



Meeting Minutes

Transportation Policy Body (TPB) Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 8, 2024, @ 3:00 PM

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

Meeting Duration: *51 minutes*

Voting Members in Attendance		
Becky Tuttle, <i>Chair</i> Jim Benage, <i>Bel Aire</i> Nick Engle, <i>Derby</i> Mike Hoheisel, <i>Wichita</i> Jim Howell, <i>Sedgwick County</i> J.V. Johnston, <i>Wichita</i> Russ Kessler, <i>Haysville</i>	George Liebe, <i>Goddard</i> Pete Meitzner, <i>Sedgwick County</i> Mike Moriarty, <i>KDOT</i> Ben Saucedo, <i>Park City</i> Burt Ussery, <i>Clearwater</i> Mike Warrington, <i>Andover</i>	Alternates Nick Gregory, <i>Maize (voting)</i> Warren Porter, <i>Rose Hill (voting)</i> J.B. Wilson, <i>KDOT (voting)</i>
Other Attendees		
Lonnie Burklund, <i>JEO</i> Dylan Cossaart, <i>WAMPO</i> Steve Degenhardt, <i>Wichita</i> Slade Engstrom, <i>TranSystems</i> Nick Flanders, <i>WAMPO</i> Dora Gallo, <i>WAMPO</i> Paul Gunzelman, <i>Wichita</i> Markey Jonas, <i>WAMPO</i> Sruthi Kesa, <i>WAMPO</i>	Brett Letkowski, <i>TranSystems</i> Peter Mohr, <i>WAMPO</i> ThaiBinh Mursch, <i>MAPD</i> Kim Negrete, <i>WAMPO</i> Lynn Packer, <i>Sedgwick County</i> Chad Parasa, <i>WAMPO</i> Kelly Rundell, <i>Hite, Fanning & Honeyman L.L.P.</i> Kaylee Sands, <i>FTA</i>	Allison Smith, <i>KDOT</i> Kyle Thomas, <i>WAMPO</i> James Wagner, <i>Wichita</i> Jessica Warren, <i>CTD #9</i>

1. Chair Becky Tuttle called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM.

2. Regular Business

A. Approval of the October 8, 2024, Agenda

Discussion: None.

Action: Approve the October 8, 2024, agenda, as presented. (14-0)¹

Motion: Nick Gregory

Second: George Liebe

B. Approval of the September 10, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Discussion: None.

Action: Approve the September 10, 2024, meeting minutes, as presented. (13-0)²

Motion: Russ Kessler

Second: J.V. Johnston

¹ Two (2) voting TPB members did not arrive until after the votes to approve the October 2024 agenda and September 2024 minutes.

² One (1) voting TPB member abstained from the vote to approve the September 2024 minutes.

C. Director's Report

i. Quarterly UPWP Task Chart

Markey Jonas, WAMPO, shared that the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is the primary budgeting document for planning activities in the calendar year and presented WAMPO's priority projects in the 2024 UPWP as well as the status of each priority project. WAMPO staff completed a UPWP activity report for the third quarter of 2024 (July 1-September 30) to submit as part of WAMPO's quarterly reimbursement package to KDOT.

July – September 2024 UPWP Report – <https://bit.ly/Q3-2024-UPWP-Report>

ii. 2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Public Comment Period

Ms. Jonas announced that WAMPO opened the public comment period for its 2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), September 9, 2024, through October 8, 2024. Public comments received during this period will be reported to and considered by the WAMPO Transportation Policy Body (TPB), which will decide whether to approve the 2025 UPWP at their November 12, 2024, meeting. Funding for the UPWP comes from various sources, including federal Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) funds, which require a 20% local match (i.e., 80% federal funding, 20% local funding). The CPG/local-match expenditures in the 2025 UPWP total \$2,786,495. The draft 2025 Unified Planning Work Program and additional information about the public comment period are available on the WAMPO website at www.wampo.org/upwp and public comments can be submitted to wampo@wampo.org.

iii. Kansas Mobility Week, 11/03/2024-11/09/2024

Jessica Warren, Coordinated Transit District (CTD) #9, shared that Kansas Mobility Week is November 3 through November 9, 2024. Kansas Mobility Week is a celebration of making smart, efficient, and safe multimodal public transportation choices. This is the fourth year of the event. In 2023, there were 57 events across 38 counties in Kansas, along with two statewide events. Common activities include free rides and passenger-appreciation events. For more information and a full list of events, please visit <https://ksrides.org/mobility-week/>.

iv. Annual Bicycle and Pedestrian Count: Thank You to Volunteers

Kim Negrete, WAMPO, explained that every year, WAMPO coordinates an annual count of bicycle and pedestrian activity across the region. The data collected during this count help to estimate the number of people who bicycle, walk, and run, and the locations where they do so. The 2024 dates and times were Wednesday, September 11, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM and/or 5:00 PM-7:00 PM; Thursday, September 12, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM and/or 5:00 PM-7:00 PM; and Saturday, September 14, 12:00 PM-2:00 PM. Ms. Negrete thanked everyone who volunteered to help WAMPO gather data by spending a short period of time counting pedestrians and bicycle riders at designated locations.

Dora Gallo, WAMPO, shared that the bicycle/pedestrian-count data report and Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) projections for the year are in development and staff hope to have a draft report ready soon.

Discussion:

Chair Tuttle asked how the automatic bicycle and pedestrian counters that WAMPO is acquiring will affect the manual count in the future and how the count data will be used.

Ms. Negrete explained that WAMPO plans on using the automatic counters in conjunction with volunteers, at least for the first year or two, to verify count accuracy. The automatic counters may also be used to collect data outside of the annual count window or at alternate locations. Count data are used to see where people use active-transportation infrastructure most, and volunteer feedback helps signal where future safety improvements may be needed. These data are also often used by local jurisdictions, nonprofits, and advocacy organizations to document trends and enhance grant applications.

v. Regional Transit Implementation Plan Employer Focus Group Meeting, 09/16/2024

Chad Parasa, WAMPO, shared that there was an employer focus group meeting for the Regional Transit Implementation Plan, hosted in coordination with the consultant on the project, the Wichita Workforce Alliance, and WAMPO staff, on Monday, September 16, 2024. At the meeting, the project team introduced major employers in the region to the plan and the transit service alternatives and began further discussions about employer engagement.

vi. Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050 (MTP 2050) Update

Nick Flanders, WAMPO, shared that WAMPO is developing long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050 (MTP 2050), which will guide the region's transportation infrastructure investments and policies over the next quarter century. The Project Selection Committee (PSC) met on October 3, 2024, to recommend projects for the MTP 2050 project list. As WAMPO works towards completing a draft of the full plan, draft chapters and appendices are being posted on the WAMPO website for public review. Upcoming steps include a Plan Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting on October 24, 2024.

MTP 2050 webpage, with draft sections uploaded as available: www.wampo.org/mtp2050

3. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

4. Action

A. FFY2025-FFY2028 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #2

Peter Mohr, WAMPO, asked the TPB to take action on proposed Amendment #2 to the WAMPO FFY2025-FFY2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Amendment #2 is a regularly scheduled TIP amendment and would maintain the fiscal constraint of the FFY2025-FFY2028 TIP.

The Public Comment period for Amendment #2 opened on August 30, 2024, and ran through September 13, 2024. No public comments were received. TIP Amendment #2 adds six (6) new projects, removes two (2) projects and modifies one (1) project. There were administrative adjustments to four (4) 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 #2: it is consistent with the current Metropolitan Transportation Plan, *REIMAGINED MOVE 2040*, and is fiscally constrained. The financial impact is an additional cost of \$27.1 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 November 2024.

FFY2025-FFY2028 TIP Amendment #2 Summary – <https://bit.ly/2025-2028TIP-Proposed-Amendment-2>

Discussion: Mr. Parasa commended the TPB for their leadership and support in managing federal funding for transportation projects in the WAMPO region.

Action: Approve FFY2025-FFY2028 TIP Amendment #2, as presented. (16-0)

Motion: Russ Kessler

Second: Jim Benage

B. Support KDOT Federal Performance Measures

Mr. Mohr explained that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) jointly issued a Planning Rule that establishes various performance measures (PMs) to assess roadway safety (PM1), pavement and bridge condition (PM2), system performance and freight movement (PM3), transit asset management (TAM), and transit safety. Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) are required to either set their own targets or support the targets set by their respective state DOTs. In 2023, WAMPO chose to support KDOT in achieving its federal performance-measure targets. Mr. Mohr shared the 2024 KDOT targets and asked the TPB to vote on whether to continue to support KDOT's federal performance measure targets in 2024.

Discussion:

Jim Benage asked when performance-measure data from 2023 will be shared. Mr. Mohr explained that, as of now, on the federal-performance-measure dashboard on the KDOT website, the most recent data are from 2022, but are five-year rolling averages. The official numbers for the 2023 performance measures have not yet been released.

Action: Approve supporting KDOT's federal performance measure targets in 2024, as presented. (16-0)

Motion: Russ Kessler

Second: Nick Gregory

5. Discussion/Updates

A. Annual Title VI Report

Ms. Jonas shared that WAMPO's 2024 Title VI Report was completed, submitted to KDOT, and uploaded to the WAMPO website on September 3, 2024. Title VI is part of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, and national origin in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance. WAMPO ensures full compliance with Title VI, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, Executive Order 12898 on Environmental Justice (EJ), Executive Order 13166 on Limited English Proficiency (LEP), and related statutes and regulations in all programs and activities. The WAMPO Title VI Program Manual, Title VI Discrimination Complaint Form, Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan, and other resources are available on the WAMPO website in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese. To date, no Title VI complaints have ever been received by WAMPO.

2024 Annual Title VI Report – <https://bit.ly/2024-Annual-Title-VI-Report>

Discussion:

Chair Tuttle asked if there was anything from the 2024 Title VI Report to highlight. Ms. Jonas shared that the annual report serves to outline any updates from the year (none in 2024) and to document compliance with all Civil Rights-related statutes and regulations. The annual report demonstrates WAMPO's efforts to create and maintain a transparent and inclusive planning process by intentionally integrating Title VI, EJ, and LEP principles into the transportation planning process. WAMPO will update its Title VI Program Manual and LEP plan in 2025.

B. Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Architecture

Lonnie Burklund, JEO, shared that WAMPO has begun the process of updating the regional Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Architecture, with consulting firm JEO and subcontractor TranSystems. Per federal guidelines, the regional ITS Architecture should be updated every 5 years. The last full ITS Architecture update was completed in 2006. The purpose of developing a regional ITS architecture is to document ITS infrastructure, devices, personnel, and maintainers, so that planning, deployment, and communication can take place in an organized and coordinated fashion. Without such a unified framework, opportunities for improving efficiency, safety, and data-sharing may be lost; at the extreme, a region could risk deploying incompatible or redundant technologies. The ITS Architecture development will involve engaging stakeholders through steering committee meetings and stakeholder workshops to gather input and ensure the project meets the needs of the WAMPO region. The project is expected to be completed in early 2024.

C. K-254 Access Management Plan

J.B. Wilson, KDOT, explained that KDOT is developing a corridor management plan for K-254 in Sedgwick and Butler counties. The plan covers 22 miles of K-254 from Wichita on the west to El Dorado on the east and the area within 1 mile of the highway. The presentation provided an overview of the K-254 Access Management Plan, a summary of the project-development process,

significant findings, and next steps. The goal of the corridor management plan is to anticipate future land development and establish an access-management approach that serves the communities while keeping traffic moving efficiently and safely. Next steps include a public meeting on October 9, 2024, to present the final plan. For more information, please visit <https://ike.ksdot.gov/k-254-corridor>.

Discussion:

Mr. Benage shared appreciation for the work being completed for the K-254 corridor management plan, on behalf of the City of Bel Aire and the K-254 Corridor Development Association.

6. Committee & Partnership Updates

Chair Tuttle announced that the next Executive Committee meeting will be at 11:00 AM on November 14, 2024, in the MAPD Conference Room in the Ronald Reagan Building (271 W 3rd St. N, Room 237, Wichita, KS 67202) and on Zoom. It will be an open meeting; anyone is welcome to attend.

Mike Moriarty, KDOT, provided an update on the K-96 and East Kellogg expansion projects, sharing that based on cost estimates for these projects and the remaining budget, it is getting increasingly difficult for KDOT to see the possibility of completing these projects under the Eisenhower Legacy Transportation (IKE) program. KDOT is reviewing options for funding these projects, but for the moment, the projects may be less feasible in coming years than originally hoped. Mr. Moriarty explained that it is not that money is being diverted from the WAMPO region, but rather that there is a funding gap, and that this news should not influence other projects in the region.

J.B. Wilson, KDOT Wichita Metro, shared construction updates in the WAMPO region.

7. Other Business

Chair Tuttle announced that the City of Wichita will hold a groundbreaking ceremony for the City's future multimodal facility, The Hub, on Friday, October 11, 2024, at 9:00 AM. The event will be held on the lot at the corner of S Sycamore St. and W Texas Ave. A ceremonial groundbreaking will take place after remarks from City officials and the Regional Federal Transit Administrator.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 3:52 PM.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 3:00 PM.