

**Minutes of Meeting
SATS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
September 5, 2013**

ATTENDANCE

Technical Committee Voting Members

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nathan Bottom, Chair	City of Springfield
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tim Zahrn, Vice Chair	Sangamon County
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mike Williamsen	Village of Chatham
<input 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 Linda Wheeland ** 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 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
 Bill Davison – Knight E/A
 Elliott McKinley – Springfield Park District
 Stan Hansen – Crawford, Murphy, and Tilly
 Ron Rybolt – IDOT District 6 Local Roads and Streets
 Ed Dougherty – IDOT District 6 Community Liaison
 Dale Schultz – Regional Planning Commission
 Neha Soni – Regional Planning Commission
 Brian Sheehan – 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 July 11, 2013 Technical Committee meeting. Tim Zahrn made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted and Sal Madonia seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

III. 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

A. Amendment

Dale Schultz introduced an amendment to the LRTP to include new projects submitted for the FY 2014-2017 TIP:

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, April 2013, and May 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, several needed projects have been identified that were not originally considered in development of the LRTP and funding has been obtained for these so they will be added as “Committed Projects” to the SATS 2035 LRTP; and

WHEREAS, additionally 2 projects have been recently identified as high priority projects although funding has not been secured so they will be added to the SATS 2035 LRTP as “Planned Projects”; and

WHEREAS, the details for these projects are shown below; and

PROJECTS ADDED TO "COMMITTED PROJECTS"					
MAP #	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF IMPROVEMENT	JURISDICTION	COST	BIKE/PED ACCOMODATIONS
60	I-72	Resurfacing and bridge repairs from east of I-55 in Springfield to east of Overpass Road	State	13,200,000	
61	IL 29	Right turn lane & traffic signal modernization at W. Main Street in Rochester	State	300,000	
62	Sunset Acres Subdivision	Drainage	County	350,000	
63	Illinois Route 66 Interpretive Statue	Interpretive Statue to be placed at the Rt. 66/Veterans Park in Sherman	Illinois Route 66 Scenic Byway	15,365	
64	Wesley Chapel Road	Bridge replacement north of Mansion Rd.	Curran Road District	750,000	

PROJECTS ADDED TO "PLANNED PROJECTS"					
76	Browning Road Bridge	Bridge Replacement at Spring Creek	County	850,000	
77	Carpenter Street	Underpass between 9th Steet & 11th Street	Springfield	20,000,000	

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

IV. FY 2013-2016 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

A. Amendment 26 (Dirksen Parkway Widening)

Sal Madonia introduced Amendment #26:

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 costs and funding source has changed for a much needed, planned project on Dirksen Parkway to make the number of lanes consistent throughout the corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Transportation District 6 requests that the FY-2014 Annual Element of the FY/2013-2016 TIP be amended by changing the cost, funding, and federal funding source (from STP-URB to NHPP with a status of Advanced Construction) for the project as shown below; and

Project Description and Funding in current TIP:

Project/Jurisdiction/Class	Description	Action/Comments	Funding Source	Total Cost
1 IL 29/Dirksen Parkway State Principal Arterial	Termini: North of Ridge Ave. to N. of Clear Lake Ave. in Springfield	Construction - Add 2 lanes, a bi-directional turn lane, sidewalks, bike lanes	STP-URB	4,640,000
	Project# 72501		State	1,160,000
	TIP# 04-2012-09		Springfield	150,000
				\$5,950,000

Amended Project Description and Funding:

Project/Jurisdiction/Class	Description	Action/Comments	Funding Source	Total Cost
1 A26 IL 29/Dirksen Parkway State Principal Arterial	Termini: North of Ridge Ave. to N. of Clear Lake Ave. in Springfield	Construction - Add 2 lanes, a bi-directional turn lane, sidewalks, bike lanes	NHPP (AC)	7,200,000
	Project# 72501		State	1,652,000
	TIP# 04-2012-09		Springfield	148,000
				\$9,000,000

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

Linda Wheeland made a motion to recommend approval of Amendment #26 to the Policy Committee. Tim Zahn seconded the motion and the vote to recommend approval was unanimous.

B. Amendment #27 (Interstate 72)

Sal Madonia introduced Amendment #27:

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, there is a need to resurface I-72 from I-55 in Springfield east past Overpass Road; and

WHEREAS, funding has been identified for this project; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Transportation District 6 requests that the FY-2014 Annual Element of the FY/2013-2016 TIP be amended by adding the following project as shown below; and

Project Description and Funding:

Project/Jurisdiction/Class	Description	Action/Comments	Map #	Funding Source	Total Cost
I-72 State Interstate	Termini: E. of I-55 in Springfield to E. of Overpass Rd.	Resurfacing, Bridge Repairs	60	NHPP-State	11,880,000
	Contract# 72C90			State	1,320,000
	TIP# 04-2014-01				
					\$13,200,000

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

Tim Zahn made a motion to recommend approval of Amendment #27 to the Policy Committee. Nathan Bottom seconded the motion and the vote to recommend approval was unanimous.

C. Amendment #28 (Dirksen Parkway Signal Upgrades)

Sal Madonia introduced Amendment #28:

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 traffic signals at the Dirksen Parkway intersections with Cook Street and Singer Avenue need to be upgraded; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Transportation District 6 requests that the FY-2014 Annual Element of the FY/2013-2016 TIP be amended by adding the following project; and

Project Description and Funding:

Project/Jurisdiction/Class	Description	Action/Comments	Funding Source	Total Cost
A28 IL 29/Dirksen Parkway State Principal Arterial	Termini: at Cook Street and at Singer Avenue	Traffic Signal Modernization	NHPP - State	240,000
	Project# 72G05 TIP# 04-2014-05		HSIP - State	135,000
			State	35,000
			Springfield	40,000
				\$450,000

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

Linda Wheeland made a motion to recommend approval of Amendment #28 to the Policy Committee. Tim Zahn seconded the motion and the vote to recommend approval was unanimous.

D. Amendment #29 (IL Route 97)

Sal Madonia introduced Amendment #29:

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 total cost for the IL 97 intersection lighting project has been reduced by 50% and the status of the project has been changed from "Advance Construction" to "Current"; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Transportation District 6 requests that the FY-2013 Annual Element of the FY/2013-2016 TIP be amended by changing the cost and funding breakdown for the project as shown below; and

Project Description and Funding in current TIP:

Project/Jurisdiction/Class	Description	Action/Comments	Funding Source	Total Cost	
A17 AM9 IL 97 State Other Principal Arterial	Termini: Moore Rd, Hazlett Ln, & Koke Mill Rd intersections	Safety lighting	HSIP (AC)	90,000	
	Project# 72G04 TIP# 04-2013-15		State	10,000	
					\$100,000

Amended Project Description and Funding:

Project/Jurisdiction/Class		Description	Action/Comments	Funding Source	Total Cost
A17 AM9	IL 97	Termini: Moore Rd, Hazlett Ln, & Koke Mill Rd intersections	Safety lighting	HSIP	45,000
				State	5,000
A29	State Other Principal Arterial	Project# 72G04 TIP# 04-2013-15			\$50,000

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

Tim Zahn made a motion to recommend approval of Amendment #29 to the Policy Committee. Linda Wheeland seconded the motion and the vote to recommend approval was unanimous.

E. Administrative Modification #11 (Riverton SRTS)

Dale Schultz introduced Administrative Modification #11:

Riverton Safe Routes to School Project

Status of this project has changed to "Advanced Construction" and the FY 2014 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		Location	Action/Comments	Funding Source	Total Cost
A20	Safe Routes to School Project	Termini: Various	Sidewalk construction Speed feedback signs Bike racks	Riverton	20,871
	Riverton Sidewalks	Project# TIP# 09-2014-01		SRTS (AC)	250,000
					\$270,871

F. Administrative Modification #12 (Capitol Avenue)

Dale Schultz introduced Administrative Modification #12:

Capitol Avenue

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

Project/Jurisdiction/Class		Location	Action/Comments	Funding Source	Total Cost
A11	Capitol Ave	Termini: 11th St to Martin Luther King Jr Dr	Artistic Elements Construction	HPP (AC)	71,024
	Springfield Collector	Project# TIP# 02-2011-06		ITEP (AC)	344,976
					\$416,000

V. TECHNICAL ADVISOR UPDATES**A. Illinois Department of Transportation: Central Bureau of Urban Program Planning**

Thomas Caldwell asked why some of the Advanced Construction (AC) status changes on the agenda were processed as amendments while others were modifications to the TIP. Linda Wheeland explained that any change in a federal funding source or a change in the amount of federal funding by 50% or more requires an amendment to be approved by the Technical and Policy Committees. The latter threshold, as explained by Stevenson, is subject to a decision by individual MPOs. Caldwell also asked if there remains any confusion with regards to the AC process, which Wheeland affirmed, given the lack of specific project information received.

Sal Madonia added that he is dealing with the same type of confusion regarding some of his projects that have entered AC status. Caldwell asked where the information on such projects was being pulled from. Stevenson suggested that it is coming from the “PPS.” Stevenson added that he has discussed changes to the PPS system with those in charge of running this software, in order to minimize such problems, but explained that given the automation inherent to the PPS system, expects that it would require a significant amount of work to implement the necessary changes.

Caldwell then asked what changes he could suggest to the PPS operators in order to help them improve the system, be it making the descriptions more accurate, consistent, and/or detailed. Wheeland suggested also asking to add funding amounts and sources to the system, and added that SATS assigns TIP numbers based upon entire projects, not to specific phases of the project. This makes it easier to track the progress of the full project. Additionally, some projects are broken out in phases while others are not.

J.D. Stevenson mentioned that he is working with the people in charge of the automated PPS system, so he suggested that SATS members use him as a point of contact for any questions or comments regarding any documents received from the system, to help implement various tweaks. Wheeland added that she had sent comments to IDOT staff working on the PPS system, but had not seen any changes. Wheeland stated that the notification she received on the Capitol Avenue project did not indicate whether both of its funding sources or just one had been AC’d. Stevenson stated that it had just been done for the ITEP funding. Stevenson added that for projects receiving 100 percent of their funds from federal sources, it would be good to add an asterisk in the TIP to indicate Federal Flexible Match.

Caldwell added that the outreach meeting for the State’s Multi-Year Plan would be held in Springfield on October 2nd from 4pm to 6pm at Lincoln Library, in conjunction with the State Bicycle Plan outreach.

B. Federal Highway Administration: Illinois Division Office

No report was given.

C. Illinois Department of Transportation: Local Roads and Streets

Kim Cummins announced that Friday, September 6 would be her last day working for IDOT, and as part of the transition, Cummins introduced her replacement field engineer Ron Rybolt. Committee members expressed appreciation for Cummins’ work with SATS and each community.

D. Illinois Commerce Commission

No report was given.

E. Springfield Airport Authority

Roger Blickensderfer announced that the Airport Authority was receiving grant money from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) the very same day as the meeting for a project let in June, and that work would be starting on this project by no later than next spring, as early as this coming fall. Blickensderfer also announced that Allegiant Airlines would be starting a new route from Springfield to Orlando/Sanford, FL in November year-round, two flights per week in each direction.

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 reported that in following up from the presentation given to the SATS Technical Committee previously by Neha Soni on the INVEST planning tool created by FHWA, that J.D. Stevenson

had forwarded the information onto the FHWA office in Washington D.C. As a result, Wheeland and Soni have been invited to give a presentation on September 16th as part of a national-level webinar on INVEST with representatives of other MPOs. Wheeland added that there would be two webinars as part of this series, the first addressing project development and meant for project implementing agencies, taking place on September 10th. Stevenson and Wheeland affirmed that the information on both webinars could be sent out for any of those who are interested.

B. Springfield Mass Transit District

No report was given.

C. City of Springfield

Nathan Bottom announced that the City is moving forward with more overlays, on Adams, Monroe, and 2nd streets at the time of the meeting, which he was expecting to wrap up by the weekend in order to make room for the weekend car show. In the Westchester subdivision, concrete work is currently underway, to be followed shortly thereafter by the overlays.

The sidewalk program was currently underway in the Northgate subdivision, and Bottom stated that the installation of artistic elements along Capitol Avenue from 11th Street to MLK Drive would be taking place shortly. Regarding the Chatham Road bridge, the city was working on driving test piles and sanitary sewer relocation. Bottom also announced that the city had received a TIGER grant for the Carpenter Street underpass at the 10th with the help of IDOT, the Mid-Illinois Medical District, Sangamon County, and elected representatives. Wheeland asked if the City was still looking for a local match based on what she had read in the newspaper, and Bottom stated that it was still being explored. Wheeland then stated that the project would be amended to the TIP after a local match is found.

D. Sangamon County

Tim Zahrn announced that the County was in the Land Acquisition phase on many bridge projects throughout the county, including in preparation for the Iron Bridge Road/Woodside Road project.

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

Sal Madonia reported that District 6 currently has three road projects ongoing, the first along 6th Street Road by Little Flower School. This includes utility relocation, sidewalks, and storm sewers, and the hope is that the project will be complete by the end of the calendar year. Regarding Veterans Pkwy at Jefferson Street, final resurfacing is complete, and minor work remains on intersection roads, which is expected to be complete by the fall. Finally, bridge painting at the 6th Street interchange has just started.

In addition, Madonia mentioned that the 6-lane study for I-55 is ongoing, and that a similar study for 6th Street from Stanford Avenue south to the I-55/72 interchange is also underway.

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 announced that the draft of the 2014-2017 TIP was sent out for review by SATS members, and that some changes had since occurred that Wheeland was looking for in the draft, listed as follows by page:

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Wheeland stated that a project originally listed as having \$22,171 funding from SMTD for paratransit vans was being switched to FTA 5310 funding covering the total \$133,025 cost, with IDOT toll credits being used.

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Wheeland stated that the Riverton Safe Routes to School project has since moved to Advanced Construction. Also, a new project would be added for the purchase and installation of Route 66 bicycle racks utilizing \$5,242 from a National Scenic Byways grant with local matches for installation of \$187 from IDNR, IDOT, and Fulgenzi's Restaurant; \$374 from the Village of Sherman; and \$375 from the City of Springfield. The total cost of the project is \$6,552.

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On the ST-U Prioritized Illustrative Projects list, the projects in italics numbered 1 through 3 are now either completed or have funding assigned to them. As such, Wheeland stated that Mike Williamsen from the Village of Chatham had asked if, given this scenario, these projects should continue to be shown in this list. Wheeland indicated that the list had continued to be included in its entirety to show the original prioritization for ST-U funds.

Tim Zahn stated that inclusion of these projects provides a good historical basis and starting point on prioritization for preparing the next TIP, but Nathan Bottom said that he thought the three projects should be removed given that they're already in the TIP itself. Wheeland followed by saying that her concern would be that these three projects were the top 3 prioritized projects at the time of their original inclusion in the Illustrative Projects list, and that moving them out would imply a greater initial priority for the remaining projects in the list.

Kim Cummins said that by placing a date on this table in order to inform those reading it as to when it is effective would help its readers understand its context. J.D. Stevenson then added that since the list is made up of Illustrative projects, the inclusion of the first three projects that have moved into the TIP would be inaccurate, given that the projects are now fiscally constrained. Thomas Caldwell added that the remaining projects could still remain in the table. Zahn added that a label indicating when each of the three projects started being funded by fiscal year, and Wheeland added that such information was in a narrative preceding the table. Stevenson asked if the table showing a long history of ST-U funding was still in the TIP, which Wheeland affirmed.

Tim Zahn made a motion to recommend approval of the 2014-2017 Draft TIP as amended during the meeting to the Policy Committee. Nathan Bottom seconded the motion and the vote to recommend approval was unanimous.

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, October 3, 2013 at 8:30 AM

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Bottom called to adjourn. Tim Zahrn 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 8:59 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Sheehan
Recording Secretary