

**Minutes of Meeting
SATS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
October 5, 2017**

ATTENDANCE

Technical Committee Voting Members

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

** Represented by Wes Clark

Technical Committee Advisors – Non-Voting Members

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mike Vanderhoof	IDOT: Urban Program Planning
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	JD Stevenson	Federal Highway Administration: Illinois Division Office
<input 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 Hansen – Crawford, Murphy, & Tilly
 Bill Davison – Knight E/A
 Vontra Giles - FHWA
 Bill Donels – Springfield Bicycle Club

Shannan Karrick - Regional Planning Commission
 Neha Soni – Regional Planning Commission
 Jason Sass – Regional Planning Commission
 Brian Sheehan – Regional Planning Commission

I. CALL TO ORDER

Shoun Reese called the meeting of the SATS Technical Committee to order at 8:30 AM.

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: August 3, 2017

Vice-Chair Reese asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the September 9, 2017, Technical Committee meeting. Norm Sims made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Nate Bottom seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

III. 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

Shannan Karrick told the Committee that SSCRPC staff had completed the 2.5 Year Progress report for the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The report was distributed to Committee members prior to the meeting. She asked if any member had any questions or comments that were required to be addressed. There were no comments from the Committee.

IV. 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program

A.ST-U Projects Update

Nate Bottom announced the following:

i. **Stanford Avenue (11th to Fox Bridge & Fox Bridge to Taylor)**

11th to Fox Bridge: The City received land acquisition certification, and anticipated a June, 2018 letting.

Fox Bridge to Taylor: The project was complete, with some minor punch-list items being finished.

ii. **Archer Elevator Road/Iles Avenue**

Asphalt pavement overlay was completed on the west leg of the intersection and overlay had started on the east and south legs.

Brian Davis announced the following:

iii. **Bradfordton Road**

No changes to project status from the previous Committee meeting.

iv. **Woodside Road**

The project contractor was at the site October 2, 2017, but work was on hold due to rain. The electrical contractor was preparing the site for temporary signals at the Route 4 and Woodside Road intersection.

B. Administrative Modification 10 – Reflective Backplates AC to Current

**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	\$310,000
	State	Contract#	72J33			IDOT	31,000	
	Various	TIP#	04-2017-05					

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	\$310,000	5/12/2017	9/8/2017
		State	Contract#	72J33			IDOT	31,000			
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C. Annual Listing of Federally Obligated Projects FY2017

Ms. Soni told the Committee that the FY2017 Annual Listing of Federally Obligated Projects was complete. It was a federally required document, due September 30, 2017.

V. TECHNICAL ADVISOR UPDATES

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

Mike Vanderhoof introduced himself as the new Metropolitan Planning Section Chief for the SATS planning area to the Committee. He told the Committee that IDOT had finished its Fall Planning Conference earlier in the week. He said there were many good presentations at the conference, including a presentation from Molly Berns and Jordan Leaf regarding the LEAM model used for the Springfield Comprehensive Plan.

He told the Committee that USDOT was requiring an agency to be designated as a State safety oversight agency over rail transit facilities. He said that this requirement mostly affected facilities in the Chicago MPO. He added that legislation was necessary for Illinois to be in compliance with the federal requirement and that IDOT was identified as the oversight agency. He said that the legislative process was continuing and that a safety plan would have to be put into place. If no action is taken by April, 2018 federal transit funds would be in jeopardy.

Mr. Vanderhoof told the Committee that there was an inner-city call for bus projects. He said that he could provide contacts and information to anyone who was interested. Ms. Reese said that SMTD was aware of the call for projects.

Mr. Vanderhoof said that performance measures were discussed at the MPO meeting during the Fall Planning Conference. He also indicated an agreement for performance measures was needed by May, 2018. He plans to seek input from different MPOs regarding said agreement and is currently working with his staff on a timeline for this process. Mr. Sims asked about the purpose of the agreement. He noted that once a state adopts a set of performance measures, MPOs have the option to adopt the same measures as the state, or create their own measures. Mr. Sims then asked what purpose the agreement between the MPOs and the state would serve. Mr. Vanderhoof confirmed that MPOs could either adopt the state's performance measures or create their own, adding that the agreement required in the planning regulations pertained to how states and MPOs share information to make transportation planning decisions. Mr. Stevenson added that there was no framework for the agreement and that IDOT's role is to determine its content. Mr. Sims said that previous efforts to create a framework did not produce suitable results and that the SATS MPO adopted its own performance measures. He asked if the new agreements, which would become part of a grant agreement, would affect currently adopted measures. Mr. Vanderhoof said that it could have an effect and that IDOT wanted to have an agreement in place by the time that federal rules require it. He wanted to get agreements in place by July 1. Mr. Sims said that the agreement would only require that an MPO acknowledge that it had adopted performance measures and that it should be a matter of if or if not an MPO has the measures in place. Mr. Vanderhoof said that IDOT had initially considered putting the measures into grant agreements automatically, but that GATA and other regulations could complicate that. Mr. Sims said that he wanted to resolve the situation so that there are no complications with GATA. He said that GATA has increased the administrative load of MPOs without increasing the funding MPOs receive from the federal government to implement planning activities. He said that the increased activity and steady funding need to be considered in any new grant agreement. He said that he did not want the MPOs implementation of performance measures to be a fix for state-level problems. He believed that the state should take the lead in adopting performance measures and that MPOs could adopt state measures as necessary. Mr. Vanderhoof agreed and said that IDOT was taking an aggressive approach to adopting performance measures and standardizing safety data for MPOs to use. He distributed safety performance fact sheets and asked that MPOs give feedback regarding the measures and whether MPOs want to adopt state performance measures or develop their own.

B. Federal Highway Administration: IL Division Office

Mr. Stevenson introduced Vontra Giles to the Committee. He said that Ms. Giles would be filling in for himself while he temporarily takes another role at FHWA.

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)

No report was given.

B. Sangamon Mass Transit District

Ms. Reese told the Committee that SMTD had completed the preliminary design for the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) project and was working on the final design for factory acceptance testing in January, 2018.

She added that SMTD was working on its route network redesign and planned to have the new routes in operation and the Transfer Center completed by August, 2018.

Ms. Reese told the Committee that SMTD had begun demolition of buildings south of the main office for a future parking lot. One building was to remain and be renovated for SMTD use, with a privacy hedge being considered as a border between SMTD and another property.

C. City of Springfield

Nate Bottom updated the following projects:

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

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

There was a pre-construction meeting September 26, 2017, with construction set to begin October 16, 2017.

11th Street Extension (TIP # 02-2009-03):

Utility relocation was underway on the south end of the extension segment.

Overlay Program (TIP # 02-2018-03):

Overlays were underway on Outer Park Drive. Sidewalks were being installed in the Sherwood and Lincolnshire subdivisions. Sidewalks were being installed, per the Envisioned Pedestrian Network on Hedley Rd. between West White Oaks and Cascade.

D. Sangamon County

Brian Davis updated the following projects:

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

Paving was complete. Crews were working to finish ditch work and replacing boards on bridge structures. A ribbon cutting was anticipated soon thereafter.

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

Work was approximately 60% complete county-wide.

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

Wes Clark told the Committee that the FY2018 Annual Program was published on October 4, 2017. He said that approximately \$300 million was cut from the program state-wide. This impacted two projects in the SATS planning area.

- **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

Mr. Clark was unsure whether the projects would be added to future TIP documents. He recommended keeping the projects in the original TIP document and moving them to future years via the amendment process.

Wes Clark announced updates to the following projects:

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

A January, 2018 letting was anticipated.

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

Work was essentially finished with guardrail and traffic counters left to be installed.

IL 29: N of Fisher Rd S. of Cantrall to 0.2 mile N of Capital Airport Entrance (TIP # 04-2014-02):

The project was approximately 99% complete with cleanup and punch list projects remaining.

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

Construction was anticipated to be complete the week of October 9, 2017.

Goldenrod Drive Extension: Main Street to IL 4: (TIP # 21-2016-12)

Final inspection was scheduled for October 3, 2017.

Mr. Vanderhoof clarified the rationale for the \$300 million cut in project funding. He said that money from the general fund was previously used for debt service, but that the new budget rules for transportation funds required debt service to be paid from motor fuel tax funds. IDOT was unable to accommodate the shortfall and had to reduce the number of planned projects. He said that \$250 million was from state funds and \$50 million from local funds. IDOT did not anticipate cutting any local projects that used direct federal funding. He was unsure how what levels of funding would be available in the future, but believed that the funding shortfall would have a multi-year effect. Mr. Clark said that the nature of the shortfall would probably affect TIP projects in later years.

F. Village of Chatham

No report was given.

VII. Committee Updates

A. Communities Committee

The Committee was scheduled to meet October 25, 2017.

B. Multi-Use Trails Jurisdictions Committee

No report was given.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were given.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

B. FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program

Neha Soni introduced the final version of the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program document. She said that public comments that were received and reviewed by the Committee in the previous month's meeting had been incorporated.

Norm Sims made a motion to recommend approval of the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program document to the Policy Committee. Wes Clark Seconded the motion. The vote to approve recommendation was unanimous.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2018 SATS Meeting Dates

Neha Soni introduced the 2018 SATS meeting schedules for the Technical and Policy Committees.

Norm Sims made a motion to recommend approval of the 2018 SATS Meeting Dates schedule. Brian Wright seconded the motion. The vote to recommend approval was unanimous.

B. Next Meeting Date – Thursday, November 2, 2017 at 8:30 AM

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Vice-Chair Reese asked for a motion to adjourn. Nate Bottom made a motion to adjourn. Shoun Reese seconded the motion. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

There being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:26 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Sass,
Recording Secretary