

Minutes of Meeting
SATS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
May 2, 2013

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 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

Stan Hansen – Crawford, Murphy and Tilly, Inc.
 Bill Davison – Knight EA
 Tim Landis – State Journal-Register
 Neha Soni – Regional Planning Commission
 Linda Wheeland – Regional Planning Commission
 Dale Schultz – 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 –SATS Technical Committee Meeting

Squires asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the April 4th, 2013 Technical Committee meeting. Mike Williamsen made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted and Norm Sims seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

III. 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

A. Emergency Services Route Map

Linda Wheeland stated that a draft of the Emergency Services Route Map had been sent out to SATS members prior to the April 4 meeting, and had been tabled in order to give SATS adequate time to look at it. She explained that this map represented Objective 3, Goal 1 under the LRTP, which states “Map routes most often used for emergency transport or most likely to be used in the event of a disaster by 2012.” Wheeland added that she had a paper copy of the map available upon request.

Sal Madonia stated that due to his absence from the April meeting, he had not had a chance to look at it and thus discuss with the rest of the committee what his opinion was on it. Madonia then asked for

a paper copy of the map which he received shortly thereafter. Norm Sims then asked if this topic would be postponed until the June meeting, which Chair Squires confirmed.

B. Amendment

Linda Wheeland introduced the LRTP Amendment to the SATS Technical Committee. Mike Williamsen explained the project in relation to the corresponding TIP Amendment #18 (below).

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 SATS Long Range Transportation Plan takes a long-term (25-year) look at transportation needs in the Springfield Metropolitan Planning Area; envisions an efficient, interconnected, multi-modal travel network; and identifies projects to make that vision a reality; and

WHEREAS, the Long Range Transportation Plan is updated every five years and was most recently updated on March 11, 2010 as the SATS 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan which was amended on August 11, 2011, January 12, 2012, September 13, 2012, and April 2013; and

WHEREAS, all projects with identified funding sources and anticipated to be completed during the period July 2010 – June 2015 are listed as Committed Projects in the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, funding has been awarded to continue construction of the Plummer Boulevard Multi-use Trail in Chatham; and

WHEREAS, the details for this Project are shown below; and

PROJECT ADDED AS COMMITTED PROJECT				
Project	Jurisdiction	Accommodation	Length (Miles)	Status
Plummer Blvd Multi-use Trail: Park Avenue to Gordon Drive	Chatham	Trail	0.8	Committed

Norm Sims made a motion to recommend approval of the amendment to the Policy Committee. Tim Zahn seconded the motion and the vote to recommend approval was unanimous.

IV. FY 2013-2016 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

A. Administrative Modification #4 (Carpenter Street Underpass)

Linda introduced Administrative Modification #4 to the SATS Technical Committee, which was further explained by Nathan Bottom (below). Administrative modifications to the TIP are made by staff and do not require a vote by SATS.

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

CARPENTER STREET UNDERPASS AT THE 10TH STREET CORRIDOR

The construction of an underpass on Carpenter Street is one of many mitigation activities related to the consolidation of the 3rd Street rail line on the 10th Street corridor as an element of the state high-speed rail project. With the addition of passenger rail and increased freight traffic on the 10th Street corridor it is imperative that uninterrupted vehicle traffic flow be maintained through the City.

Project/Jurisdiction/Class		Location		Action/Comments	Total Cost			Anticipated Year
23	Carpenter Street Underpass	Termini:	9th Street to 11th Street	Preliminary Engineering, Land Acquisition, Utilities, Construction Engineering, Construction	Springfield	1,500,000	\$28,500,000	2014
	Springfield					7,000,000		
	Minor Arterial					20,000,000		

B. Amendment #18 (Chatham – Plummer Boulevard Trail)

Mike Williamsen introduced Amendment #18 to the SATS Technical Committee (below).

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 Village of Chatham desires to construct phase 2 of a 10 foot wide multi-use trail on the north side of Plummer Boulevard to provide safe bicycle and pedestrian travel along this corridor which includes the local high school and an intersection with the Interurban Trail, a bicycle/pedestrian connection between the Village and the City of Springfield; and

WHEREAS, the Village requests that the FY-2013 Annual Element of the FY/2013-2016 TIP be amended by adding the project listed below; and

Project Description and Funding:

Project/Jurisdiction/Class		Location		Action/Comments	Funding Source		Total Cost
A18	Plummer Boulevard Multi-use Trail	Termini:	Park Avenue to Gordon Drive	PE I, PE II, Construction Engineering, Construction	Chatham	87,605	\$438,005
		Project#			ITEP	350,400	
		TIP#	01-2013-01				

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

Norm Sims made a motion to recommend approval of Amendment #18 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 stated that IDOT was hosting its first Performance Measures Technical Advisory Group meeting on the following day. This group will assist IDOT in establishing statewide performance measures as required by MAP-21 and guidance to MPOs on creating local performance measures. Caldwell added that SSCRPC staff would be in attendance as part of this.

Norm Sims asked if anybody yet knew the rules for this group. Caldwell stated that they would likely be made at the meeting and J.D. Stevenson added that there was an 18 month grace period in which the rules and measures need to be developed by.

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 Local Roads and Streets had received three safety applications for projects at three locations within the SATS MPA, all within the City of Springfield (and four total from all of District 6). These included intersections on Lawrence Avenue at Walnut Street and at MacArthur Boulevard, as well as another for the Koke Mill Road corridor.

Nathan Bottom added that he would need to add these projects to the TIP and asked Linda Wheeland if this would be as part of an Administrative Modification as well. Wheeland confirmed, saying that if the money wasn't available for such work that it would be put onto the list of Illustrative Projects.

D. Illinois Commerce Commission

Mike Stead reported that the ICC had approved their FY 2014-2018 Five Year Plan in late March, and announced that two of the projects approved as part of this plan affected the SATS planning area. The first project is for bridge projects on Oak Street in Williamsville in FY 2014 or 2015 and another with partial funding programmed for Iron Bridge Road in unincorporated Sangamon County in FY 2018.

E. Springfield Airport Authority

No report was given.

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

Linda Wheeland announced that the SSCRPC has been invited to participate on the Illinois Bike Transportation Plan's Bike Plan Advisory Group, for which the first meeting was held on April 24th here in Springfield. Wheeland stated that all of the MPOs in the state had been invited very shortly before the first meeting, when it had been decided that they should all be included. The purpose of the advisory group is to generate ideas, offer insight, build interagency support, and review plan development. Wheeland reported that she had submitted all of the information from the SATS Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan to those facilitating this group. Tom Caldwell will be serving as the public outreach liaison to SATS.

Wheeland added that SATS was interested in updating the TransCAD transportation demand model (TDM), due to changes that have happened in the area since the model was first established. Wheeland said that SSCRPC had contacted LSA Associates about making the update, and since one of the transportation planning staff members had recently left, staff was thinking of using that money to update the travel demand model, rather than immediately rehiring for the position.

Mike Williamsen asked what the update would consist of, and Dale Schultz said this would include updating the street network, traffic information, and socioeconomic measures such as income and employment data. Wheeland added that the purpose of this would be to have an updated model ready to go at the start of the development of the 2040 LRTP. Norm Sims said he also expected that as the planning gets into the 10th Street railroad corridor work, there may be increased demand for consultant work on the TDM, utilizing the railroad module in the model.

Mike Williamsen made a motion to approve hiring LSA to update the TDM. Sal Madonia seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Wheeland reported that transportation planning staff had attended a webinar that was put on by FHWA in the fall about a program called INVEST, a voluntary self-assessment on how transportation projects promote sustainability. She said that staff had been looking at how the concept could be presented to SATS, and said that Neha Soni has been putting together a design concept on how the different elements could be put together for a potential project within the MPA. A presentation on this topic would be given to SATS members at the June meeting.

Wheeland added that the focus of this presentation would be on a corridor in which mass transit service already exists, and how sidewalks and bike lanes could be incorporated into the means for moving people around. Preservation of historic properties was listed as another component of what could be included as part of this work. A score tied to the rating system for INVEST would be developed to rate the project's sustainability.

Dale Schultz distributed a flyer (see Attachment #1) to meeting attendees, announcing that the 6th Annual Curb Your Car Week was upcoming on the week of May 13th to May 18th, during which area residents would be encouraged to ride the bus, run, walk, or ride their bike to work. Schultz said that a list of community sponsors could be found at the bottom of the flyer, among them the Springfield Mass Transit District (SMTD). Schultz announced that anyone using a bicycle on one of the bike racks on SMTD buses would be able to ride for free anytime during Curb Your Car Week. Schultz announced that registration for Curb Your Car was available on the SSCRPC website, that there would be a group bike ride starting in Washington Park on the Wednesday of that week at 7:30 am, and that more flyers were available upon request.

B. Springfield Mass Transit District

No report was given.

C. City of Springfield

Nathan Bottom announced that the City will be working on the 8th Street municipal plaza between Capitol Avenue and Monroe Street, including rehabilitation of the pedestrian bridge between each municipal building. Bottom also said that a beautification project along Clear Lake Avenue between 11th Street and the Public Works facility at 16th Street, involving the planting of 37 trees and 43 shrubs, among other plant life, along the corridor would be done. Bottom also announced that the city's sidewalk program would be starting this month, for which work would start on the east side of the city near 10th Street, and swing around the city in a counter-clockwise fashion. Regarding the overlay program, Bottom stated that the City would be awarding 16.5 miles of such work to a bidder later this month.

D. Sangamon County

Tim Zahn announced that the County was putting together a TIGER application for the Iron Bridge Road project, to match what the Illinois Commerce Commission had already put together for said project as well as to match money that the County had already saved for it.

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

Sal Madonia stated that as the weather warms, construction has picked up from previous months, including holdover work from last year on and near the Clear Lake/Dirksen intersection, such as the completion of sidewalks, landscaping, and overhead signage, which he expects to be completed by mid-June. Two projects on Veterans Parkway were also announced as beginning, including resurfacing near Veterans' intersection with Jefferson Street, as well as a bridge joint repair project involving overpasses on Veterans between Lindbergh Boulevard and Interstate 72. Madonia stated that the former project had recently started and is ongoing, and that the latter would be starting soon as the weather further warms up.

F. Village of Chatham

No report was given.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. 2013 Public Participation Plan Draft

Linda Wheeland announced that SATS had not received any public comments on the draft of the Public Participation Plan. However, SMTD had requested that some language be included within the plan regarding people with limited English language proficiency. Wheeland proposed that the following language be added to the "Open Access" section of the plan. According to the U.S. Census Bureau 2005-2009 American Community Survey there are 612 people age 18 and over living in the MPA who speak English "not well" or "not at all". This represents 0.5% of the total population in this age group. Of these 612 people the language spoken at home is 24% Spanish, 25% Other Indo-European Languages, 47% Asian and Pacific Island Languages, and 4% Other Languages. With the small number of people having limited English proficiency and the wide array of languages spoken, when an interpreter is needed SATS will utilize online services such as Google Translate (<http://translate.google.com/>) or a telephone interpreter service such as Language Line (<http://www.language.com/>).

Mike Williamsen made a motion to add the proposed text to the Public Participation Plan regarding use of interpreter services for those of limited English proficiency. Nathan Bottom seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Norm Sims made a motion to recommend approval of the Public Participation Plan as amended to the Policy Committee. Sal Madonia seconded the motion and the vote to recommend approval was unanimous.

B. Small Community MPO Representation (Tabled)

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

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Linda Wheeland reported that staff would be starting on the FY 2014-2017 TIP and that spreadsheets had been sent out to members for reporting their anticipated projects for these years..

A. Next Meeting Date – Thursday, June 6, 2013 at 8:30 AM

X. ADJOURNMENT

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

There being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:52 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Sheehan
Recording Secretary

Attachment 1

MAY 13th - 18th, 2013

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