

# Meeting Summary

Transportation Policy Body (TPB) Meeting Summary

Tuesday, August 09, 2022, @ 3:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting, Online, 271 W. 3RD STREET, STE. 203, WICHITA, KS 67202

**Meeting Duration:** 60 minutes

## Members in Attendance:

David Dennis, TPB Chair

Maggie Ballard, Wichita

Jim Benage, Bel Aire

Ronald Colbert, Valley Center

Bryan Frye, Wichita

Tom Hein, KDOT

Jack Hezlep, Derby

Michael Hoheisel, Wichita

Jim Howell, Sedgwick County

Tom Jones, Park City

Russ Kessler, Haysville

Richard LaMunyon, Maize

Pete Meitzner, Sedgwick  
County

Mike Moriarty, KDOT

Warren Porter, Rose Hill

Terry Somers, SCAC

Kamme Sroufe, Kechi

Troy Tabor, Andover

Becky Tuttle, TPB Vice Chair

## Alternatives

## Other Attendees:

Ashley Bryers, WAMPO

Jane Byrnes

Cecelie Cochran, FHWA

Jennifer Connelly, SOAR

Nick Flanders, WAMPO

Dora Gallo, WAMPO

Alicia Hunter, WAMPO

Gary Janzen, Wichita

Alan Kailer, Bike Walk Wichita

Laura Lombard, Kansas Global

Matt Messina, KDOT

ThaiBinh Ninh, MAPD

Lynn Packer, Sedgwick County

Chad Parasa, WAMPO

Marcela Quintanilla, WAMPO

Tia Raamot, Wichita

Nina Rasmussen, Wichita

Kent Rowe, Kansas Green

Party

Kelly Rundell, Hite, Fanning &

Honeyman LLP

David Schwartz, KDOT

Allison Smith, KDOT

Eldon Taskinen, WAMPO

Emily Thon, WAMPO

Cailyn Trevaskiss, WAMPO

Tyler Voth, WSP

Jim Weber, Sedgwick County

Kristen Zimmerman, PEC

Brett \*No last Name notated\*

Chris H \*No last Name  
notated\*

## 1. Chairman David Dennis called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM.

## 2. Regular Business

### A. Approval of August 09, 2022, Agenda

**Discussion:** None

**Action:** Approve August 09, 2022, Agenda, as proposed (19-0).

**Motion:** Chair Dennis

**Second:** Vice Chair Tuttle

### B. Approval of July 12, 2022, Meeting Minutes

**Discussion:** None

**Action:** Approve July 12, 2022, Meeting Minutes, as proposed (19-0).

**Motion:** Chair Dennis

**Second:** Vice Chair Tuttle

### **C. Director's Report**

#### **i. Overview**

Chad Parasa opened the meeting by giving a brief overview of what would be discussed through the meeting today and what would need to be voted on.

#### **ii. WAMPO Regional Economic Development**

Ashley Bryers updated the TPB on the ongoing projects that WAMPO is currently working on. A couple Request for Proposals (RFPs) have been issued for a Travel Demand Model (TDM) and a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP).

#### **iii. Bicycle and Pedestrian Count: Still Accepting Volunteers**

Dora Gallo stated that WAMPO has volunteer opportunities for Bike/Ped Counts on September 21st, September 22nd, and September 24th. Ms. Gallo stressed bike/ped count data is important to collect because it is used to plan for future bike/ped investments. It was also said that she needs 50 more volunteers.

The cities that volunteers are still needed for are Goddard, Derby, Andover, Valley Center, Mt. Hope, Kechi, and Mulvane. Please contact [dora.gallo@wampo.org](mailto:dora.gallo@wampo.org) or 316-779-1315 if you wish to participate.

### **3. Public Comments**

- Kent Rowe from the Kansas Green Party asked the TPB to strive for Low Emission areas in the city, to consider power distribution to those in need, and to consider a resiliency hub to start in neighborhoods that run on solar power.
- Jane Byrnes complimented WAMPO on the Safety and Health Committee meeting content. Ms. Byrnes also asked the TPB to reconsider the allocation of money from the East Kellogg Expansion Project and use it for climate change research.
- Jennifer Connally asked the TPB to investigate making the Wichita downtown walk/bike district more vibrant and cost-efficient for younger generations.

### **4. New Business**

#### **A. Action: MTP Amendment 2**

Cailyn Trevaskiss presented a brief background and overview of the MTP Amendment 2. Reimagined Move 2040 is WAMPO's long-range metropolitan transportation plan and outlines the region's transportation projects that are regionally significant and/or use federal funding. Ms. Trevaskiss stated that during the FFY 2023 - FFY2026 TIP Call for Projects, member jurisdictions asked to submit projects to the TIP for funding that would not normally be eligible for WAMPO suballocated funding. This was because they were not listed in the MTP, or they hadn't been offered enough funding in the MTP funding menu portion of the plan. In

response to this TAC and the TPB agreed to temporarily alter the process for selecting projects for the FFY2023 TIP so more of those projects might be considered. This change required an amendment, Amendment 2, to the original MTP.

Ashley Bryers expanded on Ms. Trevaskiss' presentation. Ms. Bryers said the amendment to the MTP increases the funding menu amounts for existing projects in the MTP, adjusts time-bands, and adjusts the total cost of some projects, due to the TIP development process. There are 22 MTP projects that were changed. The public comment period was from June 15 to July 15. WAMPO held a public Open House on June 29, at the Advanced Learning Library (in Wichita), approximately ten people show up. The Open House was a joint event for the MTP amendment and FFY2023 - FFY2026 TIP development. WAMPO received one public comment during the June 29 Open House, regarding the MTP, about public transit and rail service. That public comment was included in the MTP document.

**Discussion:** None

**Action:** Approve MTP Amendment 2, as proposed (19-0)

**Motion:** Chair Dennis

**Second:** Vice Chair Tuttle

#### **B. Action: FFY2023-FFY2026 Transportation Improvement Program**

Ashley Bryers presented on WAMPO's FFY2023 - FFY2026 TIP. The TIP is a short-range plan of projects that implement the MTP's vision. All regionally significant or federally funded projects need to be in the TIP, and they must be consistent with the MTP. WAMPO's TIP programs about \$12 - \$14 million a year in WAMPO suballocated funding. The FFY2023 - FFY2026 TIP includes 108 individual projects that are worth \$1.4 billion. The TIP must be fiscally constrained, so projects aren't programmed without available funding.

The FFY 2023 - FFY 2026 TIP development process started with a Call for Projects in Spring 2022. Submitted projects were reviewed by staff and the Project Selection Committee. Selected projects were presented to TAC and TPB for approval. Upon approval, the projects were incorporated into the TIP document. The public comment period was June 15 - July 15. WAMPO held a public Open House on June 29th. WAMPO received two public comments for the TIP. One was from the City of Andover needing to make a change to one of their projects and the other comment was the same comment noted for the MTP Amendment 2 received at the Open House.

Nick Flanders stated that WAMPO received over 33 project submissions totaling over \$117 million dollars.

**Discussion:** None.

**Action:** Approve the FFY2023-FFY2026 Transportation Improvement Program, as proposed (18-0)<sup>1</sup>

**Motion:** Chair Dennis

**Second:** Vice Chair Tuttle

### **C. Action: Critical Urban Freight Corridor (CUFC) Recommendations**

Alicia Hunter presented a brief background on CUFC recommendations. KDOT asked WAMPO staff to recommend roads to be designated as critical urban freight corridors (CUFCs). These corridors will become part of the National Highway Freight Network. Projects on roads that are designated as CUFCs, that contribute to efficient freight movement, will be eligible for funding under the National Highway Freight Program. KDOT and Kansas MPOs may designate up to 150 miles of roads for CUFCs within the State, 75 miles more than previously allowed. CUFCs must be on public roads within a MPO's urbanized area boundary.

Nick Flanders explained how WAMPO staff identified which roads to recommend as CUFCs. A CUFC must be a corridor that connects an intermodal freight facility, such as airports or rail terminals, the CUFC also must connect to the primary highway freight system that is I-35 and I-135. Other qualifiers can be a corridor of a route of the primary highway freight system that serves as an important alternative to existing routes or a route that serves a major freight generator, logistics center, or manufacturing/warehouse facility.

#### **Discussion:**

Tom Hein asked for clarification on a street name, with Gary responding that there is a need for Change to #6 that it is called Southeast Boulevard and needs correction.

Councilman Fry asked how often CUFC list was updated and if there is a way to signal Northwest bypass as a future freight corridor? Ms. Bryers replied that CUFCs is for existing roads and is a part of KDOT's free planning process.

**Action:** Approve the proposed Critical Urban Freight Corridor (CUFC) Recommendations with modifications: Correct name of recommended CUFC #6 from K-15 to Southeast Boulevard; recommend northwest expressway as a freight corridor for the future. (18-0)

**Motion:** Chair Dennis

**Second:** Vice Chair Tuttle

### **D. Action: 2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment 1**

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<sup>1</sup> One member left the meeting prior to the vote on this action item.

Ashley Bryers discussed the 2022 UPWP Amendment 1 proposed changes. The changes include:

- Increasing full-time staff from 8 to 12 staff,
- Moving \$54,000 from Salaries and Benefits to Operating Expenses
- Adding Surency FSA to Operating Expenses

The total of Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) expenditures is \$1,687,100, with no changes made to the total anticipated expenditures.

Public Comment Period took place from July 19 through August 2, 2022.

**Discussion:**

A board member asked if the Transit System can be expanded to a regional system and stated they would like to see someone in the WAMPO office explore on how to work on that project. Mr. Parasa noted this question and said he would keep TPB updated about Transit Regional Expansion project for a WAMPO staff Member to oversee.

**Action:** Approve 2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment 1, as proposed (18-0)

**Motion:** Chair Dennis

**Second:** Vice Chair Tuttle

**E. Discussion: 2023 UPWP Tasks**

Ashley Bryers presented an overview of what a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is and discussed potential tasks that WAMPO is planning to update in 2023 UPWP. The UPWP addresses planning requirements and projects that work with federal funds and include all the funds that WAMPO will use, and it is developed annually. Federal Highway Administration/Federal Transit Administration (FTA) approves the UPWP with KDOT providing oversight. The components of the UPWP include:

- WAMPO planning work tasks
- Resulting products of the WAMPO planning work tasks
- Responsible organizations
- Time frames
- Funding and funding sources

There are five core documents that WAMPO is required to develop as an MPO:

1. Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)
2. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
3. Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
4. Public Participation Plan (PPP)

## 5. Congestion Management Process (CMP).

Chad Parasa notified TPB that because of the number of tasks and projects that WAMPO staff increasing will be happening in the future, in the next few months.

**Discussion:** Chair Dennis stated that the discussion should stay open and that those who are thinking of future tasks should come back at the next meeting with those ideas to add for the upcoming year.

## F. Update: Air Quality

Nina Rasmussen talked about how the City of Wichita Air Quality Program is funded by a yearly grant provided through the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The City of Wichita Air Quality Program provides education, outreach, and emissions mitigation strategies. The area has three monitors managed by KDHE that monitors ozone, PM2.5, and PM10. Wichita MSA is considered a region in attainment (maintain levels below 70 ppb) of National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). Wichita's current 3-Year Rolling Average is 64 ppb but is not finalized as Ozone season continues through October. When looking ahead, the Air Quality Program wants to work with other agencies and businesses to develop Ozone Action Plans. NAAQS are under consideration for revision, which would lower the threshold of what is considered safe, and if that change is lowered this will require more collaborative effort to maintain attainment.

**Discussion:** Troy Tabor asked if ag burning is going down, does the measurement show validity of what we are looking at for emissions? Ms. Rasmussen replied that emissions are still a concern as over the road emissions are still high.

Commissioner Misner asked if there was access or a link to look at other communities that show publicly their emission percentages. Ms. Rasmussen said she can send out a link with that data after the meeting. Mr. Misner followed up and asked what would happen if our emission levels went over the threshold. Ms. Rasmussen stated that the State of Kansas would put a plan in place that could result in higher gas prices, and higher taxes.

## G. Update: Statewide Performance Measures

David Schwartz showcased the Kansas Department of Transportation Performance Measures website that visually shows how to access the Federal Performance Measurement Goals, and how Kansas reflects their own in the Statewide Transportation Implementation Plan.

[www.Ksdotperformance.org](http://www.Ksdotperformance.org)

## **H. Discussion: Economic Development**

Laura Lombard from Kansas Global Trade Services reported on the City of Wichita Export Accelerator Program: Increasing Wichita's Economy through Exports. This program's goals are to grow overall export revenue, diversify exporting industries, expand the percentage of service exports, increase jobs, and create an exporter eco-system & network.

## **5. Committee & Partnership/Updates**

### **A. Executive Committee**

TPB Chairman Dennis said the Executive Committee did not meet since the last TPB meeting. The next meeting for the Executive Committee is planned for August 11 from 11:15 AM to 12 pm at 271 W. 3rd Street, Ste. 237, Wichita, Kansas 67202 and online.

### **B. Committees: Active Transportation (Alan Kailer & Jack Brown)**

Alan Kailer informed TPB that the next Active Transportation Committee (ATC) meeting is planned for September 7, 2022, at 9:30 AM. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Safety and Health Committee had no comments to share.

### **C. KDOT, Wichita Metro**

Tom Hein gave an update that the flyover North Junction is still ongoing. There is an announcement on August 15<sup>th</sup>, for the next phase of KDOT's 10-year plan. It is the Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program - shortened to IKE.

### **D. KDOT (Kansas Department of Transportation)**

No report.

### **E. FHWA (Federal Highway Administration)**

Cecelie Cochran updated TPB over the projects that she has been working in conjunction with WAMPO and stated that Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) projects are ongoing.

## **6. Other Business**

Chair Dennis introduced Andrew Wiens and thanked him for his service through the Wichita Chamber, and stated that the job position is now open.

## **7. Meeting adjourned at 04:42 PM**

**The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 3:00 PM.**