



Meeting Minutes

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 22, 2024, @ 10:00 AM

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

Meeting Duration: 63 minutes

| Voting Members in Attendance | | |
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| Russ Kessler, <i>TAC Chair</i> Raven Alexander, <i>Wichita Transit</i> Jack Brown, <i>Public Health</i> Brent Clark, <i>Freight Movement</i> Danielle Gabor, <i>SCAC</i> Jolene Graham, <i>Economist</i> Paul Gunzelman, <i>Wichita</i> Mike Longshaw, <i>KDOT</i> | Les Mangus, <i>Butler/Sumner Counties</i> Shawn Mellies, <i>Wichita</i> Lizeth Ortega, <i>Air Quality</i> Lynn Packer, <i>Sedgwick County</i> Justin Shore, <i>SCAC</i> Allison Smith, <i>KDOT</i> Dan Squires, <i>SCAC</i> | Alternates Tonja Howard, <i>Wichita Transit (non-voting)</i> Emily Jensen, <i>CTD #9 (voting)</i> Moumita Kundu, <i>Urban Land Use Planning & Development Trends (voting)</i> David Schwartz, <i>KDOT (non-voting)</i> |
| Other Attendees | | |
| Ronald Colbert, <i>Valley Center</i> Dylan Cossaart, <i>WAMPO</i> Haley Dougherty, <i>KDOT</i> Nick Flanders, <i>WAMPO</i> Duane Flug, <i>KDOT</i> Dora Gallo, <i>WAMPO</i> Markey Jonas, <i>WAMPO</i> | Alan Kailer, <i>Bike Walk Wichita</i> Ethan Kershaw, <i>Wichita</i> Dani Lasher, <i>WAMPO</i> Brett Letkowski, <i>TranSystems</i> Peter Mohr, <i>WAMPO</i> Mike Moriarty, <i>KDOT</i> ThaiBinh Mursch, <i>MAPD</i> | Kim Neufeld, <i>Bike Walk Wichita</i> Daniel Nguyen, <i>FTA</i> Chad Parasa, <i>WAMPO</i> Marcela Quintanilla, <i>WAMPO</i> Tyler Voth, <i>WSP</i> James Wagner, <i>Wichita</i> |

1. Chair Russ Kessler called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

2. Regular Business

A. Approval of January 22, 2024, Agenda

Discussion: None.

Action: Approve the January 22, 2024, agenda, as proposed (11-0).¹

Motion: Brent Clark

Second: Lynn Packer

B. Approval of November 27, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Discussion: None.

Action: Approve the November 27, 2023, meeting minutes, as proposed (12-0).²

¹ Six (6) voting TAC members did not arrive until after the vote to approve the January 22, 2024, agenda.

² Five (5) voting TAC members did not arrive until after the vote to approve the November 27, 2023, meeting minutes.

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Motion: Danielle Gabor

Second: Shawn Mellies

C. Director's Report

i. MTP 2050 Development Progress

Dani Lasher, WAMPO, shared that WAMPO is developing the next long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), MTP 2050, which will be adopted in 2025. WAMPO staff have already completed several steps in the process and will continue to work through the remaining steps toward completing MTP 2050. The second round of public engagement is currently underway, beginning on December 1, 2023, and ending on February 29, 2024. WAMPO staff have attended multiple community events and there is a survey available online at www.wampo.org/mtp2050.

MTP 2050 Detailed Progress - <https://bit.ly/MTP2050DetailedProgress>

ii. Bimonthly TIP Project Statuses Report

Peter Mohr, WAMPO, explained that the WAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) includes a Reasonable Progress Policy, under which projects programmed to receive WAMPO-suballocated 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 January 2024 was shared.

January 2024 TIP Project Statuses - <https://bit.ly/January2024-TIP-Project-Statuses>

iii. MTP/TIP Call for Projects Deadline Extension to February 2, 2024

Mr. Mohr announced that the deadline has been extended for the combined Call for Projects for Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050 (MTP 2050) and the FFY2025-FFY2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The Call for Projects opened on September 15, 2023, and will now continue through February 2, 2024. The application form, cost-estimation model, and recording of the November 8, 2023, Call for Projects Workshop can be found at either www.wampo.org/transportation-improvement-program or www.wampo.org/mtp2050.

Chad Parasa, WAMPO, commented that he and Mr. Mohr will deliver a technical presentation on economic development reports at the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) conference in May 2024.

iv. Public Engagement for Regional Transit Implementation Plan

Dora Gallo, WAMPO, shared that the Regional Transit Implementation Plan, which is set for completion in August 2024, is in its public engagement period and WAMPO staff have been conducting a dot activity at tabling events. Public input will help shape the development of options for transit in the region.

Mr. Parasa spoke on the numerous sources of funding that could be allotted to the region for transit improvements and emphasized how important community feedback is to plan development. Should anyone like to make any comments or speak to the project manager, Bill Troe, with SRF Consulting, WAMPO staff will pass along the contact information.

v. Automatic Bike/Ped Counters: Upcoming RFP

Ms. Gallo shared that WAMPO has been working on and will soon release a Request for Proposals (RFP) for automatic bicycle/pedestrian counters.

3. Public Comments

None.

4. Action

A. FFY2023 – FFY2026 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #6

Mr. Mohr asked the TAC to make a recommendation to the Transportation Policy Body (TPB) on proposed Amendment #6 to the WAMPO FFY2023 – FFY2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Amendment #6 is a regularly scheduled amendment for which the Public Comment period was from January 6, 2024, through January 21, 2024; no comments were received. TIP Amendment #6 modifies three (3) projects and adds five (5) new projects. There are also administrative adjustments to an additional eight (8) projects, which do not require approval.

Mr. Mohr discussed the changes in local, state, and federal funding and explained the Federal requirements met by TIP Amendment #6: it is consistent with the current Metropolitan Transportation Plan, *REIMAGINED MOVE 2040*, and is fiscally constrained. The financial impact is an additional cost of \$15.5 million. The TAC’s recommendation will be presented to the TPB on February 13, 2024, and, assuming approval, the amendment will be sent to the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) to be included in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for review and consideration by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Federal approval of the STIP amendment is expected in March 2024.

FFY2023-FFY2026 TIP Amendment #6 Summary – <https://bit.ly/Amendment6Summary>

Discussion: None.

Action: Recommend the TPB approve Amendment #6 to the FFY2023 – FFY2026 Transportation Improvement Program, as presented (17-0).

Motion: Chair Kessler

Second: Lynn Packer

B. Urban Area Boundary

Mr. Mohr explained the guidelines for and implications of an Urban Area Boundary (UAB) and presented a proposed UAB for a TAC recommendation on TPB approval. Every ten years, MPOs need to adopt a UAB that encompasses the corresponding Census Urban Area resulting from the latest decennial U.S. Census. The funding implications of the UAB include that Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds can be used on urban minor collectors (within the UAB) but not on rural minor collectors (outside the UAB) and that non-suballocated Transportation Alternatives (TA) funds from KDOT can be used only in areas outside the UAB, whereas WAMPO suballocated TA funds can be used in any part of the WAMPO region. On November 14, 2023, the TPB voted to approve a new UAB, with the understanding it would be revisited in the first quarter of 2024. At the suggestion of TPB members, the approved UAB included an extension of the southeastern quadrant to include the city of Rose Hill. Since then, discussions between WAMPO, KDOT, and FHWA staff have led to the conclusion that the extension of the UAB to include Rose Hill is not reasonable at this time. The TAC's recommendation on the updated UAB will be presented to the Transportation Policy Body for action on February 13, 2024.

2024 WAMPO Proposed Urban Area Boundary Map - https://bit.ly/Proposed_UAB_Jan2024

Discussion:

Justin Shore asked if the UAB included all of the City of Wichita, sharing concerns regarding new housing developments at 119th Street and K-42 that are not within the proposed UAB. Shawn Mellies confirmed that that area is not within Wichita city limits, but in unincorporated Sedgwick County.

Lynn Packer asked WAMPO staff about a new development that is starting on Ridge Road, north of 53rd St., outside of the proposed UAB; the land currently just has sand pits, but there may be reason to believe it will be urbanized in the next five or ten years. Mr. Mohr and Mr. Parasa responded that if there is a concrete timeline and reasonable evidence to consider an area urbanized within the FHWA guidelines, an amendment to the UAB may be possible following its approval. However, for the initial submission of a UAB to KDOT and the FHWA, one of the considerations is trying to limit it to those areas about which there is certainty.

Action: Recommend the TPB approve the proposed 2024 Urban Area Boundary, without the extension to Rose Hill, as presented (17-0).

Motion: Chair Kessler

Second: Brent Clark

5. Discussion/Updates

A. Project Obligated in FFY2023

Mr. Mohr explained that before a transportation project can use Federal funds, the funds need to be "obligated." Per Federal rules, each year, MPOs submit to their respective state DOTs and the Federal government an Annual Listing of Obligated Projects (ALOP), consisting of all transportation projects on which any amount of Federal funding was obligated or deobligated during the previous Federal Fiscal Year (October 1-September 30). "Deobligated" funding is left over following the completion or cancelation of a project and becomes available for other uses.

Dylan Cossaart, WAMPO, presented a table and map of the twenty-three (23) transportation projects in the WAMPO region that had obligations or deobligations of Federal funding during FFY2023, when Federal funding obligation activity totaled a little more than \$42 million. The 2019-2023 WAMPO ALOPs may be found online at <https://www.wampo.org/transportation-improvement-program>, at the bottom of the page.

WAMPO FFY2023 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects – https://bit.ly/WAMPO_ALOP_FFY2023

B. MTP 2050 Population Projections

Mr. Mohr discussed how population projections are an integral part of long-range transportation planning and how understanding the trajectory of a region's population is critical in forecasting future demands on the transportation system. Population projections specifically tailored for the WAMPO region to the year 2050 were created in collaboration with JEO Consulting Group and the Wichita State University (WSU) Center for Economic Development and Business Research (CEDBR). Following initial development, WAMPO further refined the projections to incorporate individual municipal growth trends as identified by decennial Census data patterns. TAC members were asked to review the draft population projections and provide feedback; input is requested to be shared with WAMPO staff by February 9, 2024. The TAC and TPB will vote on approval of the projections on February 26, 2024, and March 13, 2024, respectively. Once approved, the population projections will be included in Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050.

| Population | 2020 | 2025 | 2030 | 2035 | 2040 | 2045 | 2050 |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Wichita | 397,532 | 404,052 | 412,153 | 419,170 | 424,945 | 430,669 | 436,016 |
| Derby | 25,625 | 27,928 | 30,438 | 33,174 | 36,156 | 39,406 | 42,948 |
| Andover | 14,892 | 16,710 | 18,750 | 21,039 | 23,608 | 26,490 | 29,724 |
| Haysville | 11,262 | 11,919 | 12,613 | 13,349 | 14,127 | 14,950 | 15,822 |
| Park City | 8,333 | 8,711 | 9,200 | 9,677 | 10,134 | 10,599 | 11,064 |
| Bel Aire | 8,262 | 9,027 | 9,758 | 10,482 | 11,193 | 11,918 | 12,647 |
| Valley Center | 7,340 | 7,907 | 8,518 | 9,177 | 9,886 | 10,650 | 11,473 |
| Mulvane | 6,286 | 8,233 | 8,879 | 9,519 | 10,146 | 10,785 | 11,428 |
| Maize | 5,735 | 6,974 | 8,480 | 10,312 | 12,539 | 15,248 | 18,541 |
| Goddard | 5,084 | 6,348 | 7,926 | 9,896 | 12,357 | 15,429 | 19,264 |
| Rose Hill | 4,185 | 4,597 | 4,859 | 5,114 | 5,359 | 5,609 | 5,858 |
| Clearwater | 2,653 | 2,744 | 2,834 | 2,917 | 2,993 | 3,070 | 3,144 |
| Kechi | 2,217 | 2,657 | 2,991 | 3,328 | 3,663 | 4,006 | 4,353 |
| Cheney | 2,181 | 2,273 | 2,347 | 2,415 | 2,478 | 2,540 | 2,601 |
| Colwich | 1,455 | 1,462 | 1,493 | 1,521 | 1,544 | 1,567 | 1,589 |
| Garden Plain | 948 | 963 | 983 | 999 | 1,013 | 1,027 | 1,040 |
| Andale | 941 | 1,042 | 1,099 | 1,153 | 1,206 | 1,259 | 1,312 |
| Mount Hope | 806 | 834 | 851 | 866 | 877 | 889 | 900 |
| Eastborough | 756 | 769 | 784 | 797 | 808 | 819 | 829 |
| Bentley | 560 | 594 | 626 | 657 | 688 | 718 | 749 |
| Sedgwick** | 194 | 197 | 201 | 205 | 208 | 210 | 213 |
| Viola | 115 | 117 | 119 | 121 | 123 | 124 | 126 |
| Sedgwick County* | 36,474 | 29,752 | 25,339 | 20,675 | 15,795 | 10,773 | 5,607 |
| Butler County* | 2,344 | 1,779 | 1,503 | 1,266 | 1,063 | 892 | 748 |
| Sumner County* | 1,050 | 998 | 904 | 804 | 697 | 588 | 475 |
| WAMPO Totals | 547,230 | 558,587 | 573,643 | 588,628 | 603,600 | 620,230 | 638,465 |

*Unincorporated portion inside of WAMPO Boundary

** Portion of City inside WAMPO Boundary

C. 2023 Bicycle and Pedestrian Count Results

Dora Gallo, WAMPO, explained that following the bike/ped-projections presentation to the TAC on November 27, 2023, it was brought to the attention of WAMPO staff that some of the projections seemed too high. A slight error was found in the formula and the projections have since been corrected; the updated results were presented. WAMPO’s annual bicycle and pedestrian counts, which have been conducted since 2012, offer crucial insights into nonmotorized travel trends in the region. The data help inform road improvements and nonmotorized transportation projects, as well as enhance public understanding of commuting, physical activity, and transportation interactions. Data were collected from 35 locations in 2023 and projected over time to estimate Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) for bicycle riders and pedestrians, based on national standards. WAMPO staff compiled data, made projections, and analyzed demographics to form a comprehensive report and developed an interactive map.

WAMPO Bicycle and Pedestrian webpage - <https://www.wampo.org/bicycle-pedestrian>

Bicycle and Pedestrian Projections Data Report - <https://bit.ly/Bike-Ped-Data-Report-2023>

Bicycle and Pedestrian Projections Interactive Map - <https://bit.ly/Bike-Ped-Projections-Map>

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Discussion:

Justin Shore mentioned a bike/ped path in Clearwater that the maps in the report do not show and asked if it should be added. Ms. Gallo replied that it could be added in 2024 and requested that the location of the bike/ped path be emailed to her.

Jack Brown asked if there will be a manual bicycle and pedestrian count in 2024 or if automatic counters will be used instead. Ms. Gallo replied that it will depend on when the automatic counters are acquired. Chair Kessler commented that a combination of automatic counters and volunteers could be used, and Shawn Mellies added that it may be wise to have a manual count to validate the accuracy of the automatic counters the first year they are in use.

D. Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) and Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Award

Ms. Lasher explained that the WAMPO Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) was developed over a ten-month period with attention to enhancing the safety of drivers, passengers, and vulnerable road users within the region, and was shaped with stakeholder participation and public input. The CSAP was adopted by the TPB on December 12, 2023, and can be viewed at <https://www.wampo.org/safety>. Ms. Lasher announced that in mid-December 2023, notice was received that WAMPO was awarded a Federal Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) planning and demonstration grant in the amount of \$940,000, which can be used for supplemental planning and demonstration activities, such as educational campaigns and before-and-after studies. WAMPO staff are currently working closely with the FHWA to ensure full compliance with grant requirements and funding rules and will inform participating municipalities of additional information as it becomes available.

Having adopted a CSAP, WAMPO is now eligible to also apply for an SS4A implementation grant, which focuses on the execution of strategies identified in the CSAP and may involve major safety-related infrastructure improvements. These grants are anticipated to range from \$1 million to \$25 million and are highly competitive. WAMPO staff are developing an amendment to the 2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) that will reflect work tasks associated with the SS4A implementation grant application and program funding to hire a consultant to assist with the grant application. Amendment 1 to the 2024 UPWP will be brought to the TAC for a recommendation on February 26, 2024, and to the Transportation Policy Body for approval on March 12, 2024. Following approval of the amendment, WAMPO will issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the SS4A consultant.

E. Safe System Approach: Safer Speeds

Haley Dougherty, KDOT, gave a presentation on the Safer Speeds element of the US DOT's Safe System Approach and National Roadway Safety Strategy. The Safer Speeds objective strives to

promote safer speeds in all roadway environments through a combination of thoughtful, equitable, context-appropriate roadway design, targeted education, outreach campaigns, and enforcement. Ms. Dougherty gave details on the current legislation, KDOT speed-setting practices, and the impacts of speed, speed management strategies and shared visual examples of countermeasures, and presented statewide and local crash data. There will be a presentation on the Safer Roads objective of the Safe System Approach at the TAC meeting on February 26, 2024.

Safer Speeds Objective - <https://www.transportation.gov/NRSS/SaferSpeeds>

Safe System Roadway Design Hierarchy - <https://bit.ly/Safe-System-Road-Hierarchy>

Drive to Zero Crash Data Dashboard - <https://bit.ly/Dive-to-Zero-Dashboard>

Safe System Approach: Safer Speeds Presentation Slides - <https://bit.ly/SSA-Safer-Speeds-Slides>

6. Committee & Partnership Updates

None.

7. Other Business

None.

8. Meeting adjourned at 11:03 AM

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, February 26, 2024, at 10:00 AM.