

**Minutes of Meeting  
SATS POLICY COMMITTEE  
September 12, 2019**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Policy Committee Voting Members**

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

- \* Represented by Steve Schoeffel
- \*\* Represented by Arlin Williams
- \*\*\* Represented by Sal Madonia

**Policy Committee Non-Voting Members**

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

**Others**

- Ronald Walker – Resident, City of Springfield
- Stephen Laffey – Illinois Commerce Commission
- Molly Berns – Regional Planning Commission
- Shannan Karrick – Regional Planning Commission
- Jason Sass – Regional Planning Commission
- Neha Soni – Regional Planning Commission
- Brian Sheehan - Regional Planning Commission

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chair Schoeffel called the meeting of the SATS Policy Committee to order at 12:01 PM.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Schoeffel asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the July 18, 2019 SATS Policy Committee Meeting. Sal Madonia made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Joe Gooden seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

**III. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

No report was given.

**IV. 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan**

Sal Madonia made a motion to combine approval of Amendment 34 to the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan with approval of Amendment 5 to the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program. Joe Gooden seconded the motion. The vote to combine approvals was unanimous.

**A. Amendment 34: I-55 Bridge Painting**

Sal Madonia introduced Amendment 34:



**RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE  
AMENDMENT THIRTY-FOUR 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 – 2020 are listed as Committed Projects in the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan; and

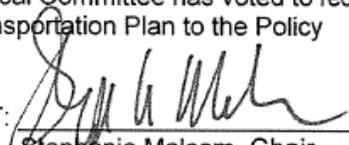
**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Department of Transportation, Region 4 District 6 requests that the following project be added to the "Committed Projects" list in the SATS 2040 LRTP; and

MAP #	Project Description	Type of Improvement	Jurisdiction	Cost
79	I-55 (Various Structures in the Springfield MPA)	Bridge Painting	IDOT - District 6	\$ 620,000

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Technical Committee has voted to recommend approval of Amendment Thirty-four to the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan to the Policy Committee.

**Recommended** on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019

ATTEST:

  
Stephanie Malcom, Chair  
SATS Technical Committee

Joe Gooden made a motion to approve Amendment 34 to the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan and Amendment 5 to the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program. Bonnie Drew seconded the motion. The vote to approve both amendments was unanimous.

**V. 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program**

**A. Amendment 5: I-55 Bridge Painting**



**RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF  
THE FIFTH AMENDMENT TO THE  
FY/2019-2022 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/2019-2022 on October 11, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, In order to preserve the integrity of the structural steel, the Illinois Department of Transportation, Region 4 District 6 is proposing to clean & paint the fascia beam ends & components of Structure # 084-0020 carrying I-55 Northbound over Business 55 & the UP RR at the Sherman Interchange, & clean & paint all structural steel of structure #'s 084-0088 (CH 1 / E Andrew Rd over I-55), 084-0099 (Southwind Rd over I-55), & 084-0100 (Sudduth Rd over I-55); and

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Department of Transportation, Region 4 District 6 requests that the FY 2020 Annual Element of the FY 2019-2022 TIP be amended by adding the project as shown below; and

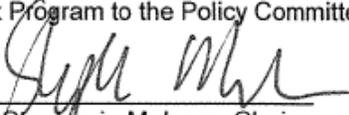
**Project Description and Funding:**

Project/Jurisdiction/Class	Location	Action/Comments	Map #	Funding Source	Total Cost
1 I-55	Termini: Various Structures in the Springfield MPO Area	Bridge Painting	N/A	NHPP - State	558,000
				IDOT	62,000
				<b>\$620,000</b>	
State	Contract# 72L33				
Interstate	TIP# 04-2020-02				
<b>2020 District 6-IDOT Total:</b>					<b>\$620,000</b>

**WHEREAS**, the funding used for this project will not affect any other project in the TIP; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Technical Committee has voted to recommend approval of the Fifth Amendment to the FY/2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program to the Policy Committee.

Recommended on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019

ATTEST:   
Stephanie Malcom, Chair  
SATS Technical Committee

Amendment 5 to the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program was approved by unanimous vote.

**B. Modification 11: I-55 Business (6<sup>th</sup> Street) AC to Current**

Neha Soni Introduced Modification 12:



Administrative Modification 12 to the  
 FY 2019 – 2022 Transportation Improvement Program  
August 6, 2019

**Pavement Management System 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 2019-2022 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
1	Pavement Management System	Termini:	County Highway 23 & 31	Construction	N/A	County	100,300	
						TARP	339,700	
		Sangamon County	Contract#			STP (AC)	1,760,000	
			TIP# 03-2017-06					
							<b>\$2,200,000</b>	

**C. Modification 13**

Neha Soni Introduced Modification 13:



Administrative Modification 13 to the  
 FY 2019 – 2022 Transportation Improvement Program  
August 22, 2019

**Old Route 36 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 2019-2022 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 6 (FY2019-2022 TIP)	2019	Old Route 36	Termini: OLD 36; 7th St to W of S Camp Butler Rd; Camp Butler Rd; 0.1 Mi W of S Camp Butler Rd to Old 36; 7th St; S of Lincoln St to Old 36 in Riverton	Resurfacing, New Shoulders, Guardrail				4/16/2019	8/22/2019
						STP-U (AC)	1,580,000		
						HSIP	1,096,000		
						IDOT	512,000		
						\$3,168			
		State	Contract# 72G87						
		Minor Arterial	TIP# 04-2019-08						

## **VI. TECHNICAL ADVISOR UPDATES**

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

Curtis Jones reported that the IDOT Fall Planning Conference was scheduled for October 3-4, 2019 in Evanston, Illinois. Registration was open at the time of the meeting.

### **B. Federal Highway Administration: Illinois Division Office**

No report was given.

## **VII. AGENCY UPDATES**

### **A. Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission**

Shannan Karrick reported that SSCRPC was finishing the 2019 Downtown Parking Survey and that the results of the survey would be presented to the Regional Planning Commission Board. Copies would be distributed to Committee members.

Ms. Karrick told the Committee that staff was working to finish the Annual Listing of Federally Obligated Projects. She added that SSCRPC staff would keep the Committee posted when new projects and funding opportunities become available through the Illinois Capital Projects Fund.

Township and village reporting with crash data from 2017 would be made available when mapping and reporting were finished.

### **B. Sangamon Mass Transit District (SMTD)**

Steve Schoeffel reported that the fare collection system procurement was moving forward, with SMTD staff attending meetings in Columbus, OH to research electronic fare and tolling systems. The Request for Proposals was scheduled to be released in fall, 2019. In addition, fare structures would be changed to match the modernized fare collection system.

### **C. City of Springfield**

Bonnie Drew announced the following:

- The overlay program continued in areas throughout Springfield
- Milling and overlay on Chatham Road was anticipated to begin September, 2019
- The Ash Street underpass was anticipated to be complete October, 2019
- Pre-construction had begun for the rail bridges spanning 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Streets (Usable Segment IV)
- Utility relocations for Archer Elevator Road were anticipated to begin September 19, 2019

### **D. Sangamon County**

Arlin Williams reported that the Sangamon County Highway Department posted a request for letters of interest for the preliminary engineering of an extension to the Sangamon Valley Trail. He added that pavement improvement on Williamsville Road and Spaulding Orchard Road were underway.

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

Sal Madonia reported the following:

**I-72 at 2<sup>nd</sup> Street (TIP # 04-2018-04)**

The bridge structure was opened to traffic.

**I-72 at I-55 Business (TIP # 04-2018-05)**

The westbound bridge on I-72 was complete, while the eastbound bridge was anticipated to be finished October 1, 2019. Paving work was scheduled to begin September 16, 2019.

**I-72/I-55 (TIP # 04-2019-04)**

Guard rails were being installed on the Clear Lake interchange. The Cook Street overhead was open.

**I-55 Sherman/Fancy Creek (TIP # 04-2019-03)**

Stage I of the project had begun. The north-bound bridge at Sherman was waiting for railroad clearance.

**Bridge Painting (Various Locations)**

Four locations were being painted on I-72, Business 55 and IL-4. Closures would begin on September 23.

**Micro-surfacing Joint Repair (I-72)**

The project from the I-55 intersection to 0.5 miles east of the I-55 intersection was scheduled to begin September 9.

**Camp Butler Road (TIP #04-2017-06)**

Patching was completed on August 26. Concrete work started in September, 2019.

**F. Village of Chatham**

No report was given.

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ronald Walker addressed the Committee. He expressed his frustration that no projects from the recently passed Capital Projects Fund had been announced or started. The Committee informed him that IDOT was working to prioritize and procure funding for projects that would be included in its Multi-Year plan. He also expressed his dismay that ZipCar car-sharing had left the Springfield area.

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

## **X. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Springfield Central Area Parking Study 2019**

Shannan Karrick told the Committee that the Springfield Central Area Parking Study had been completed and the results were being prepared by SSCRPC staff for presentation to the Regional Planning Commission Board.

### **B. SATS Planning Review Report**

JD Stevenson addressed the Committee. He reminded the Committee that MPOs with populations over 200,000 residents are required to undergo a certification review through FHWA and FTA every four years. The certification acknowledges that the MPO is in compliance with FHWA and FTA policy and that actions taken by the MPO is within FHWA and FTA rules and regulations. Certification is necessary to grant approval for the Transportation Improvement Program and any amendments and modifications to it. He informed that committee that although SATS is not considered a larger MPO subject to these regulations, FHWA considers four-year certification as an enhancement to its oversight of smaller MPOs.

Mr. Stevenson reported that FHWA staff, including himself, conducted the Planning Review in May, 2019 with SSCRPC staff. He said that the report had been prepared and he was able to present its findings to the Policy Committee. The full report would be certified by the FHWA administrator within the next couple weeks, and at that time, a full report would be available to the SATS Policy and Technical Committees.

Findings from the report were classified as: Commendations, Recommendations, and Corrective Actions.

Commendations:

- The formation of the Communities Committee was found to be a best practice that could be applied to the policy of other MPOs. The Communities Committee was formed to include smaller communities within the SATS planning area in the planning process.
- The availability of smaller “mini planning” grants to smaller communities for planning activities.
- The SATS MPO does a commendable job of reporting progress of projects and planning activities outlined in the Long Range Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program, and Unified Planning Work Program.
- The adoption of performance measures and reporting on transportation safety and pavement management.

Recommendations:

- It was recommended that Planned Illustrative Projects in the Long Range Transportation Plan reflect the project cost based on the anticipated project cost in ten years, rather than current costs. Future projects over a ten-year planning horizon should implement “bands” of cost to give a best-effort estimate as to what the project would cost 10-25 years out.
- It was recommended that more documentation and research be put into the self-certification section of the Transportation Improvement Program. He recommended that MPOs such as SATS work with FHWA to ensure that all requirements were being met and that planning staff were as informed as possible as to the requirements necessary to certify planning activity within the MPO.

Corrective Actions:

- No corrective actions were recommended.

**C. Next Meeting Date- October 3, 2019**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Vice-Chair Schoeffel called for a motion to adjourn. Sal Madonia made a motion to adjourn. Joe Gooden seconded the motion. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 12:27 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Sass  
Recording Secretary