



# Meeting Minutes

Transportation Policy Body (TPB) Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 10, 2026, @ 3:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting: *Online & 271 W 3rd St., Room 203, Wichita, KS 67202*

Meeting Duration: *79 minutes*

Voting Members in Attendance		
Russ Kessler, <i>Chair</i> Jim Benage, <i>Bel Aire</i> Jeff Blubaugh, <i>Sedgwick County</i> Nick Engle, <i>Derby</i> Mike Hoheisel, <i>Wichita</i> Jim Howell, <i>Sedgwick County</i> George Liebe, <i>Goddard</i> Pete Meitzner, <i>Sedgwick County</i>	Mike Moriarty, <i>KDOT</i> Ronnie Price, <i>Andover</i> Charles Schwanke, <i>Park City</i> Terry Somers, <i>SCAC</i> Nick Squires, <i>KDOT</i> Pat Stivers, <i>Maize</i> Becky Tuttle, <i>Wichita</i> Dan Woydziak, <i>Butler County</i>	<b>Alternates</b> Rodney Eggleston, <i>Valley Center (voting)</i> Nick Gregory, <i>Maize (non-voting)</i> Ted Henry, <i>Bel Aire (non-voting)</i> Warren Porter, <i>Rose Hill (voting)</i> J.B. Wilson, <i>KDOT (non-voting)</i>
Other Attendees		
Javier Ahumada, <i>FHWA</i> Nick Flanders, <i>WAMPO</i> Michael Gerber, <i>Forvis Mazars</i> Evan Hathaway, <i>Hite, Fanning &amp; Honeyman L.L.P.</i> Angeline Johnson, <i>Greater Wichita Partnership</i>	Markey Jonas, <i>WAMPO</i> Alan Kailer, <i>Bike Walk Wichita</i> Peter Mohr, <i>WAMPO</i> Kim Negrete, <i>WAMPO</i> Katie Newman, <i>WAMPO</i> Lynn Packer, <i>Sedgwick County</i> Chad Parasa, <i>WAMPO</i>	Resident Allison Smith, <i>KDOT</i> Dan Squires, <i>Derby</i> Chris Sweeney, <i>WAMPO</i> Laura VanBurkleo, <i>WAMPO</i> Tyler Voth, <i>WSP</i> Jennifer Warren, <i>KDOT</i>

**1. Chair Russ Kessler called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM.**

**2. Regular Business**

**A. Approval of the March 10, 2026, Agenda**

**Discussion:** None.

**Action:** Approve the March 10, 2026, agenda, as presented. (16-0)<sup>1</sup>

**Motion:** George Liebe

**Second:** Terry Somers

**B. Approval of the February 10, 2026, Meeting Minutes**

**Discussion:** None.

**Action:** Approve the February 10, 2026, meeting minutes, as presented. (17-0)<sup>2</sup>

**Motion:** Terry Somers

**Second:** Rodney Eggleston

<sup>1</sup> Two (2) voting TPB members did not arrive until after the vote to approve the March 2026 agenda.

<sup>2</sup> One (1) voting TPB member did not arrive until after the vote to approve the February 2026 minutes.

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## C. Director's Report

### i. **Bimonthly TIP Project Statuses**

Peter Mohr, WAMPO, explained that the WAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) includes a Reasonable Progress Policy, under which projects programmed to receive WAMPO suballocated federal funding that are scheduled to start in the current Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) or that have started but not finished (including projects that started in prior FFYs) are to have progress reports every two months. The TIP Project Statuses report for March 2026 was shared.

March 2026 TIP Project Statuses – <https://bit.ly/March2026-TIP-Project-Statuses>

### ii. **FFY2025-FFY2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 8 Public Comment Period Open 02/27/2026-03/13/2026**

Mr. Mohr noted the in-progress Public Comment period for Amendment 8 to the current Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which covers Federal Fiscal Years (FFYs) 2025-2028 (October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2028). The 15-day Public Comment period is from February 27, 2026, through March 13, 2026. The FFY2025-FFY2028 TIP, amendment schedule, and draft Amendment #8 can be viewed at [www.wampo.org/transportation-improvement-program](http://www.wampo.org/transportation-improvement-program).

### iii. **FFY2027-FFY2030 TIP Call for Projects, 02/02/2026-03/06/2026**

Nick Flanders, WAMPO, provided information about the Call for Projects for the FFY2027-FFY2030 TIP, applications for which were due on March 6, 2026. Twenty-five (25) projects were submitted, twenty-one (21) of which were requested to be considered for suballocated federal funding. The Project Selection Committee (PSC) will make suballocated-federal-funding award recommendations in March-April 2026. A tentative schedule for the development of the FFY2027-FFY2030 TIP was presented, wherein the final TPB approval vote would be expected in August 2026.

#### **Discussion:**

Allison Smith, KDOT, asked about the submitted projects for which suballocated federal funding was not requested and why they were part of this Call for Projects. Mr. Flanders responded that, in addition to the Call for Projects being an opportunity to submit projects to be considered for suballocated federal funding, project sponsors were also asked to submit any other projects that need to appear in the TIP by virtue of either having non-suballocated federal funding or being regionally significant. Ms. Smith suggested that, during future TIP development processes, WAMPO separate the Call for Projects process for seeking suballocated federal funding from the process of requesting that project sponsors submit information for other TIP changes.

#### **iv. Household Travel Survey (HTS) Consultant Contract Update**

Chad Parasa, WAMPO, gave an update on the procurement process for a consultant team to perform a Household Travel Survey (HTS) in the WAMPO region. An RFP was issued and a consultant selection committee chose one of the submitted proposals to follow up on with contract negotiations. WAMPO is currently in discussions with the selected consultant team and with KDOT staff regarding the particulars of the contract.

Mr. Flanders explained that HTS data support WAMPO's federally required long-range transportation planning activities, including by providing inputs to the regional Travel Demand Model (TDM), which produces traffic volume and congestion forecasts that are considered during WAMPO's project selection processes and are made available to WAMPO member jurisdictions for their own planning purposes. The function of HTS data in a TDM cannot be replicated well with other data sources. MPOs typically complete an HTS about every 10 years; WAMPO's last HTS was in 2011 and the next one has been delayed past the 10-year mark to avoid the data being skewed by the short-term effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Since the last WAMPO HTS, there may have been significant changes in travel behavior in the region and in the demographic/economic makeup of the region. Also, new technologies for administering HTSs have become available since 2011.

The goal for the upcoming HTS is to obtain complete responses for all members of at least 2,000 households. Obtaining the desired number of complete responses from a representative sample within the region, weighting the results, and integrating the weighted results into the WAMPO TDM will be a very involved process, both for the survey respondents and for those administering the survey. The final contract for a consultant to prepare and implement the next HTS is expected to include about \$900,000 of expenses, an amount that is consistent with what HTSs have cost in other MPOs, to be paid with federal Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) funds and the required local match for those funds; CPG funds may only be used for planning-related purposes. It is anticipated that a contract will be presented to the TPB for approval in spring 2026.

Mr. Mohr noted that conducting HTSs is a regular MPO function and is consistent with federal guidelines and best practices.

#### **v. Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Update**

Kim Negrete, WAMPO, gave an update on the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) planning initiative in the region. WAMPO staff and consultants are working on existing-conditions reports for each participating school and are scheduling meetings with school/district staff and local government staff in spring 2026 to review those reports and to begin discussing potential recommendations for improvements to include in the final SRTS plans. Additional participating schools are still being sought, with anticipated engagement and data collection for those schools starting in March 2026.

Draft Andover Public Schools (USD 385) Existing Conditions Report (Example Existing Conditions Report) – <https://bit.ly/Andover-SRTS-Existing-Conditions-Draft>

**vi. 2025 WAMPO-Region Transit Ridership**

Laura VanBurkleo, WAMPO, presented the ridership numbers recorded in 2025 for each of the government-provided public transit services within the WAMPO region.

**vii. Amtrak in Kansas**

Katie Newman, WAMPO, provided an update on Amtrak passenger rail service in Kansas, sharing that a Passenger Rail Caucus was held on February 25, 2026, which included discussion about the proposed Heartland Flyer Extension. Currently, Amtrak's Heartland Flyer route runs from Fort Worth, TX, to Oklahoma City, OK. The Extension would continue the route from Oklahoma City, OK, to Newton, KS, passing through Wichita along the way.

Mr. Parasa added that the Federal Rail Administration (FRA) conducts studies for long-distance service (for routes longer than 750 miles) as well as for the Corridor Identification and Development (ID) Program, under which the proposed Heartland Flyer Extension is currently being explored. There is ongoing collaboration between the Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas Departments of Transportation (DOTs) and MPOs along the corridor.

**Discussion:**

Pete Meitzner said that the portion of the cost of operating the current Heartland Flyer route that is not covered by its revenues is split between Texas and Oklahoma. After the State of Texas decided to stop paying for the Heartland Flyer, the MPO for the Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan area committed to paying the Texas portion of the cost to keep the route operational.

**D. Consent Agenda**

**i. Updated Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Roster**

Markey Jonas, WAMPO, explained that the Transportation Policy Body (TPB) is the authorizing body for the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and that all TAC members need to be approved by the TPB. The proposed updated TAC roster includes the recommended appointment of Kevin Graham, Andover City Engineer, as the At Large Representative for Freight Movement. Additionally, the updated roster shows Alex Lane as the designated alternate for Sedgwick County Association of Cities (SCAC) Representative Dan Squires, which does not require TPB approval. The TPB was asked to decide whether to approve the updated TAC roster.

**Discussion:** None.

**Action:** Approve the proposed updated Technical Advisory Committee roster, as presented. (17-0)<sup>3</sup>

**Motion:** Rodney Eggleston

**Second:** Ronnie Price

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<sup>3</sup> One (1) voting TPB member left before the vote to approve the consent agenda.

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### 3. Public Comment Opportunity

No comments.

### 4. Action

#### A. Year 2025 Audit Report

Michael Gerber, Forvis Mazars, presented WAMPO's Year 2025 audit report, for which the auditors have issued a clean opinion. The audit of federal funds compliance also had no findings, meaning funds were used appropriately. The management letter indicates that no significant deficiencies or material weaknesses were found in the accounting processes and overall presented a positive report of the organization's financial activities.

2025 Audit Report – <https://bit.ly/2025-WAMPO-Audit-Report>

#### Discussion:

Mr. Meitzner and Mr. Parasa thanked the TPB members and KDOT for their leadership and assistance in stabilizing WAMPO's financial position after the organization had struggled in that regard years prior.

**Action:** Receive and File the Independent Auditor's Report and Financial Statements for Year 2025. (17-0)

**Motion:** Pete Meitzner

**Second:** Pat Stivers

#### B. FFY2026-FFY2028 Project Selection Committee (PSC) Suballocated Federal Funding Award Recommendations

Mr. Flanders explained that KDOT staff have informed WAMPO staff of changes in how suballocated federal funding is to be managed in FFY2026 and beyond. Previously, awards from a given suballocated federal funding program in a given FFY were restricted to a "Limitation Distribution" of approximately 85% of WAMPO's Apportionment for that program/FFY. This was to provide a funding "cushion" at the end of each FFY to avoid the accidental overprogramming of funds. Now, there are no more Limitation Distributions and WAMPO is expected to award 100% of the Apportionments for each FFY. During the period when Limitation Distributions were in effect, the resultant unawarded funds accumulated from one FFY to the next, meaning there is now a large balance of carryover funds for WAMPO to award to projects. KDOT expects WAMPO to expend its balance of carryover funds by the end of FFY2028.

To address the large projected surpluses of suballocated federal funding in FFY2026-FFY2028, the WAMPO Project Selection Committee (PSC) met on January 22, 2026, to make funding-award recommendations, which the TAC concurred with on February 23, 2026. The TPB was asked to consider and take action on the PSC's and TAC's FFY2026-FFY2028 suballocated federal funding award recommendations:

Lead Agency	Project	Current Programmed Fed. \$	Current % Fed. Funding	PSC-Recommended Addition	Revised Programmed Fed. \$ if Approved	Revised % Fed. Funding if Approved
City of Derby	Rock Road Corridor Improvements	\$4,915,049	41.37%	\$4,588,757	\$9,503,806	80.00%
City of Wichita	Redbud Multi-Use Path near Rock Road Phase 2	\$2,753,454	39.60%	\$2,809,309	\$5,562,763	80.00%
Sedgwick County	B533: Bridge on Seneca between 63rd and 71st St South	\$1,238,997	68.72%	\$203,358	\$1,442,355	80.00%
City of Haysville	Meridian Street & Multiuse Trail	\$5,262,961	69.98%	\$753,201	\$6,016,162	80.00%
City of Park City	85th Street and Broadway Roundabout	\$581,183	32.91%	\$831,528	\$1,412,711	80.00%
City of Bel Aire	Bel Aire Bike Ped Trail Phase 1	\$778,400	80.00%	\$0	\$778,400	80.00%
Sedgwick County	Maple Street Pathway	\$1,320,000	64.39%	\$320,000	\$1,640,000	80.00%
City of Bel Aire	45th St N, Oliver to Woodlawn	\$7,527,266	46.20%	\$5,507,362	\$13,034,628	80.00%
City of Wichita	ITS - 21st St and Maize to Downtown	\$2,832,000	80.00%	\$0	\$2,832,000	80.00%
City of Wichita	127th St E, 13th to Douglas	\$5,960,547	68.72%	\$978,309	\$6,938,856	80.00%
Butler County	SW Butler Rd Multi-use Path at SW 150th St.	\$1,062,672	78.72%	\$17,328	\$1,080,000	80.00%
Butler & Sedgwick Counties	W Rosewood/E 63rd St. S. Multi-use Path	\$2,573,600	80.00%	\$0	\$2,573,600	80.00%
		<b>\$36,806,129</b>	<b>55.75%</b>	<b>\$16,009,152</b>	<b>\$52,815,281</b>	<b>80.00%</b>

**Discussion:** None.

**Action:** Approve the PSC's updated suballocated federal funding award recommendations for current FFY2026-FFY2028 projects, as presented. (17-0)

**Motion:** Pat Stivers

**Second:** Rodney Eggleston

### C. Regional Transit Coordination Committee Formation

Ms. Negrete asked the TPB to decide whether to form a Regional Transit Coordination Committee to support public-transit-related planning, implementation strategies, and innovative practices in the region. The committee would serve as a forum for WAMPO member jurisdictions, transit providers, and invited stakeholders to share information, discuss transit initiatives, identify priority strategies, and support the fulfillment of WAMPO's adopted Regional Transit Implementation Plan. WAMPO staff would provide facilitation and technical support. A draft, nonbinding committee roster was shared.

**Discussion:**

Chair Kessler asked if the TPB was being asked to vote only on the formation of the committee or also on the draft roster. Ms. Negrete clarified that the TPB was asked only to vote on the formation of the committee and not on its membership.

Mr. Meitzner asked about the meaning of the words "invited" and "confirmed" shown next to names on the draft roster. Ms. Negrete explained that everyone who served on the steering committee for the Regional Transit Implementation Plan has been invited to join this committee, some, but not all, of whom have confirmed their intent to participate in the Regional Transit Coordination Committee, if its formation is approved.

**Action:** Approve the formation of a Regional Transit Coordination Committee, as presented. (16-0)<sup>4</sup>

**Motion:** George Liebe

**Second:** Terry Somers

<sup>4</sup> Two (2) voting TPB members left the meeting before the vote to approve the formation of a Regional Transit Coordination Committee.

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## 5. Discussion/Updates

### A. Appointments: Executive Committee and Project Selection Committee

Chair Kessler announced his appointments to the Executive Committee and Project Selection Committee.

2026 WAMPO Executive Committee Members and Contact Information		
AFFILIATION	NAME	EMAIL
City of Haysville	Russ Kessler, TPB Chair	rkessler@haysvilleks.gov
City of Goddard	George Liebe, TPB Vice Chair	liebe@goddardks.gov
Butler County	Dan Woydziak, TAC Chair	dwoydziak@bucoks.com
KDOT (Wichita Metro area)	Nick Squires	nick.squires@ks.gov
Sedgwick County	Pete Meitzner	pete.meitzner@sedgwick.gov
City of Wichita	J.V. Johnston	jvjohnston@wichita.gov
Immediate Past Chair	Becky Tuttle, Ex Officio (non-voting)	btuttle@wichita.gov

2026 Project Selection Committee Members and Contact Information		
AFFILIATION	NAME	EMAIL
Butler County	Dan Woydziak, TAC Chair	dwoydziak@bucoks.com
Sedgwick County	Lynn Packer	lynn.packer@sedgwick.gov
City of Wichita	James Wagner	jwagner@wichita.gov
City of Derby	Dan Squires	dansquires@derbyks.gov
City of Haysville	Tony Martinez	tmartinez@haysvilleks.gov
City of Bel Aire	Anne Stephens	astephens@belaireks.gov
City of Maize	Joe Dessenberger	jdessenberger@maizeks.gov
Wichita Transit	Raven Alexander	ralexander@wichita.gov

### B. K-254: Rock, Webb & Greenwich Interchange Study

Ms. Newman informed TPB members of a KDOT study in the WAMPO region, the K-254: Rock, Webb and Greenwich Interchange Study, which is currently in the discovery phase. KDOT is analyzing options for improvements at K-254's intersections with Rock, Webb, and Greenwich Roads, such as new interchange designs, overpasses, and connector roads. This includes exploring potential modernization improvements related to capacity, development, and safety. The discovery phase of the project will continue through fall 2026. It will be followed by a design phase (preliminary and final), followed by bid letting and construction. Interchange design alternatives presented at recent public meetings for the study were shared.

K-254: Rock, Webb & Greenwich Interchange Study Webpage – [www.ksdot.gov/projects/south-central-kansas-projects/k-254-rock-webb-greenwich-interchange-study](http://www.ksdot.gov/projects/south-central-kansas-projects/k-254-rock-webb-greenwich-interchange-study)

### C. Complete Streets

Ms. Newman shared that Complete Streets is a transportation policy and design approach that ensures streets and roads are safe and accessible for all users, fostering active transportation, safety, and sustainability. In the Wichita metropolitan area, there have been efforts focused on

retrofitting roadways to accommodate all modes of travel and integrating Complete Streets principles into long-range planning documents. A WAMPO Complete Streets Advisory Committee will soon be convened. Its purpose will be to provide guidance to WAMPO staff and assist in developing a regional Complete Streets policy and toolkit. The Complete Streets Advisory Committee is anticipated to meet every two months, beginning in April 2026 and ending in October 2026, upon the completion of the regional Complete Streets policy and toolkit.

#### **D. KDOT Drive To Zero Plan**

Jennifer Warren, KDOT, gave a presentation on the Kansas Drive To Zero (DTZ) Plan, KDOT's 2025-2029 Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP). The presentation included an overview of current roadway data and trends, the structure, features, and goals of the plan, and details about stakeholder engagement and plan implementation efforts. The plan is available at [www.ksdot.gov/drivetozero](http://www.ksdot.gov/drivetozero).

DTZ Presentation Slides and Follow-Up Information – <https://bit.ly/KDOT-DTZ-March2026-Slides>

#### **Discussion:**

Chair Kessler asked if data were collected and publicly available showing where crashes occurred and their contributing circumstances. Ms. Warren shared that KDOT maintains a crash data dashboard, which can be accessed through KDOT's Safety Data webpage: <https://www.ksdot.gov/about/our-organization/divisions/transportation-safety/safety-data>.

Mike Hoheisel asked if there were data on the involvement of people with disabilities in crashes. Ms. Warren said she would get back to the TPB members with more information, but noted that it likely would depend on whether that information was included in the police reports.

#### **6. Committee & Partnership Updates**

Chair Kessler announced that the next Executive Committee meeting will be at 11:00 AM on May 21, 2026, in the WAMPO Conference Room in the Ronald Reagan Building, 271 W 3rd St., Room 210, Wichita, KS 67202, and via Zoom.

J.B. Wilson, KDOT Wichita Metro Division, provided construction updates in the region.

#### **7. Other Business**

None.

#### **8. The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 PM.**

**The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 3:00 PM.**