

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**SATS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**  
**May 4, 2017**

**ATTENDANCE**

## Technical Committee Voting Members

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brian Davis, Chair	Sangamon County
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Patrick McCarthy, Vice Chair*	Village of Chatham
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nathan Bottom	City of Springfield
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Shoun Reese	Sangamon 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 Terry Fountain

\*\* Represented by Wes Clark

## Technical Committee Advisors – Non-Voting Members

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Holly Ostdick	IDOT: Urban Program Planning
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	JD Stevenson	Federal Highway Administration: Illinois Division Office
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chris Isbell	IDOT: District 6: Local Roads & Streets
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mike Stead	Illinois Commerce Commission
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mark Hanna*	Springfield Airport Authority
<input type="checkbox"/>	Francesco Bedini-Jacobini	IDOT: Office of Intermodal Project Implementation

\* Represented by Roger Blickensderfer

**Others**

Stan Hanson – Crawford, Murphy, & Tilly

Jim Moll – Hanson Engineers

Bill Davison – Knight E/A

Sue Graham – IDOT District 6

Shannan Karrick - Regional Planning Commission

Neha Soni – Regional Planning Commission

Brian Sheehan – Regional Planning Commission

Jason Sass – Regional Planning Commission

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Brian Davis called the meeting of the SATS Technical Committee to order at 8:32 AM.

**II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: April 6, 2017**

Chairman Davis asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the April 6, 2017, Technical Committee meeting. Shoun Reese made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Norm Sims seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

### III. 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

#### A. Amendment 22 – 4<sup>th</sup> Street & North Grand Avenue HSR

Chris Isbell introduced Amendment 22:

#### RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TWENTY-SECOND TO THE 2040 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

**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 this vision a reality; and

**WHEREAS**, the Long Range Transportation Plan is updated every five years and was most recently updated on March 12, 2015 as the SATS 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, all projects with identified funding sources and anticipated to be completed during the period 2015 – 2019 are listed as Committed Projects in the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Department of Transportation, Office of Intermodal Project Implementation requests that the following project be added to the “Committed Projects” list in the SATS 2040 LRTP; and

MAP #	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF IMPROVEMENT	JURISDICTION	COST
52	4th Street & North Grand Avenue	Property Acquisition	State (IDOT Office of Intermodal Project Implementation)	425,000
53	4th Street & North Grand Avenue	Demolish the structures located on the property	State (IDOT Office of Intermodal Project Implementation)	150,000

Neha Soni informed the Committee that Amendment #22 to the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan would also be brought up as Amendment 20 to the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program.

Mr. Isbell told the Committee that the Office of Intermodal Project Implementation added construction of new bathroom facilities and parking stalls to the cost of the demolition project. He said the cost was not affected. Mr. Isbell and Ms. Graham said that IDOT Local Roads and Streets did not know why the additions were made. The project was being fast-tracked in order to be eligible for railroad project funding. Mr. Isbell reiterated that the \$150,000 programmed for demolition also included the extra projects. Mr. Sims asked where the construction would occur. Mr. Isbell said the new parking stalls and restroom facilities would be located in the train station. Mr. Sims asked if the funds were from High Speed Rail funds. Ms. Graham confirmed that the funds were from High Speed Rail funds.

Chair Davis asked for a motion to approve Amendment #22. Mr. Sims asked if the amendment approval was time sensitive. Mr. Clark said the project was scheduled for the August 4, 2017 letting. The project needed approval prior to June 16, 2017 if funding was being provided by the Federal Highway Administration. It was stated that funding did not come from FHWA. Mr. Clark said that he did not know of any deadlines for Federal Railway Administration funds.

Mr. Sims asked what portion of the \$150,000 slated for the demolition was programmed for the demolition itself, and not the extra projects. Mr. Isbell said \$36,820 was programmed for the parking lot \$16,080 was programmed for the bathroom facilities.

Mr. Davis asked if the property was actually located at 4<sup>th</sup> Street and North Grand Avenue. Ms. Graham confirmed that the property located where the UP railway intersected 4<sup>th</sup> Street, and that the North Grand Avenue intersection was used as a nearby landmark. Mr. Davis asked how many parking spaces were planned as part of the project. Mr. Isbell could not say how many spaces were planned.

Mr. Sims made a motion that recommendation for approval be postponed until the Technical Committee had a better idea of the project scope. Mr. Clark said that there would be time to table discussion if the deadlines for the August, 2017 matched FHWA guidelines. Mr. Davis was concerned that the deadline for High Speed Rail funds was earlier and that IDOT would be in danger of approving the project too late for funding. Mr. Davis noted that there was a "sunset" on High Speed Rail funds that warranted faster approval than normal FHWA funds. Mr. Fountain said that he believed the sunset for HSR funds was in September, 2017 and that the August letting would be appropriate.

Mr. Davis asked if there was a way for the Technical Committee to recommend approval of the Amendment and have clarification provided to the Policy Committee prior to final approval. Ms. Graham said that IDOT LRS was actively seeking clarification from Intermodal Project Implementation. Mr. Davis asked for a motion to recommend approval of the Amendment pending clarification of the project funding. Mr. Sims noted that he made a motion to postpone action, but there had not been a second. Mr. Clark said that he believed if the clarification was provided to the Technical Committee by the June, 2017 meeting, approval could be granted in time for the August, 2017 letting.

Mr. Sims asked if Committee by-laws allowed the Technical Committee to send the Amendment to the Policy Committee without recommendation, allowing the Policy Committee to approve the Amendment without recommendation.

Shoun Reese seconded Mr. Sims' motion to table recommendation to approve Amendment #22.

Mr. Clark asked if the Policy Committee would be able to approve the Amendment without recommendation if the Technical Committee voted to table the Amendment. Mr. Sims was not sure if it was possible for the Policy Committee to take a Technical Committee tabled item off the table.

Mr. Sims asked whose property was slated for the demolition. Ms. Graham said that the property belonged to the Union Pacific Railroad. Mr. Isbell confirmed that work was directed on the Springfield rail station.

Mr. Clark noted that the TIP Amendment showed the land acquisition project to be 90-5-5 funded, with Federal funds, but the demolition project was 100% State funded. Mr. Davis agreed and noted that the Federal funds were only in the land acquisition project. He noted that SATS oversees the distribution of Federal funds, not State funds.

Mr. Moll told the Committee that the City of Springfield was working intensely to finish the High Speed Rail project and it was crucial for the last projects to be awarded during the August, 2017 letting, lest Federal funds be withdrawn. He also said that IDOT was working closely with the City to get Segment II (Laurel/Ash) on the letting. He asked that the Committee do whatever it can to keep the project moving forward, so there is less risk of loss of funding. He offered to make phone calls to clarify the Amendment.

Ms. Graham and Mr. Davis agreed that the demolition project was programmed with 100% State funding and that it may not be an issue for SATS to take up. Mr. Sims was not sure that the addition of parking stalls and bathroom facilities were necessary to keep the High Speed Rail project moving forward.

Mr. Sims made a motion to withdraw his previous motion to table the Amendment. He said that the Committee could vote however they wanted on the Amendment. Ms. Reese asked what would happen if the State funds for the demolition project were insufficient and Federal funding would be needed in the future. Mr. Davis said that any changes to add Federal funding to the project would have to be approved by the Technical and Policy Committees.

Mr. Moll said that the land acquisition was necessary to make crossing improvements for the High Speed Rail project. He said that crossing improvements would make the properties inaccessible and that they would have to be vacated.

Ms. Karrick told the Committee that the bylaws of the SATS Technical and Policy Committees state that "The Policy Committee shall vote on all recommendations presented by the Technical Committee. The Policy Committee may vote to approve, amend, or deny the recommendation of the Technical Committee. The Policy Committee is also permitted to refer a recommendation back to the Technical Committee for further discussion." Mr. Sims asked if there were allowable votes other than "Recommend/Not Recommend". He said that he did not have any problem with the land acquisition or demolition projects, but he did have a problem with the additional projects that were not clarified prior to the meeting. Mr. Clark asked if projects that were 100% State funded have to be approved by SATS. Mr. Sims said they were not. Mr. Isbell commented that that IDOT Intermodal may have provided "too much information". Mr. Sims said that he would prefer that SATS review any transportation related project, including State funded ones. He added that he would like to know more specifics regarding the demolition project. Mr. Fountain asked if the Committee could vote to approve the land acquisition project, but not take action on the demolition project.

Mr. Sims made a motion to recommend approval of Amendment 22 to the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan, subject to new information being provided to the Policy Committee. Shoun Reese seconded the motion. Mr. Davis said that if further information was not provided to the Policy Committee, the Committee should refer the Amendment back to the Technical Committee for further review. He asked SATS staff to ensure that the Policy Committee had all the information it needed for an informed approval.

Shoun Reese made a motion to combine the vote to recommend approval of Amendment 22 to the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan with Amendment 20 to the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program. Wes Clark seconded the motion. The vote to combine was unanimous.

The vote to recommend approval of Amendment 22 to the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan and Amendment 20 to the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program, with conditions, was unanimous.

#### IV. 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program

##### A. ST-U Projects Update

i. **Stanford Avenue (11<sup>th</sup> to Fox Bridge & Fox Bridge to Taylor)**  
No report was given

ii. **Archer Elevator Road/Iles Avenue**  
No report was given

iii. **Bradfordton Road**  
No report was given.

iv. **Woodside Road**  
All parcel transfers had been agreed upon, and final documentation was pending from one of the transfer parties. Mr. Davis anticipated a June, 2017 letting for the project.

##### B. Amendment 19 – Woodside Road

Neha Soni introduced Amendment 19:

#### RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE NINETIETH AMENDMENT TO THE FY/2017-2020 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 urbanized area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Springfield Area Transportation Study approved the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for FY/2017-2020 on October 13, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the following Illinois Department of Transportation, Region 4 District 6 project is shown in FY 2017 of the FY 2017-2020 TIP; and

##### Project Description and Funding:

Project/Jurisdiction/Class	Location	Action/Comments	Map #	Funding Source	Total Cost
6	Woodside Road	Termini: IL Route 4 to Chatham Road	31	ST-U	3,000,000
	Sangamon County	Contract#		County	2,580,000
	Minor Arterial	TIP# 03-2011-02			

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Department of Transportation, Region 4 District 6 requests changes in the Funding Source and Amount of the following project as shown below; and

##### Project Description and Funding:

Project/Jurisdiction/Class	Location	Action/Comments	Map #	Funding Source	Total Cost
6	Woodside Road	Termini: IL Route 4 to Chatham Road	31	ST-R	1,160,000
		Add two lanes and wide shoulders		ST-U	3,000,000
	Sangamon County	Contract#		County	826,525
	Minor Arterial	TIP# 03-2011-02		TARP	213,475
					\$5,200,000

Shoun Reese made a motion to recommend approval of Amendment 19 to the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. Norm Sims seconded the motion. Mr. Fountain asked if matching funds from local sources pertained to both sources of Federal funding. Mr. Davis confirmed that it was correct. The vote to recommend approval was unanimous.

**C. Amendment 20 – 4th Street & North Grand Avenue HSR**

Neha Soni introduced Amendment 20:

**RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF  
THE TWENTIETH AMENDMENT TO THE  
FY/2017-2020 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 urbanized area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Springfield Area Transportation Study approved the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for FY/2017-2020 on October 13, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Department of Transportation, Office of Intermodal Project Implementation requests that the FY 2017 Annual Element of the FY 2017-2020 TIP be amended by adding the projects as shown below; and

**Project Description and Funding:**

Project/Jurisdiction/Class	Location	Action/Comments	Map #	Funding Source	Total Cost
9 4th Street and North Grand Avenue State Minor Arterial	Termini: 4th Street and 0.3 Mile South of North Grand at UP Railroad Crossing	Property Acquisition	R52	FRA	403,750
	Contract#			IDOT	21,250
	TIP# 21-2017-02				\$425,000
10 4th Street and North Grand Avenue State Minor Arterial	Termini: 4th Street and 0.3 Mile South of North Grand at UP Railroad Crossing	Demolish the structures located on the property	R52	IDOT	150,000
	Contract#				
	TIP# 21-2017-03				\$150,000

The vote to recommend approval of Amendment 22 to the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan and Amendment 20 to the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program, with conditions, was unanimous.

**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 (LRS)**

No report was given.

**D. Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC)**

No report was given.

**E. Springfield Airport Authority**

No report was given.

**F. IDOT: Office of Intermodal Project Implementation (IPI)**

No report was given.

## VI. AGENCY UPDATES

### A. Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission (SSCRPC)

Shannan Karrick told the committee that SSCRPC staff was working on amendments to the Unified Work Planning Program, due to cost differences in some categories due to GATA training and implementation. She said that she anticipated the changes being available to the Technical Committee before the June, 2017 meeting.

Ms. Karrick said that the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan Two-Year Progress Report was finalized with amendments and work statuses.

### B. Sangamon Mass Transit District

Shoun Reese told the Committee that SMTD was working on a re-design of all bus routes in order to accommodate the new off-street transfer center anticipated in 2018. She said that they anticipated a summer, 2018 implementation date.

SMTD was updating its equipment with two buses due to arrive in June, 2018 and the Intelligent Transportation Systems update continuing. She anticipated that the IT upgrades should be completed in time for the bus system re-design.

### C. City of Springfield

#### **11<sup>th</sup> Street Extension (TIP # 02-2009-03):**

No report was given

#### **Ash Street Underpass (TIP # 02-2018-05):**

#### **Laurel Street Underpass (TIP # 02-2018-06):**

No report was given.

### D. Sangamon County

Brian Davis updated the following projects:

#### **Sangamon Valley Trail (TIP # 03-2012-13):**

Construction was progressing. Rainy weather could slow progress, but it was anticipated that the new trail would open late summer or early fall, 2017.

#### **Wesley Chapel and Mansion Road (TIP # 03-2014-04):**

The start date of the project had been postponed. The contractor was not ready to start the project.

#### **Guardrail End Treatment Upgrade (TIP # 03-2017-07):**

The project was on the May, 2017 letting, and Mr. Davis anticipated that the contract would be awarded in the near future.

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

Wes Clark announced updates to the following projects:

**IL Route 29: Capitol Airport Drive to Andrew Road (TIP # 04-2014-02):**

The project is under post-letting review and was anticipated to be awarded in the near future.

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

The project is under post-letting review and was anticipated to be awarded in the near future.

**Wabash Avenue Curran Road to Koke Mill Road (TIP # 04-2011-07):**

The project is still waiting for some utility relocation before final completion.

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

Patching has begun. Milling and resurfacing was anticipated to start the week of May 9, 2017.

Mr. Clark updated the Committee regarding the Goldenrod Drive/IL Highway 4 intersection. The east side of the intersection was approximately 50% complete. The contractor was working on storm sewers at that time.

**F. Village of Chatham**

Mr. Fountain told the Committee that the Goldenrod Drive/IL Highway 4 intersection was proceeding with drainage projects. A section of the intersection has been permanently closed. The Village was waiting for the Union Pacific Railroad to move some of its equipment to the site. He anticipated the crossing would be open by May or June, 2017.

Mr. Fountain updated the Committee about the Village's ADA transition plan. He said the Village hoped to do a self-evaluation with Village residents.

**VII. Committee Updates**

**A. Communities Committee**

Mr. Sass told the Committee that the Communities Committee had met on April 26, 2017, and there were no concerns brought up for the Technical Committee.

**B. Multi-Use Trails Jurisdictions Committee**

Ms. Soni told the Committee that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter meeting for the Multi-Use Trails Jurisdictions Committee would be May 17, 2017.

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were given

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Programming of FY 2020 ST-U Funding (Tabled)**

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Public Participation Plan**

Ms. Karrick told the Committee that there was one comment added to the Public Participation Plan regarding waterways in the SATS MPO. Since the comment was not under SATS authority, the comment was passed to the Springfield Park District. She asked that the Technical Committee vote recommend approval of the 2017 Public Participation Plan to the Policy Committee.

Norm Sims made a motion to recommend approval of the 2017 Public Participation Plan to the Policy Committee. Shoun Reese seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

**B. FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program**

Ms. Soni told the Committee that she had received project information from some of the Committee members, but not all. She asked that projects be submitted as soon as possible.

**C. Next Meeting Date – Thursday, June 1, 2017 at 8:30 AM**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chairman Davis asked for a motion to adjourn. Shoun Reese made a motion to adjourn. Terry Fountain seconded the motion. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

There being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned at 9:05 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Sass  
Recording Secretary