

Minutes of Meeting
SATS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
April 3, 2014

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 Linda Wheeland ** Represented by Sal Madonia

Technical Committee Advisors – Non-Voting Members

<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 & Streets
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mike Stead	Illinois Commerce Commission
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mark Hanna*	Springfield Airport Authority
<input type="checkbox"/>	Francesco Bedini-Jacobini	IDOT: Division of Public & Intermodal Transportation

* Represented by Roger Blickensderfer

Others

Michael Whitling – Village of Jerome
 Rob Winchester – Village of Jerome
 Brian Davis – Sangamon County Highway Department
 Jim Moll – Hanson Professionals
 Stan Hansen – Crawford Murphy & Tilly
 Ed Dougherty – IDOT District 6 Community Liaison
 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 8:33 AM.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –SATS Technical Committee Meeting

Chairman Bottom asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the March 6, 2014 Technical Committee meeting. Mike Williamsen made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Tim Zahn seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

III. 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP)**A. 2040 Update**

Linda Wheeland announced that the Citizens Survey is posted on the SATS website and will be available through April. She urged SATS members to continue working to get the word out to their constituents in order to encourage as high a number of total responses as possible, as part of a foundation for developing the 2040 update of the LRTP. In addition to sharing the online link, Wheeland also mentioned that paper copies were available in the lobby for those who need them.

Wheeland also thanked SATS members who served as test survey takers in order to determine the number of minutes it would take a typical person to complete the survey.

IV. FY 2014-2017 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**A. Amendment #11 (SMTD Paratransit Vehicles)**

Frank Squires introduced Amendment #11:

**RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF
THE ELEVENTH AMENDMENT TO
THE FY/2014-2017 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

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 metropolitan planning area; and

WHEREAS, the Springfield Area Transportation Study approved the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for FY/2014-2017 on October 17, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the FY/2014-2017 TIP includes a project for the purchase of a replacement paratransit vehicle in the FY 2014, FY 2015, and FY 2016 Annual Elements as shown below; and

Current FY 2014 Annual Element Project Description and Funding:

Project/Jurisdiction/ Class	Description	Action/Comments	Funding Source	Total Cost	
7	Paratransit Van	Purchase one (1) replacement-eligible van	IDOT TDC		
SMTD	Description: Medium-duty Paratransit Van with Lift		FTA 5310		133,025
Paratransit	Project# Paratransit Priority 1 TIP# 06-2014-03				
				\$133,025	

Current FY 2015 Annual Element Project Description and Funding:

Project/Jurisdiction/ Class	Description	Action/Comments	Funding Source	Total Cost	
4	Paratransit Van	Purchase one replacement van	IDOT TDC		
SMTD	Description: Medium-duty Paratransit van with Lift		FTA 5310		116,397
Paratransit	Project# Paratransit Priority 1 TIP# 06-2015-03				
				\$116,397	

Current FY 2016 Annual Element Project Description and Funding:

Project/Jurisdiction/ Class	Description	Action/Comments	Funding Source	Total Cost	
7	Paratransit Van	Purchase one replacement van	IDOT TDC		
SMTD	Description: Medium-duty Paratransit van with Lift		FTA 5310		116,397
Paratransit	Project# Paratransit Priority 1 TIP# 06-2016-03				
				\$116,397	

WHEREAS, the Springfield Mass Transit District requests that the FY/2014-2017 TIP be amended to move the FY-2015 project and the FY-2016 project to the FY 2014 Annual Element as part of Project 7 and Paratransit Priority 1 and to change the cost for each as shown below; and

Project Description, Funding and Priority # as Amended in the FY 2014 Annual Element:

Project/Jurisdiction/ Class	Description	Action/Comments	Funding Source	Total Cost	
7 A11	Paratransit Van	Description: Medium-duty Paratransit Van with Lift	Purchase one (1) replacement-eligible van	IDOT TDC	
	SMTD	Project# Paratransit Priority 1		FTA 5310	63,000
	Paratransit	TIP# 06-2014-03			\$63,000
Paratransit Van	Description: Medium-duty Paratransit van with Lift	Purchase one replacement van	IDOT TDC		
	SMTD	Project# Paratransit Priority 1		FTA 5310	63,000
	Paratransit	TIP# 06-2015-03			\$63,000
Paratransit Van	Description: Medium-duty Paratransit van with Lift	Purchase one replacement van	IDOT TDC		
	SMTD	Project# Paratransit Priority 1		FTA 5310	63,000
	Paratransit	TIP# 06-2016-03			\$63,000
TOTAL				\$189,000	

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

Mike Williamsen made a motion to recommend approval of the amendment to the Policy Committee. Tim Zahrn seconded the motion. The vote to recommend approval was unanimous.

B. Amendment #12 (SMTD Paratransit Vehicles – Regional Maintenance Center)

Frank Squires introduced Amendment #12:

**RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF
THE TWELFTH AMENDMENT TO THE
FY/2014-2017 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

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 metropolitan planning area; and

WHEREAS, the Springfield Area Transportation Study approved the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for FY/2014-2017 on October 17, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Springfield Mass Transit District requests that the FY/2014-2017 TIP be amended to add two paratransit vans to be used as loaner vehicles for the IDOT Regional Maintenance Center Program operated by SMTD as shown below; and

Project Description, Funding and Priority # as Amended in the FY 2014 Annual Element:

Project/Jurisdiction/ Class	Description	Action/Comments	Funding Source	Total Cost	
8	Paratransit Vans	Description: 2 Medium-duty Paratransit vans with Lift	Purchase two replacement vans for the Regional Maintenance Center	IDOT TDC	
	SMTD	Project# Paratransit Priority 2		FTA 5310	126,000
	Paratransit	TIP# 06-2014-07			\$126,000

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

Tim Zahrn made a motion to recommend approval of the amendment to the Policy Committee. Sal Madonia seconded the motion. The vote to recommend approval was unanimous.

C. Administrative Modification #3 (I-55 at Stevenson)

Linda Wheeland introduced Administrative Modification #3:

**Administrative Modification 3 to the
FY 2014 – 2017 Transportation Improvement Program**

March 14, 2014
I-55 Interchange at Stevenson Drive

Status of this project has changed to “Advanced Construction” and the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program has been modified to add AC to the federal funding sources as shown below.

Project/Jurisdiction/Class	Description	Action/Comments	Funding Source	Total Cost
A4 I-55 Interchange	Termini: at Stevenson Drive	Ramp reconstruction		
	Project# 72F90		HSIP (AC)	900,000
	TIP# 04-2014-07		State	100,000
				\$1,000,000

D. Administrative Modification #4 (I-55 Patching)

Linda Wheeland introduced Administrative Modification #4:

**Administrative Modification 4 to the
FY 2014 – 2017 Transportation Improvement Program
March 14, 2014**

I-55 Patching

Status of this project has changed to “Advanced Construction” and the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program has been modified to add AC to the federal funding sources as shown below.

Project/Jurisdiction/Class	Description	Action/Comments	Funding Source	Total Cost
A5 I-55	Termini: 0.1 mile south of Stevenson Drive to 0.8 mile north	Patching southbound lane		
	Project# 72F90		NHPP - State (AC)	315,000
	TIP# 04-2014-08		State	35,000
				\$350,000

E. Administrative Modification #5 (Wabash Avenue)

Linda Wheeland introduced Administrative Modification #5:

**Administrative Modification 5 to the
FY 2014 – 2017 Transportation Improvement Program
March 14, 2014**

Wabash Avenue

Status of this project has changed to “Advanced Construction” and the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program has been modified to add AC to the federal funding sources as shown below.

Project/Jurisdiction/Class	Location	Action/Comments	Map #	Funding Source	Total Cost
4 Wabash Ave.	Termini: Moffet St. in Curran to Koke Mill Rd. in Springfield	Construction Expand from 2 lanes to 5 lanes, sidewalks, bike lanes/wide shoulders	32	NHPP-State (AC)	15,453,000
	Contract# 72890			State	3,720,000
	TIP# 04-2011-07			City of Springfield	327,000
					\$19,500,000

V. TECHNICAL ADVISOR UPDATES

A. Illinois Dept. of Transportation (IDOT): Central Bureau of Urban Program Planning

No report was given.

B. Federal Highway Administration: IL Division Office

No report was given.

C. IDOT District 6: Local Roads and Streets

Terry Fountain announced the contract for the project on Dirksen Parkway between Clear Lake and Ridge avenues (**TIP # 04-2012-09**) has been awarded, and that some work has begun. Completion is anticipated for Fall 2015. In addition, he announced work had started on the I-72 resurfacing and bridge project east of I-55 (**TIP # 04-2014-01**), and will be complete by Fall 2014.

For the IL 29 four-lane widening project with a diversion around Edinburg, Fountain stated that it remains ongoing, but due to some delays, he does not expect it to be complete until the fall of 2015.

Regarding the Wabash Avenue resurfacing project (**TIP # 04-2014-03**) between Park Avenue and Koke Mill Road (also featuring traffic signal work, median work, plus curb and gutter work), Fountain stated that work is ongoing and should be complete late in the summer of 2014.

The I-55 bridge project over the Sangamon River had been let back in January, and the equivalent bridge on the I-55 Business Loop had been let in February. However no further updates were available at the present time.

Fountain announced that he had not heard anything regarding the awarding of Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) funds for the current round nor whether or not an additional round will occur. Regarding Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funding, he stated that the application due date had been moved back from mid-April to the end of May.

Fountain mentioned that the Bureau of Safety Engineering (BSE) would be sending its 5% report shortly to relevant county and municipal engineers. The report could assist in applications for HSIP funding.

Due to the absence of the Technical Advisor from DPIT, Fountain added that Union Pacific had let and awarded the Tier 3 siding and crossing work for the High Speed Rail project. This work, which covers sections of track located in Sangamon and Logan counties, includes one crossing in the Springfield area at Hazel Dell Road. Work on this project will be undertaken over the upcoming spring and summer.

Finally, Fountain announced a number of staff changes upcoming at IDOT, most notably Laura Mlacnik being named the acting Chief of the Bureau of Materials and Physical Research. In addition, Fountain announced that he would be retiring from IDOT at the end of May.

D. Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC)

Mike Stead announced that the ICC approved the FY 2015-2019 Five-Year Crossing Safety Improvement Program. Two of the projects in this program are in the Springfield MPA, grade separations of the rail crossings on Woodside Road at Iron Bridge Road (**TIP # 04-2014-03**) and on Ash Street at 9th Street. The addition of the Oak Street crossing in Williamsville to the program will likely occur by the end of the Fiscal Year.

E. Springfield Airport Authority

Roger Blickensderfer announced that the Airport Authority would be starting two new projects in May. The first is an FAA sponsored project to change the geometry of a taxiway at the end of an existing runway to a standard 90 degree angle. Work on this project will continue through the summer using funding for FY 2013; additional FY 2014 funding is expected in July. In addition, another smaller project with the IDOT Division of Aeronautics will be the replacement and repaving of 6 of the existing 14 tee-hangars, all 6 of which are among the originals. The existing pavement is over 20 years old; full

replacement is expected to be complete by mid-June.

F. IDOT: Division of Public and Intermodal Transportation (DPIT)

No report was given.

VI. AGENCY UPDATES

A. Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission

Linda Wheeland announced that the Travel Demand Model (TDM) update has been completed through work with LSA Associates, and is ready for use to test any projects that may be included in the LRTP that SATS members are working on.

B. Springfield Mass Transit District (SMTD)

Frank Squires announced that SMTD will be moving forward with its IT projects, most visible to the public the addition of automated on-board call outs for major stops, as well as a smartphone app that would make GPS bus tracking information available to the general public.

C. City of Springfield

Nathan Bottom announced that the 50 miles of roads in the City's overlay program (**TIP # 02-2014-07**) had begun the previous week, including curb work and prep work. The work is separated into east side and west side programs, with work beginning in the Lincoln Park, Trevi Gardens, and Prairie Crossing neighborhoods. Additionally, the City has a \$3 million sidewalk project (**TIP # 02-2014-08**), which will be divided into north side and south side programs.

Finally, Bottom mentioned that the Chatham Road bridge (**TIP # 02-2011-05**) construction is continuing with deck work. Bottom expects that the work on the bridge will be complete sometime soon, weather permitting.

D. Sangamon County

No report was given.

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

Sal Madonia announced that IDOT would be hosting a public information session later that evening regarding the Phase I study of the South 6th Street (Business Loop 55) corridor between I-72 and Stanford Avenue (**TIP # 04-2011-08**). The session will be located at the Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center from 5pm to 7pm.

F. Village of Chatham

Mike Williamsen announced that work will be undertaken on two and a half blocks of Walnut Street to the west of its intersection with Route 4. This will include a road widening, construction of new curb and gutter, and new sidewalks.

Mike Stead asked if Williamsen had any additional information on the proposed High Speed Rail crossing at Goldenrod Drive. Williamsen stated that Fountain would likely know more about the project than he does. Fountain explained this grade-separation would include a new leg at Route 4's intersection with County Road. The intersection would include additional turn lanes and traffic signals, and connect Route 4 to South Main Street via a new section of Goldenrod Drive. Fountain stated that he believed that the project was scheduled for a January 2015 letting, but that he did not believe that it would happen on schedule, as work on the environmental documents is continuing, and that none of the right-of-way has yet been acquired.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**A. 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.

Linda Wheeland reminded SATS members that the Project Prioritization subcommittee will be meeting the following Thursday, April 10th, immediately following the Policy Committee meeting at 12:15 pm. She added that she had met with Terry Fountain and Ron Rybolt after the first subcommittee meeting, in order to discuss ideas that could help implement the national goal of speeding up project delivery as they relate to ST-U (Surface Transportation – Urban) projects. Terry had some suggestions relevant to the ST-U application and will attend the meeting.

IX. NEW BUSINESS**A. TIGER Planning Grant**

Frank Squires announced that SMTD is moving forward on an application for a TIGER Planning Grant that would finance a planning project for the area surrounding the multimodal transfer center. Wheeland asked Squires if a letter from SATS supporting the project was required as part of the application. Squires stated that SMTD would be sending a sample of such a letter the following day. Wheeland suggested that a vote to recommend support of this grant application to the Policy Committee was needed.

Nathan Bottom made a motion to recommend support of SMTD's application for a TIGER planning grant to the Policy Committee. Mike Williamsen seconded the motion. The vote to recommend support was unanimous.

B. Next Meeting Date – Thursday, May 8, 2014 at 8:30 AM

Linda Wheeland stated it was her understanding that having the meeting as originally scheduled on May 1 would be problematic for a number of committee members and asked if members were willing to reschedule.

Tim Zahrn motioned to reschedule the May Technical Committee meeting to May 8th at 8:30 am. Mike Williamsen seconded the motion. The vote to approve the schedule change was unanimous. Wheeland will consult with SATS Policy Committee members about moving their meeting from May 8th to May 15th.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Bottom called to adjourn. Sal Madonia made a motion to adjourn. Tim Zahrn seconded the motion. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

There being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:57 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Sheehan
Recording Secretary