



Meeting Minutes

Transportation Policy Body (TPB) Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 18, 2025, @3:00 PM

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

Meeting Duration: 61 minutes

Voting Members in Attendance

Russ Kessler, *Chair*
 Jim Benage, *Bel Aire*
 Nick Engle, *Derby*
 Dalton Glasscock, *Wichita*
 Jim Howell, *Sedgwick County*
 J.V. Johnston, *Wichita*
 George Liebe, *Goddard*
 Pete Meitzner, *Sedgwick County*

Mike Moriarty, *KDOT*
 Charles Schwanke, *Park City*
 Terry Somers, *SCAC*
 Pat Stivers, *Maize*
 Jet Truman, *Valley Center*
 Becky Tuttle, *Wichita*
 Mike Warrington, *Andover*
 Stephanie Wise, *Sedgwick County*

Alternates

Sean Fox, *Park City (non-voting)*
 Nick Gregory, *Maize (non-voting)*
 Ted Henry, *Bel Aire (non-voting)*
 Jennifer McCausland, *Andover (non-voting)*
 Warren Porter, *Rose Hill (voting)*
 J.B. Wilson, *KDOT (voting)*

Other Attendees

Javier Ahumada, *FHWA*
 Marcy Aycok, *REAP*
 Matt Baker, *JEO*
 Chris Brown, *SRF*
 Nick Flanders, *WAMPO*
 David Guo, *Maize*
 Evan Hathaway, *Hite, Fanning & Honeyman L.L.P.*

Markey Jonas, *WAMPO*
 Brett Letkowski, *GFT*
 Peter Mohr, *WAMPO*
 ThaiBinh Mursch, *MAPD*
 Kim Negrete, *WAMPO*
 Katie Newman, *WAMPO*
 Lynn Packer, *Sedgwick County*
 Ronnie Price, *Andover*

Brad Shores, *JEO*
 Allison Smith, *KDOT*
 Chris Sweeney, *WAMPO*
 Bill Troe, *SRF*
 Laura VanBurkleo, *WAMPO*

1. Chair Russ Kessler called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM.

2. Regular Business

A. Approval of the November 18, 2025, Agenda

Discussion: None.

Action: Approve the November 18, 2025, agenda, as presented. (14-0)¹

Motion: Jim Benage

Second: Mike Warrington

B. Approval of the October 14, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Discussion: None.

Action: Approve the October 14, 2025, meeting minutes, as presented. (16-0)²

Motion: Jim Benage

Second: Terry Somers

¹ Four (4) voting TPB members did not arrive until after the vote to approve the November 2025 agenda.

² Two (2) voting TPB members did not arrive until after the votes to approve the November 2025 agenda and the October 2025 meeting minutes.

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C. Director's Report

Chair Kessler noted that Chad Parasa, WAMPO Executive Director, was at a conference and that Markey Jonas, Community Planner, would be acting in his place for the meeting.

i. Bimonthly TIP Project Statuses

Peter Mohr, WAMPO, explained that the WAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Policy 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 November 2025 was shared.

November 2025 TIP Project Statuses – <https://bit.ly/November2025-TIP-Project-Statuses>

ii. Draft 2026 WAMPO Meeting Schedule

Mr. Mohr shared that before the end of each calendar year, WAMPO develops and distributes board and committee meeting schedules for the upcoming year. In the draft 2026 schedule, all but one of the proposed meeting dates are consistent with the usual pattern for each board/committee. The exception is that the May 2026 TAC meeting is proposed to be held one week earlier than usual, on the third Monday of the month (May 18, 2026), to not conflict with Memorial Day. Additionally, there will not be a January 2026 TPB meeting. TPB approval of the meeting schedule is required and will be sought at the December 9, 2025, meeting.

D. Consent Agenda

i. Updated Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Roster

Mr. Mohr explained that the Transportation Policy Body (TPB) is the authorizing body for the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and that all TAC members need to be approved by the TPB. He presented a proposed updated TAC roster that includes the recommended appointment Steve Degenhardt as one of the City of Wichita representatives, with Gary Janzen as the designated alternate. The TPB was asked to decide whether to approve the updated TAC roster that reflects this appointment.

ii. Translation and Interpretation Services Agreement

Mr. Mohr asked the TPB to take action on a proposed agreement between the WAMPO and Mid-American Language Services (MALS), LLC, establishing MALS as WAMPO's preferred partner for translation, interpretation, and language-access services. The services provided by MALS would assist WAMPO in meeting Limited English Proficiency (LEP) obligations under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The contract, which has an initial term of one (1) year, would grant WAMPO access to discounted rates. WAMPO would be charged only for services rendered and there is no minimum spending requirement.

Partnership Agreement for Language-Access Services with Mid-American Language Services (MALS), LLC – https://bit.ly/Mid_American_Language_Contract

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Discussion: None.

Action: Approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. (17-0)³

Motion: Pat Stivers

Second: J.V Johnston

3. Public Comment Opportunity

No comments.

4. Action

A. 2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment 2

Ms. Mohr asked the TPB to take action on proposed Amendment 2 to the 2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The UPWP outlines WAMPO's transportation planning activities and tasks to be undertaken throughout the year. Proposed 2025 UPWP Amendment 2 would adjust allocations between staff tasks, decrease overall operating and consultant-supported project expenditures to reflect completed work and revised work schedules, and account for the removal of a sub-task to purchase data. The public comment period for proposed 2025 UPWP Amendment 2 was October 10, 2025, through October 24, 2025. No public comments were received.

Draft 2025 UPWP Amendment 2 – <https://bit.ly/Draft-2025-UPWP-A2>

Discussion:

Mike Warrington and Jim Benage shared appreciation for WAMPO reducing expenditures.

Action: Approve 2025 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment 2, as presented. (17-0)

Motion: Jim Benage

Second: Terry Somers

B. 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Mr. Mohr asked the TPB to take action on the proposed 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The UPWP outlines WAMPO's transportation planning activities and tasks to be undertaken throughout the year. The draft 2026 UPWP was available for public comment from September 12, 2025, through October 12, 2025. No public comments were received.

Draft 2026 Unified Planning Work Program – <https://bit.ly/Draft-2026-UPWP>

Discussion: None.

Action: Approve the 2026 Unified Planning Work Program, as presented. (17-0)

Motion: Mike Warrington

Second: Pat Stivers

³ One (1) voting TPB member did not arrive until after the votes to approve the November 2025 agenda, the October 2025 meeting minutes, the Consent Agenda, 2025 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment 2, and the 2026 Unified Planning Work Program. 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. Regional Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Architecture Update

WAMPO staff and consultants have drafted an update to the regional Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) architecture, as required by federal guidelines. Matt Baker, JEO, presented an overview of the draft updated ITS architecture. The draft updated architecture includes an inventory of current ITS infrastructure and a detailed examination of future deployment plans, informed by extensive regional stakeholder engagement. It was reviewed by Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) staff, whose feedback has been addressed to their satisfaction in the draft ITS architecture and supporting documentation, which were available for public comment October 18-November 16, 2025. One comment was received, which was presented to the TPB before they were asked to consider whether to approve the draft updated regional ITS architecture.

WAMPO ITS webpage - www.wampo.org/regional-its-architecture

Discussion: None.

Action: Approve the draft updated regional ITS architecture, as presented. (18-0)

Motion: J.V. Johnston

Second: Pat Stivers

5. Discussion/Updates

A. Regional Connections Presentation: Bel Aire

Ted Henry, City Manager for the City of Bel Aire, highlighted Bel Aire's recent growth and development activity as part of the Regional Connections series, highlighting projects and trends shaping Bel Aire's role in the region.

The presentation provided an overview of the city's rapid residential and commercial growth, noting increases in population, utility accounts, and recreation participation. There is significant development activity occurring in Sunflower Commerce Park, where companies such as Walton's, Amazon, and FedEx have established facilities. To manage this growth, Bel Aire's city government is modernizing internal technology systems, improving administrative processes, and maintaining service levels with a small staff. Several park renovation projects are underway, incorporating resident feedback and adding new amenities, and a new public works facility is nearing completion to support long-term operational needs. The presentation also reviewed upcoming transportation improvement projects, including projects on 45th Street and on K-254, which was noted as a significant future priority expected to influence regional access, safety, and development.

Bel Aire Regional Connections Presentation – <https://bit.ly/Regional-Connections-Bel-Aire>

B. Sidewalk, Crosswalk, & Multiuse-Path Mapping

Mr. Mohr explained that in 2022, as a resource for communities throughout the region, WAMPO staff used satellite imagery to create a detailed GIS map layer of known sidewalks, crosswalks, and multiuse paths within the bounds of the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA). During February-October 2025, WAMPO staff updated that GIS map layer using more recent satellite imagery.

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An interactive map of all the sidewalk, crosswalk, and multiuse-path locations identified by WAMPO staff is available at www.wampo.org/bicycle-pedestrian. An ArcGIS shapefile of the same information may be provided upon request.

Sidewalk, crosswalk, & multiuse-path interactive map – https://bit.ly/Sidewalks_and_Crosswalks

C. Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Update

Kim Negrete, WAMPO, stated that WAMPO is working with SRF Consulting Group on a regional Safe Routes to School (SRTS) planning initiative to assist local governments and K-12 schools (public and private) with the development of at least sixty (60) school-specific SRTS plans in the region; so far, fifty-four (54) schools have confirmed their participation.

Chris Brown and Bill Troe, SRF, provided additional details about the extensive data collection and engagement activities completed over the past several months. The SRTS project team has conducted more than 50 school walk audits, met with school and jurisdiction staff, observed arrival and dismissal operations, and collected parent/caregiver survey responses. Student Travel Tallies are also being collected from each participating school. The presentation shared early findings from the data collection efforts and examples from several schools of how the data are being used.

Discussion: Jim Howell asked if it was possible to see which schools are participating and whether data would be shared before the SRTS reports are finalized. Ms. Negrete shared that there is an online interactive map on WAMPO's website (www.wampo.org/srts) showing all participating schools and that preliminary reports with potential recommendations will be shared with school/district and city/county partners for their review and input in the next few months.

6. Committee & Partnership Updates

Chair Kessler announced that the next Executive Committee meeting will be at 11:00 AM on February 5, 2026, in the MAPD Conference Room in the Ronald Reagan Building (271 W 3rd St., Room 237, Wichita, KS 67202) and via Zoom.

Mike Moriarty, KDOT, shared that the Local Consult process has concluded; there were more than 1,000 attendees across the eight (8) in-person meetings and the virtual meeting. KDOT has received a draft scope of work from the consultant for the Northwest Expressway Major Investment Study (MIS) and will work internally and with project partners in the coming weeks to finalize the scope.

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

7. Other Business

Ms. Jonas shared that there will be an end-of-year celebration and networking event for TPB members following the December 9, 2025, TPB meeting.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 4:02 PM.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at 3:00 PM.