

**Minutes of Meeting
SATS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
December 7, 2017**

ATTENDANCE

Technical Committee Voting Members

<input checked="" 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 Wes Clark

Technical Committee Advisors – Non-Voting Members

<input type="checkbox"/>	Mike Vanderhoof	IDOT: Urban Program Planning
<input type="checkbox"/>	JD Stevenson	Federal Highway Administration: Illinois Division Office
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brian Wright	IDOT: District 6, Local Roads & Streets
<input checked="" 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

Chris Isbell – IDOT: District 6, Local Roads & Streets

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

Patrick McCarthy called the meeting of the SATS Technical Committee to order at 8:30 AM.

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: November 2, 2017

Chair McCarthy asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the November 2, 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)

No Changes to the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan

IV. 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program

A. ST-U Projects Update

Nate Bottom announced the following:

- i. **Stanford Avenue (11th to Fox Bridge)**
The City anticipated a June, 2018 letting.
- ii. **Archer Elevator Road/Iles Avenue**
The City was completing sidewalks and signage, with a December 11, 2018 completion date.

Brian Davis announced the following:

- iii. **Bradfordton Road**
No changes to project status from the previous Committee meeting.
- iv. **Woodside Road**
Project had begun with temporary lighting installed and culvert extensions installed. He said that construction would be suspended during the winter hiatus.

B. Amendment 2 – Mechanicsburg Road

Neha Soni introduced Amendment 2:



RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE FY/2018-2021 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/2018-2021 on October 12, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Sangamon County requests correcting an error in the funding source from ST-U to ST-R in the project as shown below; and

Project Description and Funding:

Project/Jurisdiction/Class	Location	Action/Comments	Map #	Funding Source	Total Cost
2 Mechanicsburg Road (C.H. 12) County Minor Arterial / Rural Major Collector	Termini: I-72 to Sangamon River	Construction, Construction Engineering	64	County	1,200,000
	Contract#			ST-R	4,800,000
	TIP# 03-2012-07				\$6,000,000

WHEREAS, the project is removed from the ST-U table and the corrected table as shown below; and

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM - URBAN (ST-U)
ALLOCATION & BALANCE BY FISCAL YEAR***

Fiscal Year	FY 18	FY 19	FY 20	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	FY 31
Annual ST-U Allowance	1,237,564	1,258,933	1,279,896	1,458,420	1,593,213	1,810,485	2,327,258	2,515,248	2,698,427	2,881,607	3,064,787	3,247,967	3,431,147	3,614,327
Beginning FY Balance	\$ 282,191	\$ 806,712	\$ 2,026,618	3,675,130	5,267,561	6,877,565	8,225,634	9,343,598	10,260,973	11,147,254	12,045,921	12,945,921	13,845,921	14,745,921
End of FY Balance	\$ 282,191	\$ 806,712	\$ 2,026,618	\$ 3,675,130	\$ 5,267,561	\$ 6,877,565	\$ 8,225,634	\$ 9,343,598	\$ 10,260,973	\$ 11,147,254	\$ 12,045,921	\$ 12,945,921	\$ 13,845,921	\$ 14,745,921

* Information provided by IDOT, District 6 Local Roads & Streets

- ** Project Type: BR - Bridge Replacement, NC - New Construction, PE - Pre-engineering (Phase I and/or II), R - Rehabilitation, RS - Resurfacing, WR - Widening and Resurfacing
- *** Stage: P - Planned
- 1 - Estimate for proposed job or original program amount; 2 - Revised cost of job in current SOTF program; 3 - FHWA authorization requested prior to advertisement; 4 - FHWA authorization received
- 5 - Bids received, low bid received; 6 - Project agreement, job under construction; 7 - Closed with FHWA
- Current TIP Program Years (Blue)
- Pre-1 Voucher (STU amount will not change) (Red)
- Per Joint Agreement SOTF (STU amount could increase or decrease) (Green)
- Per SATS/Scott Agreement - Funds at a TE (due to the end STU - an amount cannot increase but could decrease) (Yellow)

*** Project costs shown for Prior Year Projects are included in FY 07 Beginning Balance calculation

Brian Davis made a motion to recommend approval of Amendment 2 to the Policy Committee. Shoun Reese seconded the motion. The vote to recommend approval was unanimous.

C. Administrative Modification 2 – Woodside Road AC to Current

Neha Soni introduced Administrative Modification 2.



Administrative Modification 2 to the
 FY 2018 – 2021 Transportation Improvement Program
October 27, 2017

Woodside Road AC to Current

Status of this project was changed from “Advanced Construction” to “Current” 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 2018-2021 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 9 (FY 2017-2020 TIP)	2017	Woodside Road	Termini: IL Route 4 to Chatham Road	Add two lanes and wide shoulders	31	ST-R (AC)	1,160,000	6/23/2017	10/27/2017
						ST-U (AC)	3,000,000		
		Sangamon County	Contract#			County	826,525		
		Minor Arterial	TIP# 03-2011-02			TARP	213,475		
							\$5,200,000		

D. Administrative Modification 3 – I-55, I-72 Current to AC

Neha Soni introduced Administrative Modification 3.



**Administrative Modification 3 to the
FY 2018 – 2021 Transportation Improvement Program
November 3, 2017**

I-55, I-72 Current to AC

Status of this project was changed from "Current" to "Advanced Construction" because the Illinois Department of Transportation considers specific apportionment or state contract ceiling insufficient to meet project specifications; the FY 2018 Annual Element of the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program has been modified to add AC to the federal funding source as shown below.

Project/Jurisdiction/Class	Location	Action/Comments	Map #	Funding Source	Total Cost
1 I-55, I-72	Termini: 0.2 MI N of Southwind Rd to 0.5 MI N of Stevenson Dr In Springfield	Resurfacing, Bridge Joint Repair, Ditch Cleaning	48	NHPP-State (AC) 10,800,000	
	State Contract# 72J83			IDOT 1,200,000	
	Interstate TIP# 04-2018-01				
					\$12,000,000

And the Advance Construction Projects table in the FY 2018-2021 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 3 (FY 2018-2021 TIP)	2018	I-55, I-72	Termini: 0.2 MI N of Southwind Rd to 0.5 MI N of Stevenson Dr In Springfield	Resurfacing, Bridge Joint Repair, Ditch Cleaning	48	NHPP-State (AC) 10,800,000		11/3/2017		
						State Contract# 72J83				IDOT 1,200,000
						Interstate TIP# 04-2018-01				
							\$12,000,000			

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)

Brian Wright introduced himself as the new field engineer with IDOT District 6 Local Roads and Streets. He reported that the LRS office had moved from Stevenson Drive to 9th and Converse in Springfield.

D. Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC)

Mike Stead told the Committee that ICC would begin its FY2019-FY2023 project selection process in mid-January, 2018. He recommended that anyone with a project for consideration submit the application for consideration by January 15, 2018.

E. Springfield Airport Authority

No report was given.

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

No report was given.

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VI. AGENCY UPDATES

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

Norm Sims expressed his appreciation for the Committee on the occasion of his last meeting before his impending retirement. He noted that it was his belief that the SATS MPO operated better than many other MPOs in the state.

Mr. Sims updated the Committee regarding the status of signage for the Mid-Illinois Medical District. Mr. Sims noted that the Committee had earlier asked IDOT for policy guidance regarding the placement of wayfinding signs for the Mid-Illinois Medical District off Interstate 55 and Interstate 72. He noted that the District serves 10 counties and 413,000 people in Central Illinois with 4.7 million square feet of medical facility space, and employs 1,400 people. He said that the size and importance of the District should allow for signage to help people from outside of Springfield to find the District. Wes Clark said that he referred the matter to John Negengard who tried to contact SSCRPC. Mr. Sims and Ms. Berns acknowledged the attempt and noted that their attempts to contact Mr. Negengard have been unsuccessful. Mr. Clark suggested that SSCRPC contact Mr. Negengard via email. Ms. Berns said that Mr. Negengard's voice mail suggested that SSCRPC contact him to determine next steps. Later attempts to contact Mr. Negengard were unsuccessful. Nate Bottom suggested that SSCRPC contact Brian Galloway, who is a field engineer for District 6. Mr. Clark said that he would contact Mr. Negengard again and include Ms. Berns and Mr. Sims in the email.

Shannan Karrick told the Committee that SSCRPC was researching background reports to support the upcoming 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan. Topic include autonomous vehicles, crash data, and bicycle facilities. She also told the Committee that SSCRPC was working with FHWA on the Freight Management Plan.

B. Sangamon Mass Transit District

No report was given.

C. City of Springfield

Nate Bottom updated the following projects:

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

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

Construction was underway with utility relocation and sewer relocation commenced.

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

Crews were installing sidewalks along Stevenson Drive; clearing trees and installing driver approaches.

Springfield Comprehensive Plan

Mr. Bottom told the Committee that the City of Springfield Comprehensive Plan was scheduled for consideration by the City Council on December 19, 2018.

D. Sangamon County

Brian Davis updated the following projects:

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

The northern portion of the trail was open and contractors were finishing some minor punch list items.

Woodside Road (TIP # 03-2011-02):

Work had begun.

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

Work was completed and finalized.

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

No report was given.

F. Village of Chatham

Mr. McCarthy reported that contractors doing bridge work for the Village had pierced a ten-inch water main the previous day.

VII. Committee Updates

A. Communities Committee

No report was given.

B. Multi-Use Trails Jurisdictions Committee

Ms. Soni reported that intergovernmental agreement approvals had been received from all of the participating jurisdictions and the Committee was moving toward the next phase of signage implementation. She added that the quarterly meeting schedule for 2018 was approved by the Committee.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were given.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Programming of FY 2020 ST-U Funding

Ms. Karrick told the Committee that applications for projects to receive ST-U funding programmed for FY2020 had been sent out for review. She addressed Mr. Bottom's concern that structural bridge deficiencies be included in the application by noting that it was determined that bridge projects that received structurally-specific bridge project funding would be given 20 points on the scorecard due to the fact that reducing structurally deficient bridges was a performance target for SATS.

Nate Bottom made a motion to approve the application for ST-U funded projects. Shoun Reese seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Ms. Karrick told the Committee that the application process would proceed with a timetable for applications to be reviewed and/or approved in future meetings. Mr. Sims asked who would be eligible to submit an application for a project through the ST-U application process. Mr. Davis said that any roadway jurisdiction within the SATS MPO would be eligible to submit an application. Mr. Sims asked if it were allowable for a special district to submit an application. The Committee was unsure whether it was allowable and thought that FHWA would be able to provide an answer to Mr. Sims.

Mr. Davis said that he was unsure that SATS should be accepting applications for projects in FY2020 due to the unsure nature of Federal Highway funding. Mr. Sims said he was unsure of how much ST-U funding would be available, and wondered if there were leftover funds from the MacArthur Boulevard extension project. Ms. Karrick said that there were a few projects that were considered finished, but were still hadn't formally been closed though IDOT. Chris Isbell said that the last piece of MacArthur was being finalized at the present time. Mr. Isbell said that finalization was being determined by settlement from contributing developers. Ms. Karrick said that the ST-U funding determination usually was sent to MPOs at the end of December, and that it was her hope to have more information for the January, 2018 meeting.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed Changes to the National Highway System

Mr. Clark told the Committee that IDOT had updated the functional classifications for a number of roadways throughout the State and that IDOT had moved forward to evaluating National Highway System routes. He said that FHWA was requiring comment from Counties within the MPO regardless of jurisdiction. He said that comments from the County and MPO would be processed through IDOT and sent forward to FHWA.

Ms. Karrick said that the major changes were to remove segments of Illinois Routes 29, 97, and 54 from the system. Mr. Clark noted other changes, mostly adding segments that connected NHS routes to multimodal transportation centers or served as on-ramps or off-ramps.

Changes Included:

- Illinois Route 97: Veterans Parkway to MPO limit – The purpose was to make remove the stub from the NHS for route continuity. Mr. Clark noted that IDOT was seeking funding to expand the route to an expressway in the future. If the expansion was realized, the classification as NHS roadway would be reconsidered. Mr. Clark said that even though the roadway had an Average Daily Traffic count of 10,000 automobiles, the fact that it doesn't connect one NHS route to another determined that it would be removed from the NHS system. Mr. Sims noted that Route 97 was a major agricultural freight route through Springfield. Mr. Clark said that once the route went past the MPO limit, ADTs fell considerably. Mr. Sims thought that truck traffic continuing past the MPO boundary should be considered when determining whether the roadway is significant enough to include in the NHS. Mr. Clark was unsure whether ADT counts considered freight versus passenger traffic in during the route classification process. He said that the Committee should refer to FHWA to determine what advantages/disadvantages there were to the route being removed from the NHS. Mr. Bottom said that removing NHS designation may remove a potential funding source for future expressway expansion. Mr. Sims said that SSCRPC had been in discussions with the Farm Bureau and agribusiness interests about Illinois 97 as an agribusiness freight corridor, and he had concerns that removing Illinois 97 from the NHS would be detrimental to future agribusiness uses.
- Illinois Route 54: Interstate 55 to MPO Limit – Mr. Clark said that the route was low ADT. There were no issues with removing the route from the NHS.
- Illinois Route 29: Veterans Parkway to MPO Limit – Mr. Bottom was concerned that removing this section would disconnect the Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport from the NHS. Mr. Blickensderfer agreed and wanted to know what effect the classification change would have on future airport expansion. Mr. Clark was unsure what the effect would be without guidance from FHWA. The Committee agreed to recommend the Policy Committee comment favoring keeping NHS status for the roadway, due to its connection to the airport.
- Illinois Route 4: Interstate 72 to Virden – Route was upgraded to NHS route. Roadway was outside the SATS MPO.

Mr. Clark said that funds for improvements to any route mentioned in the recommendations would still be eligible for funding through other federal government funding sources. He said that IDOT's asset management plan, still in its draft stage, could prioritize NHS routes over other state assets. Mr. Sims asked when the deadline for comments was. Mr. Clark said that it would be at least a couple months before any changes would be made, due to the review process. He said that comments sent to the District office would be prepared for final submittal to IDOT. IDOT would forward the final submittal to the Illinois Office of FHWA, which would then review the comments. The Illinois Office of FHWA would then forward its review to the Washington, DC headquarters. Mr. Sims said that a discussion should proceed with a representative of FHWA at the meeting in order to clarify some issues before submitting comments. Mr. Bottom suggested that the Committee's concerns be drafted and discussed at the next Technical Committee meeting with FHWA in attendance.

Mr. Clark asked the Committee for response within a couple weeks, in order to keep the process moving. Mr. Bottom and Mr. Sims agreed that the Technical Committee could send the draft comment report to the Policy Committee for review before sending them to IDOT. If FHWA attended the policy meeting, it would help clarify some issues before proceeding. Mr. Clark said that he could forward the draft comments to IDOT. The Committee agreed item #3, removing Illinois Route 29 from Veterans Parkway to the MPO Limit, would be a priority, citing the amount of air traffic, employers, and national defense (Air National Guard) assets at Capital Airport.

Mr. Clark outlined other changes to the National Highway System, outlining connections between NHS roadways and connections to AMTRAK facilities in Springfield.

Mr. Stead asked what would happen when the AMTRAK facilities moved to the 10th Street Corridor. Mr. Clark said that 9th Street was an NHS roadway, but 11th Street was not, and would probably have to be changed during the review process. Mr. Sims said that the Policy Committee should ask FHWA what the process would be to get a designation changed outside the review process. Mr. Clark said that there was a process in place to change designations outside review. The current review was a periodic necessity to ensure continuity on the NHS system.

Mr. Clark said that a draft comment report should be sent to him so that he could forward the report to IDOT and possibly have a reply ready before the Policy Committee meeting on December 14, 2017.

Ms. Karrick asked Mr. Clark whether the State Freight Plan was ready for review. Mr. Clark was not sure of the status of the plan.

B. Next Meeting Date – Thursday, January 4, 2018 at 8:30 AM

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair McCarthy asked for a motion to adjourn. Shoun Reese made a motion to adjourn. Brian Davis seconded the motion. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

There being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned at 9:16 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Sass,
Recording Secretary