

**Minutes of Meeting
SATS POLICY COMMITTEE
October 12, 2017**

ATTENDANCE**Policy Committee Voting Members**

<input 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"/>	Val Yazell	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 Mark Mahoney

** Represented by Sal Madonia

Policy Committee Non-Voting Members

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

* Rep. by Vontra Giles

Others

Ronald Walker – Resident, City of Springfield
 Norm Sims – Regional Planning Commission
 Joe Zeibert – 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 Frank Squires called the meeting of the SATS Policy Committee to order at 12:01 PM.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Squires asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the September 14, 2017, SATS Policy Committee meeting. Val Yazell made a motion to approve the minutes. Sal Madonia 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 the 2.5 Year Progress Report was finished and that a copy of the report had been sent to Committee members prior to the meeting. She said that the report would be posted to the S-SCRPC website.

V. 2017-2020 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

A. Administrative Modification #10: Reflective Backplates AC to Current

Neha Soni introduced Administrative Modification #10.

**Administrative Modification 10 to the
FY 2017 – 2020 Transportation Improvement Program
September 8, 2017**

Reflective Backplates AC to Current

Status of this project was changed from “Advanced Construction” to “Current” in September because the Illinois Department of Transportation considers specific apportionment or state contract ceiling sufficient to meet project specifications and the project is financially active; and the Advance Construction Projects table in the FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program has been modified to indicate the change to this project as shown below.

Project/Jurisdiction/Class	Location		Action/Comments	Map #	Funding Source		Total Cost
8 Reflective Backplates	Termini:	Various locations within the SATS MPA	Install reflective backplates on traffic signal heads	N/A	HSIP	279,000	
	State	Contract# 72J33			IDOT	31,000	
	Various	TIP# 04-2017-05					
							\$310,000

And the Advance Construction Projects table in the FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program has been modified to indicate the change to this project as shown below.

AD MOD #	TIP Year	Project/Jurisdiction/Class	Location		Action/Comments	Map #	Funding Source		Total Cost	Date On AC List	Date Off AC List
AM 8 (FY 2017-2020 TIP)	2017	Reflective Backplates	Termini:	Various locations within the SATS MPA	Install reflective backplates on traffic signal heads	N/A	HSIP (AC)	279,000		5/12/2017	9/8/2017
			State	Contract# 72J33			IDOT	31,000			
			Various	TIP# 04-2017-05							
									\$310,000		

B. Annual Listing of Federally Obligated Projects FY 2017

Neha Soni told the Committee that the Annual Listing of Federally Obligated Projects for FY2017 was complete and distributed the Committee members prior to the meeting. The report was available on the S-SCRPC website.

VI. TECHNICAL ADVISOR UPDATES**A. Illinois Dept. of Transportation: Office of Planning and Programming**

Mike Vanderhoof told the Committee that IDOT was in the process of updating its Long Range Transportation Plan. An internal draft was under review with public review set to begin November, 2017.

Mr. Vanderhoof told the Committee that IDOT was developing its freight plan. The internal draft had completed its review and the plan was distributed to FHWA for further review. The Office of Planning and Programming planned to open a competitive grant program to IDOT and local governments for future freight project funding. Development of the grant program was expected to delay implementation of the freight plan, but Mr. Vanderhoof believed that the new competitive and transparent project grant process would enhance the final Freight Plan.

Mr. Vanderhoof told the Committee that there was a call for TIGER and INFRA projects from the Federal Government. He said that any SATS constituents who were interested in applying for a grant could apply for IDOT support.

Mr. Vanderhoof told the Committee that he had spoken to the Technical Committee about performance measures. He said that the State had already provided a set of safety performance measures that MPOs could either choose to adopt or develop their own measures. He asked that the SATS Policy and Technical Committees update IDOT when new performance measures are adopted by the SATS MPO. He added that the State was working to identify performance measures for pavement and bridges, as well as transportation systems performance. MPOs had similar options whether to adopt State performance measures or adopt measures of their own. He said that IDOT was working with the University of Maryland to identify and draft performance measure targets. He said IDOT was looking to begin draft review in March or April, 2018 with adoption ahead of a May, 2018 regulatory target date. Again, he requested that any MPOs that choose to adopt performance measures notify IDOT as the measures were approved. Mr. Squires asked if there would be notice given when performance measures are drafted that could be taken to constituent oversight boards. Mr. Vanderhoof said that the performance measures agreement would be with the MPO and that approval by individual constituent boards was not necessary. Norm Sims added that SATS had already adopted its own set of performance measures. He said that SATS would review its performance measures after federal requirements had been created.

B. Federal Highway Administration: Illinois Division Office

Vontra Giles introduced herself to the Committee. She said that she would be representing JD Stevenson while he was on assignment for FHWA.

VII. AGENCY UPDATES

A. Sangamon Mass Transit District (SMTD)

Mr. Squires told the Committee that the Intelligent Transportation Systems project was progressing. He said that SMTD anticipated opening the new off-street transfer center by August, 2018. He said the transfer center projects was under internal development and engineering.

B. City of Springfield

Mr. Mahoney updated the Committee:

Phase I of the Stanford Avenue extension, from Fox Bridge Rd to Taylor Ave, was open. He said that Phase II, from 11th Street to Fox Bridge was scheduled for a June, 2018 letting. He said the City was looking for funding sources for the third phase, from 6th Street to 11th Street.

The 11th Street extension from Stevenson to Lincolnshire was progressing on schedule, anticipating a May or June 2018 opening date.

The City anticipated opening the Archer Elevator and Iles Avenue in November, 2017. He said that some sidewalk and landscaping would need to be finished in Spring, 2018, but the road work was anticipated to be finished on time.

The Laurel and Ash Street underpasses were scheduled to start construction with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Ash Street would be the first underpass, with Laurel Street to begin after Ash Street was completed. He said that a two-week notice would be given to constituents prior to road closures and construction of the underpass.

Overlay and maintenance projects were wrapping up prior to the winter construction hiatus.

C. Sangamon County

No report was given.

D. Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission

Norm Sims told the Committee that the City of Springfield Comprehensive Plan draft was completed and that 25 copies of the plan had been provided to the City for review. He said that the plan would be reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Committee and the Springfield City Council. He told the Committee that the Plan reflected the intersection of transportation planning and land use planning. He said that he would like the Committee to see the LEAM model used to determine future land use within Springfield and how it was instrumental in determining future land use, economic development, and transportation planning. He said that SSCRPC was adding two new modules to the LEAM model that would allow SSCRPC to model the land use and environmental impacts of individual projects in the future. The modules were made possible through an IDOT grant.

Mr. Sims announced that he was retiring as Executive Director of SSCRPC on December 29, 2017. He said that the process of identifying a new Executive Director had begun.

Shannan Karrick told the Committee she had attended the IDOT Fall Planning Conference. She said that networking and feedback from IDOT officials was invaluable and that a lot of information for the next Long Range Transportation Plan had been made available. She said that IDOT staff and other planning professionals were very informative and offered expertise for determining new strategies and methods in the future LRTP.

Brian Sheehan told the Committee that he attended a conference for design of bicycle infrastructure in transportation systems. He told the committee that documentation from the meeting was available and that he would be able to distribute the presentation to interested Committee members. Ms. Karrick noted that some of the materials had useful strategies for incorporating bicycle facilities into existing transportation systems.

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

Sal Madonia told the Committee that the FY 2018 Annual Program was released on October 4, 2017. He noted that there were deferred projects totaling \$300 Million due to a budget shortfall. He said that some expenditures that were previously taken from the General Revenue Fund were being paid from the Road Fund, creating the shortfall. He said that IDOT Districts throughout the state had to defer projects, including two for Region 4, District 6.

- **Sangamon River Overflow (TIP # 04-2018-07)**
Bridge deck overlay was cut from the project
- **IL 29 at W. Main Street Rochester (TIP # 04-2018-06)**
Project was cut from the 2018 Program

Sal Madonia announced updates to the following projects:

Interstate 55/72: Stevenson Drive to Southwind Road (TIP # 04-2018-01):

The project was tentatively set for a January, 2018 letting with construction starting in Spring, 2018.

Interstate 55/72: Stevenson Drive to Clear Lake (TIP # 04-2017-02):

Work was wrapping up on the project with guard rail installation a traffic counter installation left.

J. David Jones over Spring Creek (TIP # 04-2017-04)

Construction work was schedule to be completed soon.

Mr. Madonia said that the budget shortfall was structural and would recur every year into the future for projects in the current 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Vanderhoof added that the shortfalls were due to transit debt obligations coming from Motor Fuel Tax revenues, rather than General Fund revenues. \$250 million per year would come from the IDOT state budget and \$50 million per year from local projects budgets. Mr. Sims noted that the transit debt obligations were being paid to Chicago-area entities. Mr. Vanderhoof acknowledged that Chicago, as the largest transit provider in the state, is responsible for most of the debt obligation repayment that was creating the budget shortfall. He said that regardless of where the debt originated, it was an obligation that the State held.

F. Village of Chatham

No report was given.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Ronald Walker, resident of Springfield, asked for the status of the Third Street rail corridor improvements. Mr. Mahoney said that the improvements were moving ahead and that fencing would be placed on the East side of the corridor. He said that permits were granted and the project was looking to move ahead. Mr. Walker asked when anticipated street closures would occur. Mr. Mahoney said that the street closures were coming soon. He said the City was ready to move quickly once Illinois Commerce Commission approval was given. Mr. Walker noted that he had not heard much about the status of the project in local media. Mr. Mahoney said that a public open house was held September, 2017 to outline the project changes.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program

Neha Soni told the Committee that the final version FY2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program was ready for approval. Public comments were incorporated into the final version. Mr. Madonia asked if the deferred projects would need to be stricken from the TIP document. Ms. Karrick said that the deferred projects would be changed via amendment process. Mr. Vanderhoof asked when the District would know when deferred projects would be funded and started. Mr. Madonia said that it would be determined after the Multi-Year Transportation Plan is developed in Spring, 2018.

Mr. Squires asked for a motion to approve the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program. Sal Madonia made a motion to approve the FY2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program. Val Yazell seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. SATS 2018 Meeting Schedule

Mr. Squires asked for a motion to approve the SATS 2018 Meeting Schedule. Sal Madonia made a motion to approve. Val Yazell seconded the motion. The vote to approve the SATS 2018 Meeting Schedule was unanimous.

B. Next Meeting Date –November 9, 2017

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Squires called for a motion to adjourn. Val Yazell made a motion to adjourn. Sal Madonia seconded the motion. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 12:29 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Sass
Recording Secretary