

Minutes of Meeting
SATS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE – SPECIAL MEETING
October 22, 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 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"/>	Jeff Myers*	Illinois Dept. of Transportation (IDOT): Region 4, District 6

* Represented by Wes Clark

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"/>	Sue Graham	IDOT: District 6: Local Roads & Streets
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mike Stead	Illinois Commerce Commission
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark Hanna	Springfield Airport Authority
<input type="checkbox"/>	Francesco Bedini-Jacobini	IDOT: Division of Public & Intermodal Transportation

Others

Rob Winchester – Village of Jerome
Mike Lopez – Village of Jerome
Dale Lael – Village of Jerome
Mike Trello – Kuhn & Trello
Micky Mann – Kuhn & Trello
Stan Hansen – Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc.
Ed Dougherty – IDOT Community Liaison
Tim Landis – State Journal Register
Linda Wheeland – Regional Planning Commission

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Nathan Bottom called the meeting of the SATS Technical Committee to order at 8:00 AM and had everyone present introduce themselves.

II. ST-U Funding Discussion on Top Five Projects

Tim Zahn noted that he had suggested this meeting to explore the possibility of ST-U funding anticipated through 2019 being used to finance the top five projects of those submitted, as scored by the Technical Committee. Nathan Bottom stated that the anticipated residual ST-U funds from the MacArthur Boulevard extension project equaled \$827,000 rather than the \$600,000 previously estimated. This brings the total estimated ST-U funding available through FY 19 to \$6,937,592. Wes Clark suggested including a contingency in the event that the final MacArthur number changed.

Zahn stated that the five projects under consideration were all important and in order to get more projects constructed the County was willing to reduce their request for ST-U funds for the Woodside Road project from \$4 million to \$3 million with the County providing an additional \$1 million through the use of ST-R, Motor Fuel Tax, or federal matching (levied) funds dollars.

Bottom stated that the City was also willing to provide a larger local match for their projects including an additional \$600,000 for the Stanford Avenue: 11th Street to Fox Bridge Road project and an additional \$1,730,000 for the Archer Elevator Road project. (A revised funding breakdown spreadsheet is attached to these minutes.) He also noted the willingness of the City to explore alternative funding for the Stanford Avenue: 6th Street to 11th Street project. Bottom offered to work with Jerome to bring down the cost of the project on Iles Avenue by including it with the larger

Springfield resurfacing projects program through an intergovernmental agreement. This would preclude use of federal dollars by the Village however.

Mike Lopez stated that Jerome had worked hard to come up with the 40% match and did not have any additional resources to commit to the Iles Avenue project. Zahn asked if the representatives from IDOT and FHWA knew of any other funding sources that were available for this project. None were noted. Zahn suggested looking at recycling the pavement that would be removed as a way to reduce project cost. The Jerome engineers explained that the profile of the road would not change but the existing base would have to be determined. Sue Graham asked if there had been a problem with crashes on Iles Avenue. Village representatives noted there have been several but it was also noted that there were no fatalities which would exclude the project from HSIP grant eligibility. Lopez reported that there were two sewer cave-ins in the 1500 block (SMSD had tried to repair but is sinking again) and 1700 block (private contractor responsible) of Iles Avenue. Additionally there are major safety concerns with children traveling to several schools and drainage issues particularly during major storms. Bottom noted that IDOT is doing a feasibility study regarding an upgrade of MacArthur Boulevard which could address the drainage problem. Lopez explained that the Village has explored other sources of funding without success. He expressed appreciation for the committee's willingness to discuss ways to fund more projects with the SATS ST-U allotment and noted that this was the best shot the Village had for doing the much needed work on this roadway which is at the heart of a recently prepared 5-year plan. The possibility of applying for a Safe Routes to School grant was mentioned and, although this funding could not be used for road work, the Village was encouraged to pursue a SRTS grant to add sidewalks along Iles, particularly near the Franklin Middle School path.

Lopez asked about the possibility of applying next year for ST-U funds. It was noted that the funding being considered at this time was the anticipated availability through 2019 so a call for projects would not occur again for several years.

Zahn noted that as ST-U projects get closed out additional dollars could be available and these could be put toward the Jerome project. Norm Sims asked if it would be possible to do the Iles Avenue project in phases. Zahn offered to talk with Jerome on ideas for saving money on the project through alternatives such as recycling the existing pavement and doing a structural overlay. Sims suggested the additional \$227,000 from the MacArthur project could be put towards the Iles Avenue project with any additional carryover funds from other projects being added as they become available to get at least part of the project done.

Sims noted that the need for funding regional projects was greater than the federal funds available and this situation would not change in the foreseeable future. The City and County projects submitted were broken out into phases of larger projects.

Zahn suggested the Village take another look at the project scope to see if the work could be altered and if the project could be done in phases and bring this analysis to the Technical Committee meeting in November for consideration by the full Technical Committee.

Sims noted that in future ST-U application processes the question of the pursuit of other funding sources (such as SRTS for sidewalk projects) should be a consideration.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Bottom called for adjournment. Tim Zahn made a motion to adjourn. Norm Sims seconded the motion. The vote to adjourn was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Wheeland
Recording Secretary

2014 ST-U APPLICATIONS - TOP FIVE PROJECTS WITH REVISED LOCAL MATCH

Project Name	Description	Original ST-U \$ Requested	Revised ST-U \$ Requested	Original ST-U % of Cost	Revised ST-U % of Cost	Original Local Share	Revised Local Share	Original Local % of Cost	Revised Local % of Cost	Total Cost	Applicant	Proposed TIP Year	Average Score
Stanford Avenue: 11th Street to Fox Bridge Road (Section 2)	Overlay and widening, sidewalks, bike lanes	\$3,100,000	\$2,500,000	79.5%	64.1%	\$800,000	\$1,400,000	20.5%	35.9%	\$3,900,000	Springfield	2016	174
Woodside Road: West of IL Route 4 to east of Chatham Road	Add two lanes, wide shoulders for bicycles	\$4,000,000	\$3,000,000	71.7%	53.8%	\$1,580,000	\$2,580,000	28.3%	46.2%	\$5,580,000	County	2017	172
Archer Elevator Road: YMCA to Concordia Village & Iles Avenue: Meadowbrook Road to Rotary Park Entrance (Section 1)	Reconstruction to urban arterial design criteria including a roundabout at Iles, sidewalks, bike lanes	\$3,160,000	\$1,430,000	79.0%	35.8%	\$840,000	\$2,570,000	21.0%	64.3%	\$4,000,000	Springfield	2017	154
Iles Avenue: Chatham Road to MacArthur Boulevard	Reconstruction	\$840,000	\$840,000	60.0%	60.0%	\$560,000	\$560,000	40.0%	40.0%	\$1,400,000	Jerome	2016	153
Stanford Avenue: 6th Street to 11th Street (Section 1)	Overlay and widening, sidewalks, bike lanes/bike path	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	76.9%	76.9%	\$600,000	\$600,000	23.1%	23.1%	\$2,600,000	Springfield	2016	152
TOTAL		\$13,100,000	\$9,770,000			\$4,380,000	\$7,710,000			\$17,480,000			

Projected STU funds available through FY 2019
 Projected carryover from MacArthur project
TOTAL ST-U Available

6,110,592 **6,110,592**
 600,000 **827,000 ***
\$6,710,592 \$6,937,592

* Revised estimate provided by City