



## WAMPO TPB Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 21, 2026, at 11:00 AM

271 W 3rd Street, First Floor Conference Room 126, Wichita, KS 67202, and via Zoom

### Meeting Notes & Summary

05/21/2026	
Type of Meeting	Regular
Members Present:	<p>Russ Kessler, Haysville (Chair)  George Liebe, Goddard (Vice Chair)  Dan Woydziak, Butler County  J.V. Johnston, Wichita  Becky Tuttle, Wichita (Ex Officio)  Nick Squires, KDOT District 5</p>
Members Absent:	Pete Meitzner, Sedgwick County
WAMPO Staff:	Chad Parasa, Peter Mohr, Chris Sweeney, Nick Flanders, Markey Jonas,
WAMPO Attorney:	Evan Hathaway, Hite, Fanning & Honeyman L.L.P.
Other Attendees:	<p>Jolene Graham, Andover  Kevin Graham, Andover  Tony Martinez, Haysville  Jennifer McCausland, Andover  Lynn Packer, Sedgwick County  Anne Stephens, Bel Aire  Dan Squires, Derby  James Wagner, Wichita</p>
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair Kessler opened the meeting by asking attendees to introduce themselves and reviewed the meeting summary from the previous Executive Committee meeting.</li> <li>• During the Open Discussion about Bylaws, Administration, etc. agenda item, Executive Committee members discussed the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) bylaws. Topics discussed included whether there were TAC position appointment term-limits or reappointment windows, and whether to add those requirements, as well as adding a TAC position for Cities of the First Class, which would add a position for the City of Derby.</li> <li>• Members also discussed adding a Project Selection Committee (PSC) roster to the Transportation Policy Body (TPB) agenda packet materials, visiting with the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC), the MPO for the Kansas City region, to learn more about their processes, and inquired about the next Kansas Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (KAMPO) meeting.</li> </ul>

- Chad Parasa noted that the updated financial reports through April 2026 were included in the agenda packet for review.
- Chad Parasa and Markey Jonas provided an update on the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) staff activities to date for 2026, and sought input on whether there were any potential priorities or projects Executive Committee members would like to see incorporated into the 2027 UPWP, the development of which is underway.
- Executive Committee members noted the comments provided at the May 12, 2026, Transportation Policy Body meeting and discussed the WAMPO Suballocated Federal Funding Award Process.
  - A table and chart showing suballocated funding distribution by jurisdiction from 2010 to 2030 were developed by staff, upon request from an Executive Committee member, and shared. Attendees agreed that, generally, the funding is well spread around the jurisdictions in the WAMPO region.
  - Members of the Project Selection Committee (PSC) in attendance provided input, including an overview of the PSC process and considerations from this most recent round of PSC award recommendations.
  - Attendees discussed the various and complex considerations required during the project selection process.
  - The previous project selection process, which included presentations from jurisdictions and spanned multiple days of meetings, was mentioned and discussed as a potential barrier, especially for smaller communities, when considering the cost of staff or consultant time required.
  - Attendees emphasized the importance of the suballocated funding being awarded to projects that are regionally significant.
  - Additional opportunities for engagement with smaller communities and increased awareness of WAMPO support services were mentioned for future rounds of funding.
- Chad Parasa noted that WAMPO is constantly striving to improve the process and that the suballocated funding intends to bring unity and regional collaboration.