

**Minutes of Meeting
SATS POLICY COMMITTEE
September 13, 2018**

ATTENDANCE

Policy Committee Voting Members

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brian McFadden, Chair*	Sangamon County
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dave Kimsey, Vice Chair	Village of Chatham
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bonnie Drew	City of Springfield
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Larry Hamlin	Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jeff South**	Illinois Dept. of Transportation (IDOT): Region 4, District 6
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Frank Squires	Springfield Mass Transit District

* Represented by Arlin Williams

** Represented by Sal Madonia

Policy Committee Non-Voting Members

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tom Kelso*	IDOT: Urban Program Planning
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	JD Stevenson	Federal Highway Administration (FHWA): Illinois Div. Office
<input type="checkbox"/>		Federal Transit Administration

* Represented by Chris Schmidt

Others

- Ronald Walker – Resident, City of Springfield
- James Kyte - Federal Highway Administration (FHWA): Illinois Div. Office
- Molly Berns – Regional Planning Commission
- Shannan Karrick – Regional Planning Commission
- Neha Soni – Regional Planning Commission
- Jason Sass – Regional Planning Commission
- Brian Sheehan – Regional Planning Commission

I. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chair Williams called the meeting of the SATS Policy Committee to order at 12:00 PM.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Williams asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the August 9, 2018 SATS Policy Committee Meeting. Frank Squires made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Larry Hamlin seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

III. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

No report was given

IV. 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan

Shannan Karrick told the Committee that SSCRPC staff was in the process of preparing the 3.5 Year Progress Report and that the report would be presented to the Policy Committee at the October 11, 2018 meeting.

V. 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program

A. Annual Listing of Federally Obligated Projects FY 2018

Neha Soni told the Committee that the Annual Listing of Federally Obligated Projects FY 2018 was finished and would be available for the Committee and public to review.

VI. TECHNICAL ADVISOR UPDATES

A. Illinois Dept. of Transportation: Office of Planning and Programming

Chris Schmidt told the Committee that the Office of Planning and Programming was working to finalize and implement SPR projects. He added that the IDOT Long Range Transportation plan would be ready for public review in the near future.

B. Federal Highway Administration: Illinois Division Office

No report was given.

VII. AGENCY UPDATES

A. Sangamon Mass Transit District (SMTD)

Frank Squires told the Committee that SMTD would begin regular, fixed-route service to Sherman, Spaulding/Riverton, Chatham, and Rochester on September 17, 2018. He added that the proposed route re-design would be implemented on January 7, 2019. SMTD drivers and staff were training with the new Intelligent Transportation Systems hardware and software in anticipation of a full rollout during the fourth quarter of 2018.

B. City of Springfield

Bonnie Drew reported on the following:

- 11th Street extension was open to traffic.
- Final cleanup was ongoing at Archer Elevator and Iles Ave.
- Sidewalk work began on Stanford Avenue between 5th and 6th.
- Railway work on the Third Street Corridor between Lawrence and Ash.

C. Sangamon County

Mr. Williams said that the County was approximately 50% finished with the Woodside Road expansion project between Chatham Road and IL-4.

D. Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission

Molly Berns told the Committee that SSCRPC was working with IDOT to finalize a planning agreement and grant. She added that the grant money would be used to enhance the Land Use Evolution Assessment Model (LEAM).

Shannan Karrick told the Committee that SSCRPC was asked to evaluate three Safe Routes to School projects. She said that two projects were ready to move ahead and had received a letter of support from SSCRPC:

- Southern View: Crosswalk signage and beacons on South 5th Street
- Rochester: Sidewalk construction along Cardinal Hill Road providing connections between the Intermediate School, Lost Bridge Trail, Public Library, and the Village of Rochester.

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

No report was given

F. Village of Chatham

No report was given.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Ronald Walker told the Committee that he made observations from using transit in Springfield for the past two years. He voiced concern that there was no over-arching plan for the city, noting that there were areas in older parts of the City with non-existent or insufficient sidewalks. He said that recent street closures, such as Jackson Street have created barriers to pedestrian traffic. He noted that there was a lack of bus stops in the Downtown area, which creates barriers for Downtown residents to use transit.

Mr. Walker told the Committee that the new route re-design had a lot of areas that were inefficient and hindered transit ride times. He believed that the new routes would not attract new riders. He said that he did not believe that there was enough public input from areas that were more transit-intensive.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. FY2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program

Neha Soni said that the Transportation Improvement Program was out for public review through September 14, 2018.

Shannan Karrick told the Committee that SSCRPC had received one comment from the public regarding the TIP. She said that staff had received the email from a resident of Springfield advocating for improved bicycle facilities along 7th Street, Monroe Street, and Carpenter Street. The commenter had seen an article regarding the conversion of Downtown one-way streets to two-way streets and believed that there was an opportunity to expand the bicycle network downtown as a result of the network reconfiguration.

Ms. Karrick said that many of the improvements to the bicycle and pedestrian networks that had been made by SATS constituents were not being reported to SSCRPC for inclusion in Progress Reports. She told the Committee that she was in the process of working with SATS Technical Committee members to improve dialogue and communication.

Ms. Karrick said that SSCRPC staff would brief the Committee regarding performance measures relating to pavement and bridge condition and travel time information at the October, 2018 meeting, with the intention to have the Committee vote to adopt the measures and include them in the TIP document.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Next Meeting Date – August 9, 2018

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Williams called for a motion to adjourn. Frank Squires made a motion to adjourn. Larry Hamlin seconded the motion. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 12:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Sass
Recording Secretary