



Meeting Minutes

Transportation Policy Body (TPB) Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 11, 2026, @ 3:00 PM

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

Meeting Duration: 42 minutes

Voting Members in Attendance		
Russ Kessler, <i>Chair</i> Jim Benage, <i>Bel Aire</i> Nick Engle, <i>Derby</i> Dalton Glasscock, <i>Wichita</i> Jim Howell, <i>Sedgwick County</i> J.V. Johnston, <i>Wichita</i> George Liebe, <i>Goddard</i> Pete Meitzner, <i>Sedgwick County</i>	Charles Schwanke, <i>Park City</i> Terry Somers, <i>SCAC</i> Nick Squires, <i>KDOT</i> Jet Truman, <i>Valley Center</i> Burt Ussery, <i>Clearwater</i> Stephanie Wise, <i>Sedgwick County</i> Dan Woydziak, <i>Butler County</i>	Alternates Mark Detter, <i>Rose Hill (voting)</i> Nick Gregory, <i>Maize (voting)</i> Jennifer McCausland, <i>Andover (voting)</i> J.B. Wilson, <i>KDOT (non-voting)</i>
Other Attendees		
Javier Ahumada, <i>FHWA</i> Cora Cole, <i>KDOT</i> Nick Flanders, <i>WAMPO</i> Julia Furashova, <i>ReVolt Battery Technology</i> Evan Hathaway, <i>Hite, Fanning & Honeyman L.L.P.</i>	Paul Gunzelman, <i>Wichita</i> Brian Jackson, <i>Wilson & Company</i> Markey Jonas, <i>WAMPO</i> Mohamed Moawad, <i>MAPD</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> Marty Shukert, <i>RDG</i> Allison Smith, <i>KDOT</i> Chris Sweeney, <i>WAMPO</i>

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

2. Regular Business

A. Approval of the August 11, 2026, Agenda

Discussion: None.

Action: Approve the August 11, 2026, agenda, as presented. (14-0)¹

Motion: George Liebe

Second: Terry Somers

B. Approval of the July 14, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Discussion: None.

Action: Approve the July 14, 2026, meeting minutes, as presented. (14-0)

Motion: Jim Benage

Second: George Liebe

¹ Four (4) voting TPB members did not arrive until after the votes to approve the August 2026 agenda and July 2026 minutes. WAMPO provides meeting minutes that are not verbatim. TAC and TPB meetings are recorded and hosted on YouTube [@WAMPO Kansas](https://www.youtube.com/@WAMPO_Kansas). To request assistance accessing meeting recordings call – (316) 779-1313 or email – wampo@wampo.org.

C. Director's Report

i. 2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Development

Markey Jonas, WAMPO, discussed the development of the 2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and provided background information. A UPWP serves several purposes, including defining the planning scope, budgeting and funding, scheduling, coordination, public involvement, and compliance. The UPWP describes what planning activities WAMPO staff and consultants will undertake, and how federal planning funds allocated to WAMPO will be used during the year (January 1 to December 31). Ms. Jonas provided an overview of the status of each of WAMPO's core planning products, presented potential 2027 UPWP priority planning tasks, and sought input on whether there were any tasks that should be included.

A state and federal review period for the draft 2027 UPWP will be held in August-September 2026, followed by a 30-day public comment period in September-October 2026. The draft 2027 UPWP is anticipated to be brought to the TAC for a recommendation on October 26, 2026, and to the TPB for approval on November 10, 2026.

ii. Regional Transit Coordination Committee – First Meeting Held 07/01/2026

Ms. Jonas informed the TPB about the WAMPO Regional Transit Coordination Committee's (RTCC's) first meeting, held online on July 1, 2026. Members discussed the committee's purpose and received an overview of the WAMPO Regional Transit Implementation Plan (RTIP). Then, members shared current transit initiatives happening in their areas. The main focus of the meeting was what would make RTCC meetings useful and what topics they should focus on during the coming year. Meetings will be held quarterly, with the next one scheduled for early October 2026, with in-person and online attendance options.

WAMPO RTCC Webpage – www.wampo.org/regional-transit

iii. Annual Bicycle and Pedestrian Count: September 16, 17, and 19, 2026

Kim Negrete, WAMPO, informed the TPB about the upcoming annual bicycle and pedestrian count in September 2026. Counts will be conducted by volunteers and by MioVision cameras purchased by WAMPO in 2024. Additional count data are being collected by MioVision cameras throughout the year, in Wichita, Haysville, and Sedgwick County. Data collected by camera can provide additional insights on how people travel and on safety issues, and can be collected for longer periods, including at night.

Volunteer Signup Webpage – www.wampo.org/volunteer

Discussion:

Chair Kessler asked whether cameras and volunteer counters would be used at the same locations for validation. Peter Mohr, WAMPO, answered that both may be used at some locations, but data from MioVision cameras are largely accurate enough to be used in the absence of validation by a human counter.

iv. Household Travel Survey (HTS)

Nick Flanders, WAMPO, shared updates on the upcoming Household Travel Survey (HTS). The first steering committee meeting for the project will be held on August 19, 2026. The survey will start after Labor Day 2026 and continue through March/April 2027.

v. Data on WAMPO Website

Mr. Mohr demonstrated an updated data dashboard on the WAMPO website. WAMPO recently updated the Data & Reports section of its website to provide easier self-service access to reports, datasets, demographic and socioeconomic tables, and geographic information systems (GIS) resources. The updates consolidate materials that were previously dispersed across multiple webpages or available only by request, making it easier for member jurisdictions, partner agencies, and the public to locate and download transportation-planning resources.

WAMPO Reports Webpage – www.wampo.org/reports

WAMPO Dashboards & Tables Webpage – www.wampo.org/dashboards-tables

WAMPO GIS Data Portal – <https://wampo-gis-data-portal-wampo.hub.arcgis.com/>

vi. Updates to TAC Bylaws

Chad Parasa, WAMPO, gave an update on discussions regarding possible updates to the bylaws of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). Potential updates to the TAC bylaws will be discussed at the next WAMPO Executive Committee meeting. The results of the Executive Committee’s discussions will be brought to the TPB at its next meeting.

3. Public Comment Opportunity

None.

4. Action

A. FFY2027-FFY2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Flanders asked the TPB to vote on whether to approve the proposed WAMPO FFY2027-FFY2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which would succeed the FFY2025-FFY2028 TIP. The proposed FFY2027-FFY2030 TIP is fiscally constrained. The public comment period for the FFY2027-FFY2030 TIP was open June 17, 2026, through July 16, 2026. One (1) public comment was received, incorporated into the draft FFY2027-FFY2030 TIP, and presented to the TPB prior to the approval vote.

Draft FFY2027-FFY2030 TIP and Appendices – <https://bit.ly/Draft-Proposed-FFY2027-FFY2030-TIP>

Discussion:

Allison Smith, KDOT, asked how WAMPO staff responded to the public comment on the proposed FFY2027-FFY2030 TIP. Ms. Jonas answered that WAMPO documented the comment in a database and responded to the commenter by email, sharing that their comment was noted and that it would be shared with the TAC and TPB and integrated into the TIP.

Action: Approve the FFY2027-FFY2030 TIP, as presented. (17-0)²

Motion: J.V. Johnston

Second: Nick Gregory

5. Discussion/Updates

A. Regional Active Transportation Plan Update

Ms. Negrete gave an update on the development of a regional active transportation plan, the consultant contract for which was approved by the TPB on June 9, 2026. The purpose of the plan is to assess existing conditions, identify gaps in the nonmotorized-travel network, and recommend strategies for improving active transportation options, including bicycling, walking, and other forms of nonmotorized transportation within the region. The plan will guide future policies and infrastructure investments and support efforts to create a more connected, safe, inviting, and accessible active transportation network for all travelers in the region.

July 2026 visits with WAMPO member jurisdiction staff were conducted by the consultant team and WAMPO staff to understand each community's active transportation priorities and potential opportunities. An Active Transportation Advisory Group (ATAG) is being formed, with a kick-off meeting scheduled for late August 2026. A Project Management Plan and Public Engagement Plan are being finalized, and a project-specific webpage is being developed.

Mr. Mohr shared WAMPO's efforts to map and catalog existing bicycle infrastructure in the region. These efforts will eventually produce an existing-bikeways dashboard.

Marty Shukert, RDG, shared his experiences so far with the development of the regional active transportation plan. He discussed the member-jurisdiction visits and the WAMPO region's existing bikeways.

Discussion:

J.V. Johnston asked if the Prairie Sunset Trail would stay gravel, noting that many trail segments have drainage issues that need to be addressed. Ms. Negrete answered that the Prairie Sunset Trail would remain a compacted gravel surface and noted that the drainage issues are being considered. Mr. Shukert added that a trail can be paved in locations where there are drainage issues while the rest of the trail's length remains gravel.

6. Committee & Partnership Updates

Chair Kessler announced that the next two Executive Committee meetings have been rescheduled from August 6 and November 5, 2026, to August 13 and October 29, 2026. Both meetings will be held at 11:00 AM, in the MAPD Conference Room in the Ronald Reagan Building, 271 W 3rd St., Room 237, Wichita, KS 67202, and via Zoom.

J.B. Wilson, KDOT Wichita Metro Division, gave construction updates for the region.

² One (1) voting TPB member left before the vote to approve the FFY2027-FFY2030 TIP.

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George Liebe thanked Sedgwick County for their help with a project on 183rd Street that is now programmed to receive suballocated federal funding in the FFY2027-FFY2030 TIP. He also thanked WAMPO staff for their support on a grant for a van.

7. Other Business

Mr. Parasa thanked Pete Meitzner for his help with an interstate passenger rail study support project that is now programmed to receive suballocated federal funding in the FFY2027-FFY2030 TIP.

Mr. Meitzner noted that, in support of the development of its comprehensive plan, Sedgwick County may ask municipal governments for input on what they think their cities' respective Areas of Influence should be, and may use WAMPO for those communications.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 3:43 PM.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 3:00 PM.