing completion, and that others were beginning on the southeast side of Springfield as well as at Parkway Point. Some concrete work was also beginning on Fayette Avenue, and Bottom added that the crack coat program would be beginning in the following week.

Bottom announced that the low bidder on the Chatham Road bridge project (south of Iles Avenue) was Sangamo Construction, with a bid of \$3.1 million, a project that is expected to begin on August 1st. Bottom also mentioned that the open house for the Stanford Avenue project took place on July 1st and in his opinion went well.

D. Sangamon County

Tim Zahn announced that work on the bridge along New City Road just to the east of the SATS planning area was expected to be completed by the end of the month, as deck beams had been set in the last week.

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

Sal Madonia reported that the Clear Lake/Dirksen project was very close to completion, with only the erection of overhead sign trusses left to complete. Regarding the Veterans/Jefferson project, Madonia announced that curb and gutter work was complete and that paving would begin the following week. Work on the Veterans Parkway bridge over the IC railroad near Interstate 72 had been completed save for restriping in the area. On the 6th Street Road south of Stevenson Drive, work would be beginning the following week, and on IL 4 from Chatham to Auburn, repaving would be taking place over the following two weeks.

F. Village of Chatham

No report was given.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**A. 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Linda Wheeland mentioned that the Planning Commission had been working with all SATS jurisdictions on the new TIP and that the draft may be available before the August meeting if jurisdictions make all the necessary information available.

B. Small Community MPO Representation (Tabled)

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

IX. NEW BUSINESS**A. Next Meeting Date – Thursday, August 1, 2013 at 8:30 AM****X. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chairman Bottom called to adjourn. Mike Williamsen made a motion to adjourn. Frank Squires seconded the motion and the vote to adjourn was unanimous.

There being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:44 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Sheehan
Recording Secretary