



Meeting Minutes

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 24, 2025 @ 10:00 AM

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

Meeting Duration: 43 minutes

Voting Members in Attendance		
Dan Woydziak, <i>TAC Chair</i> Marcy Aycock, <i>REAP</i> Jack Brown, <i>Public Health</i> Craig Crossette, <i>Regional Pathways</i> Duane Flug, <i>KDOT</i> Danielle Gabor, <i>SCAC</i> Paul Gunzelman, <i>Wichita</i>	Moumita Kundu, <i>Urban Land Use Planning & Development Trends</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> Allison Smith, <i>KDOT</i> Dan Squires, <i>SCAC</i>	Alternates Mike Armour, <i>Wichita (non-voting)</i> Steve Degenhardt, <i>Wichita (voting)</i> Emily Jensen, <i>CTD #9 (voting)</i> James Wagner, <i>Wichita (voted on approval of March agenda and February minutes; became non-voting when TAC member serving as alternate for arrived)</i>
Other Attendees		
Javier Ahumada, <i>FHWA</i> Jared Austin, <i>FTA</i> Chris Brown, <i>SRF</i> Nick Flanders, <i>WAMPO</i> Angeline Johnson, <i>Greater Wichita Partnership</i> Markey Jonas, <i>WAMPO</i>	Brett Letkowski, <i>TranSystems</i> Peter Mohr, <i>WAMPO</i> ThaiBinh Mursch, <i>MAPD</i> Kim Negrete, <i>WAMPO</i> Raquel Ordoñez, <i>MAPD</i> Chad Parasa, <i>WAMPO</i> Pimnara Rodkul, <i>Wichita Transit</i>	Riley Schmitz, <i>JEO</i> Kyle Thomas, <i>WAMPO</i> Bill Troe, <i>SRF</i> Tyler Voth, <i>WSP</i> J.B. Wilson, <i>KDOT</i>

1. Chair Dan Woydziak called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

2. Regular Business

A. Approval of March 24, 2025, Agenda

Discussion: None.

Action: Approve the March 24, 2025, agenda, as presented. (12-0)¹

Motion: Paul Gunzelman

Second: Steve Degenhardt

B. Approval of February 24, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Discussion: None.

Action: Approve the February 24, 2025, meeting minutes, as presented. (12-0)

Motion: Chair Woydziak

Second: Lynn Packer

¹ Four (4) voting TAC member did not arrive until after the votes to approve the March 2025 agenda and February 2025 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. **FTA Section 5310 Grant Program Update**

Markey Jonas, WAMPO, explained that the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA's) Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program, also known as the Section 5310 Program, provides funding to support the transportation needs of older adults and individuals with disabilities. The designated recipient of Section 5310 funds in the region is Wichita Transit. WAMPO partners with Wichita Transit to facilitate the application and competitive selection process and provides guidance and resources for applicants. WAMPO held a call for applications from November 15, 2024, through January 24, 2025. Following the call for applications, submissions were reviewed and prioritized for award by a selection committee. Wichita Transit will announce awards in Summer 2025.

ii. **Regional Active Transportation Plan Consultant RFP Development**

Peter Mohr, WAMPO, shared that WAMPO staff are developing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a consultant to complete a Regional Active Transportation Plan. 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 infrastructure investments and support efforts to create a more connected, safe, and accessible active transportation network.

Chad Parasa, WAMPO, provided more context and asked TAC members to inform WAMPO staff if there are any elements they would like to see incorporated into the RFP.

iii. **Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Implementation Grant Update**

Kim Negrete, WAMPO, shared that a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the next round of federal Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grants is expected to be announced by March 31, 2025. WAMPO will be watching for the release.

iv. **KDOT Transportation Safety Conference Recap**

Ms. Negrete noted that the 30th Annual KDOT Transportation Safety Conference was held on March 4-5, 2025, in Wichita, KS. The conference provided valuable information presented by speakers in breakout sessions covering a range of transportation safety topics, including a presentation by WAMPO staff, and featured several networking opportunities for attendees.

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

Ms. Negrete shared that WAMPO has begun working with SRF Consulting Group on a regional Safe Routes to School (SRTS) planning initiative to assist local governments and K-12 schools (both public and private) with the development of SRTS plans in the region. The SRTS Stakeholder Committee held its first meeting on March 10, 2025.

Chris Brown, SRF, presented details about the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program and why SRTS plans are important, before explaining the project approach and steps to complete both school-specific plans and a best-practices guide. Planned SRTS public/stakeholder-engagement activities include ongoing meetings of the SRTS Stakeholder Committee and school-specific engagement activities, including parent surveys, student tallies, and walk audits, among other things. Besides the detailed SRTS plans that will be developed for individual schools, a best-practices guide will be created to provide steps for communities in the WAMPO region to develop more SRTS plans in the future.

SRTS-update presentation slides – <https://bit.ly/03-2025-SRTS-Slides>

Discussion:

Paul Gunzelman asked how far from the schools the walk audits would extend. Mr. Brown explained that focus areas for recommended improvements are generally within a quarter to a half mile of the schools and that, due to time constraints, walk audits are usually conducted within a quarter mile or less of the schools.

3. Public Comment Opportunity

No comments.

4. Action

A. FFY2025-FFY2028 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #4

Mr. Mohr asked the TAC to make a recommendation to the TPB on proposed Amendment #4 to the WAMPO FFY2025-FFY2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Amendment #4 is a regularly scheduled TIP amendment and would maintain the fiscal constraint of the FFY2025-FFY2028 TIP. The Public Comment period for Amendment #4 opened on February 28, 2025, and ran through March 14, 2025. No public comments were received. TIP Amendment #4 adds nine (9) new projects, removes one (1) project, and modifies eight (8) projects. There are administrative adjustments to two (2) additional projects, which do not require approval.

Mr. Mohr listed the projects modified/added/removed, discussed the changes in local, state, and federal funding, and explained the federal requirements met by TIP Amendment #4: it is consistent with the current Metropolitan Transportation Plan, *REIMAGINED MOVE 2040*, and is fiscally constrained. The financial impact is an additional cost of \$68.1 million. Following approval by the TPB, 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 is expected in May 2025.

FFY2025-FFY2028 TIP Amendment #4 Summary – <https://bit.ly/2025-2028TIP-Proposed-Amendment-4>

Discussion: None.

Action: Recommend the TPB approve FFY2025-FFY2025 TIP Amendment #4, as presented. (16-0)

Motion: Craig Crossette

Second: Paul Gunzelman

5. Discussion/Updates

A. Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050 (MTP 2050) Project List Changes

Mr. Mohr explained that on November 12, 2024, the WAMPO Transportation Policy Body (TPB) approved the Project Selection Committee's (PSC's) and Technical Advisory Committee's (TAC's) recommendations for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050 (MTP 2050) fiscally constrained project list. Before the opening of the 30-day MTP 2050 public-comment period on March 8, 2025, minor edits were made to the project list at the request of WAMPO member jurisdictions. The edits do not negate any of the selections that were made by the PSC, TAC, and TPB. Two projects' titles were edited at the request of their respective lead agencies to more accurately reflect their scopes/limits. In addition, "category" projects were added to make future bridge projects necessarily consistent with MTP 2050. Following these changes, the fiscal constraint of MTP 2050 is still maintained. The project-list changes will be reflected in the draft of MTP 2050 that the TAC will make a recommendation on in April 2025 and that the TPB will vote on in May 2025.

B. Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050 (MTP 2050) Public Comment Period 03/08/2025 - 04/07/2025

Nick Flanders, WAMPO, stated that drafts of all chapters and appendices of long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050 (MTP 2050) have been posted to the WAMPO website and provided details about the plan development process and contents of the plan. The TPB approved releasing the draft plan for public comment at their meeting on February 11, 2025. The public comment period is March 8-April 7, 2025.

MTP 2050 is divided into seven (7) chapters: Plan Purpose & Development; Regional Trends; Existing Conditions; System Management; System Performance Report (discussing federal/regional performance measures (PMs)); Financial Plan (demonstrating how MTP 2050 is fiscally constrained); and Project Selection & List (containing the MTP 2050 fiscally constrained project list). MTP 2050 also has 14 appendices. Mr. Flanders and Mr. Mohr provided details about 7 of the 14 appendices, highlighting key points and summarizing the information within each. Details about the other 7 appendices were presented to the TAC on February 24, 2025.

Ms. Jonas reiterated that the plan is available for its 30-day public-comment period, March 8-April 7, 2025, which will be followed by a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommendation and a Transportation Policy Body (TPB) vote on approval in April and May 2025, respectively. WAMPO held a virtual public meeting for MTP 2050 on March 12, 2025, and will host an in-person open house on March 26, 2025, to present the draft plan and collect public input. WAMPO is also seeking other opportunities to introduce the plan to the community during this time. Please reach out to Ms. Jonas at markey.jonas@wampo.org to invite WAMPO to attend public meetings/events or to suggest other outreach strategies.

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MTP 2050 webpage, with all draft chapters and appendices uploaded – www.wampo.org/mtp2050

Discussion:

Craig Crossette asked if WAMPO had current commuter-flow data available. Mr. Mohr said that the most recent dataset released by the Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD) program, which is part of the Center for Economic Studies at the U.S. Census Bureau, is from 2022.

6. Other Business

None.

7. Meeting adjourned at 10:43 AM

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 28, 2025, at 10:00 AM.

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