



Meeting Summary
Transportation Policy Body (TPB) Meeting Summary
Tuesday, June 8th @ 3:00 PM
Hybrid Meeting

Meeting Duration: 75 minutes

Members in Attendance:

David Dennis, Chair, Sedgwick Co.
Jack Hezlep, Derby
Bruce Armstrong, Haysville
Mike Moriarty, KDOT
Brent Terstriep, KDOT
Jared Cerullo, Wichita
Sarah Lopez, Sedgwick Co.
Troy Tabor, Andover

Jim Benage, Bel Aire
Cindy Claycomb, Wichita
Ronald Colbert, Valley Center
Pete Meitzner, Sedgwick Co.
Donna Clasen, Maize
Warren Porter, Rose Hill
Jim Howell, Sedgwick Co.

Alt:

Jennifer McCausland, Andover
Anne Stephens, Bel Aire
Cory Davis, KDOT
Tom Hein, KDOT
Brent Clark, Valley Center
Tom Stolz, Sedgwick Co.

Other Attendees:

Chad Parasa, WAMPO Director
Nick Flanders, WAMPO Staff
Kathryn Chambers, WAMPO Staff
Jordan Silvers, WAMPO Staff
Patty Sykes, WAMPO Staff
Gary Janzen, Wichita
Andrew Wiens, Wichita

Cecelie Cochran, FHWA
Rene Hart, KDOT
James Weber, Sedgwick Co.
Kelly Rundell, Hite, Fanning &
Honeyman LLP
James Wagner, Wichita
Brett Letkowski, TranSystems

Ronald Nuessen, Alfred Benesch &
Company
Matt Messina, KDOT
Les Mangus, Andover
Kristen Zimmerman, PEC

1. Mr. Dennis called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM.

2. Regular Business

A. Approval of June 8, 2021 Agenda

Discussion: None

Action: Moved to approve agenda as presented. Motion passed (13-0).

Motion: D. Dennis

Second: J. Hezlep

B. Approval of May 11, 2021 Minutes

Discussion: None

Action: Moved to approve minutes. Motion passed (13-0).

Motion: D. Dennis

Second: J. Hezlep

C. TPB Chairman's Report

Commissioner Dennis held his comments until item 6A of the agenda.

i. Director's Report

Overview

Chad Parasa gave an introductory overview of how the below-described projects list will help to clarify the statuses of TIP projects and the requirements that apply to them.

TIP 2021-2024 Overview

Gary Janzen presented a sub-allocated projects list, giving an overview of TIP projects and costs for 2021-2024, as well as explaining carryover amounts. The presented spreadsheet is a summary of the 4-

year TIP period. It is recommended by the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County as an open-access tool to be regularly reviewed by member jurisdictions, due to the ease of shuffling items around to find solutions to unexpected financial constraints. The spreadsheet is broken down by sponsor agency and type of funding. KDOT allows \$1,000,000 of WAMPO sub-allocated funds to carry over from one year to another, and the spreadsheet provides a way to keep track of unobligated projects for allocation of excess funds. Commissioner Dennis noted the importance of keeping such a tool current and correct, especially considering recent increases in building-supply costs.

2021 Audit Status

Chad Parasa gave an update on the year 2021 audit. The Audit Selection Committee had recommended a consulting firm to help with the audit. KDOT is currently reviewing the recommended firm and the contract.

Update: South Central Kansas Transportation Coalition

Andrew Wiens, Wichita Chamber of Commerce, covered the most recent South Central Kansas Transportation Coalition meeting at the end of April and discussed topics that were covered by KDOT Secretary Julie Lorenz, including the funding provided by the state legislature for broadband internet, technology modernization, and the Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program. KDOT is to be involved in a Road Usage Charge pilot project to determine how to fund highway infrastructure as gas-tax revenue continues to decline.

3. Public Comment Opportunity – No comments

4. New Business

A. 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Amendment #3

Nick Flanders presented Amendment #3, composed of 15 projects, 7 of which required formal action and the other 8 of which were administrative adjustments. Includes: a change in scope to Maize St and West St improvements; a shift in funds from local to KDOT block grants for SB I-135 and WB I-235 Flyover Option #2; a new Right of Way Acquisition for Northwest Wichita Bypass; a Starkey Vehicle Maintenance Facility connected to their Wichita headquarters; an expansion to West Kellogg/US-54; the Regional Asset Inventory project to be removed from WAMPO as the sponsor agency.

Action: Moved to approve amendment as proposed. Amendment passed (14-0).¹

Motion: D. Dennis

Second: T. Tabor

B. Update: City of Andover's Land-use & Transportation Growth and its plans to connect with the Region

Les Mangus, Andover's community development director, spoke about Andover's current land-use and transportation growth. Their goal is to be the "best place to live, work, learn, and play." The city was first incorporated in 1957 and has a current population of 13,278. Retail is a big driver for the city and their local 1% retail sales tax supports street-improvement projects. 53% of the student population in Andover comes from Sedgwick County. For leisure, Andover has a lake with handicap accessible fishing docks, the heavily-used Redbud Trail, and public and private golf courses. The city relies on the US-54/400 corridor, and it is projected that the number of vehicles passing through town on US-54 will more than triple by 2040.

¹ By the time the vote on Amendment #3 occurred at 3:39 PM, two more representatives had joined the online meeting and one had left.

C. **Update: Legislative Update**

Andrew Wiens covered recent Kansas-legislature happenings, including Governor Kelly's plans to reduce highway funds by \$67M for fiscal year 2023. House Bill 2201 made cleanup changes regarding a state-highway-fund debt cap for the Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program, and reduced the minimum project threshold of \$100M to \$10M, in order to provide greater flexibility for KDOT and contractors.

5. Committee & Partnership/Updates

A. **Executive Committee**

Commissioner Dennis noted that this meeting was the first TPB meeting with a hybrid in-person/online format. The executive committee will review the meeting format each month. The Committee has been tracking expenses, including the breakdown of WAMPO costs, including operating costs and project costs, as well as discussing TPB memberships and how to involve all of the stakeholders in transportation planning.

B. **Committees: Active Transportation**

None.

C. **KDOT, Wichita Metro**

Tom Hein announced a cost-share project between the City of Cheney's plans to build a sidewalk to link citizens to a newly constructed sports complex and Sedgwick County's reconstruction of 95th Street. New KDOT projects include WB K-96 bridge repairs and a Regional Fiber Optics Plan, for which a consultant has been selected and worksheets are expected to begin shortly.

D. **KDOT**

Mike Moriarty welcomed a new GIS manager to the KDOT planning group, James Stewart.

E. **FHWA**

None.

6. Other Business – None

7. Meeting adjourned at 4:18 PM.

Next Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 13th, 2021 at 3:00 PM.