



Meeting Minutes

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 20, 2024, @ 10:00 AM

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

Meeting Duration: *48 minutes*

| Voting Members in Attendance | | |
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| Russ Kessler, <i>TAC Chair</i> Raven Alexander, <i>Wichita Transit</i> Marcy Aycock, <i>REAP</i> Craig Crossette, <i>Regional Pathways</i> Duane Flug, <i>KDOT</i> Jolene Graham, <i>Economist</i> Paul Gunzelman, <i>Wichita</i> | Mary Hunt, <i>Urban Land Use Planning & Development Trends</i> Gary Janzen, <i>Wichita</i> Shawn Mellies, <i>Wichita</i> Lizeth Ortega, <i>Air Quality</i> Lynn Packer, <i>Sedgwick County</i> Justin Shore, <i>SCAC</i> | Allison Smith, <i>KDOT</i> Dan Squires, <i>SCAC</i> Alternates Emily Jensen, <i>CTD #9 (voting)</i> |
| Other Attendees | | |
| Craig Compton, <i>CEDBR</i> Dylan Cossaart, <i>WAMPO</i> Chaitanya Dodda, <i>WAMPO</i> Dora Gallo, <i>WAMPO</i> Jeremy Hill, <i>CEDBR</i> | Markey Jonas, <i>WAMPO</i> Peter Mohr, <i>WAMPO</i> Jayci Moriasi, <i>Wichita</i> Kim Neufeld, <i>WAMPO</i> Jonathan Norris, <i>CEDBR</i> | Chad Parasa, <i>WAMPO</i> Tia Raamot, <i>Sedgwick County</i> Kyle Thomas, <i>WAMPO</i> J.B. Wilson, <i>KDOT</i> |

1. Chair Russ Kessler called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM.

2. Regular Business

A. Approval of May 20, 2024, Agenda

Discussion: None.

Action: Approve the May 20, 2024, agenda, as proposed. (13-0)¹

Motion: Paul Gunzelman

Second: Mary Hunt

B. Approval of April 22, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Discussion: None.

Action: Approve the April 22, 2024, meeting minutes, as proposed. (13-0)

Motion: Lynn Packer

Second: Mary Hunt

¹ Three (3) voting TAC members did not arrive until after the votes to approve the May 2024 agenda and April 2024 minutes. WAMPO provides meeting minutes that are not verbatim. TAC and TPB meetings are recorded and hosted on YouTube [@WAMPO Kansas](#). To request assistance accessing meeting recordings call – (316) 779-1313 or email – wampo@wampo.org.

C. Director’s Report

i. Requests for Proposals (RFPs)

Peter Mohr, WAMPO, announced that WAMPO has issued or is preparing to issue several Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for consultants to assist with the region’s Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) architecture, Travel Demand Model (TDM) update (phase 2), Safe Routes to School (SRTS) planning assistance, and a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) implementation-grant application (in 2025). Active Requests for Proposals can be viewed at <https://www.wampo.org/wampo-is-hiring> and RFP submissions can be emailed to wampo@wampo.org.

ii. Quarterly Transit Update: Ridership Numbers

Dora Gallo, WAMPO, presented WAMPO-region public-transit ridership numbers as a quarterly transit update to the TAC. There are several government-provided transit services within the WAMPO region, including Wichita Transit, Derby Dash, Haysville Hustle, Sedgwick County Transportation, and Butler County Transit. Haysville Hustle began operations in November 2020, so ridership information prior to then is not available. Butler County Transit numbers include ridership for the entire county.

| Transit Provider | Annual Ridership | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|-----------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
| Wichita Transit | 1,181,807 | 1,373,944 | 759,330 | 768,717 | 1,011,541 | 1,269,050 |
| Derby Dash | 11,013 | 10,394 | 7,098 | 9,289 | 8,142 | 7,799 |
| Haysville Hustle | - | - | 31 | 2,192 | 3,316 | 2,993 |
| Sedgwick County Transportation | 9,789 | 11,016 | 9,692 | 10,666 | 9,352 | 9,564 |
| Butler County Transit | 18,422 | 19,307 | 17,107 | 18,681 | 16,677 | 18,710 |

iii. Regional Transit Implementation Plan: Status & Public Meetings June 5, 2024

Ms. Gallo promoted the three Regional Transit Implementation Plan public meetings that will be held on June 5, 2024. The draft alternate-service-concepts document and the public-meetings flyer are available online at www.wampo.org/regional-transit.

Chad Parasa, WAMPO, said that the June 5, 2024, public meetings will provide a great opportunity to express what people want to see in the region for transit.

iv. MTP 2050 Public Engagement Round 3: May 20-June 30, 2024

Markey Jonas, WAMPO, announced that WAMPO is conducting the third round of public engagement for MTP 2050, May 20 through June 30, 2024. A survey is available online and will be advertised through a WAMPO press release as well as social media posts, and WAMPO staff will attend community events to engage with the public and collect responses to paper surveys. Attendees were requested to help extend WAMPO’s reach by reposting on social media or mentioning the survey in upcoming communications, and to please reach out to Ms. Jonas (markey.jonas@wampo.org) with any engagement ideas or to invite WAMPO to attend an event. The MTP 2050 Round 3 Survey is available online at www.wampo.org/mtp2050.

3. Public Comments

None.

4. Action

A. FFY2025-FFY2028 TIP: Project Selection Committee (PSC) WAMPO-Suballocated Funding Recommendations

Mr. Mohr explained that from September 15, 2023, through February 2, 2024, WAMPO held a combined Call for Projects for Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050 (MTP 2050) and the FFY2025-FFY2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Submissions during that period led to a list of scored, candidate projects that were considered by the Project Selection Committee (PSC) at meetings in April-May 2024 for recommendations to the TAC and TPB on which projects to award FFY2025-FFY2028 WAMPO-suballocated funding. PSC-selected projects include several new FFY2027-FFY2028 projects, as well as funding increases for several projects that already have some WAMPO-suballocated funding in the FFY2023-2026 TIP, but are currently at less than the maximum of 80% federal funding. The TAC was asked to make a formal recommendation to the TPB on whether to approve the PSC-recommended FFY2025-FFY2028 funding awards.

Project Selection Committee (PSC) Recommended New/Increased Funding: FFY2025-FFY2028 Projects

| WAMPO I.D. | Lead Agency | Project Title | FFY(s) | Funding Program(s) | Amt. Added | New % Fed. Funding |
|--------------|---------------------------------|---|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| R-19-17* | Wichita | West St., I-235-MacArthur | 2024, 2025 | TA, CMAQ, STBG | \$80,001 | 80.00% |
| 40-510* | Wichita | 17th St N, I-135 to Hillside | 2025 | TA, STBG | \$72,413 | 80.00% |
| 40-537* | Butler County | SW Butler Rd Improvements from SW 170th St to SW 155th St | 2025, 2026 | TA, STBG | \$282,019 | 80.00% |
| 40-056* | Wichita | Wichita Intelligent Transportation System - E 21st St N | 2025, 2026 | CMAQ, STBG | \$126,723 | 80.00% |
| 40-540* | Derby | Rock Road Corridor Improvements | 2026 | TA, STBG | \$1,121,082 | 80.00% |
| 40-522* | Wichita | Redbud Path, Woodlawn to K-96 | 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028 | TA, CMAQ, CRP, STBG | \$4,867,966 | 61.04% |
| MB-25-001 | Bel Aire | Bel Aire Bike Ped Trail Phase 1 | 2027 | TA | \$778,400 | 80.00% |
| MB-25-007 | Haysville | Meridian - Saddle Brook Multiuse Trail | 2027 | TA | \$673,941 | 80.00% |
| TM-25-001 | Wichita | ITS - 21st St and Maize to Downtown | 2027, 2028 | CMAQ | \$2,832,000 | 80.00% |
| MB-25-006 | Butler County & Sedgwick County | W Rosewood/E 63rd St. S. Multi-use Path | 2028 | TA, CRP | \$2,573,600 | 80.00% |
| MB-25-005 | Butler County | SW Butler Rd Multi-use Path at SW 150th St. | 2028 | CMAQ | \$1,062,672 | 78.72% |
| BR-25-002 | Sedgwick County | B533: Bridge on Seneca between 63rd and 71st St South | 2027 | STBG | \$1,238,997 | 68.72% |
| RM-25-008 | Haysville | Meridian Street (79th St to Grand Ave) | 2027 | STBG | \$4,589,020 | 68.72% |
| RM-25-022 | Park City | 85th Street and Broadway Roundabout | 2027 | STBG | \$581,183 | 68.72% |
| 40-015 | Bel Aire | 45th Oliver to Woodlawn | 2027, 2028 | STBG | \$7,527,266 | 68.72% |
| RM-25-038 | Wichita | 127th St E, 13th to Douglas | 2028 | STBG | \$5,960,547 | 68.72% |
| Total | | | | | \$34,367,830 | |

*Project already has some WAMPO-suballocated funding (less than 80% Federal maximum)

Discussion: None.

Action: Recommend the TPB approve the PSC’s project selections for WAMPO-suballocated funding in FFY2025-FFY2028, as presented. (15-0)²

Motion: Dan Squires

Second: Lynn Packer

B. FFY2023-FFY2026 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #8

Mr. Mohr asked the TAC to take action on proposed Amendment #8 to the WAMPO FFY2023-FFY2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Amendment 8 is a regularly scheduled amendment for which the Public Comment period was held May 3 through May 17, 2024; no comments were received. TIP Amendment 8 adds eight (8) new projects and modifies seven (7)

² One (1) voting TAC member did not arrive until after the vote to recommend approval of the PSC’s FFY2025-FFY2028 WAMPO-suballocated funding recommendations.

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projects. There are also administrative adjustments to two (2) additional projects, which do not require approval.

Mr. Mohr listed the projects modified/added, discussed the changes in local, state, and federal funding, and explained the Federal requirements met by TIP Amendment 8: it is consistent with the current Metropolitan Transportation Plan, *REIMAGINED MOVE 2040*, and is fiscally constrained. The financial impact is an additional cost of \$13.7 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 July 2024.

FFY2023-FFY2026 TIP Amendment #8 Summary – <https://bit.ly/TIP-Amendment-8-Summary>

Discussion:

Paul Gunzelman asked what the source is for the change of funding for the Redbud Path project. Mr. Mohr and Mr. Parasa shared that it is primarily Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funding (\$2,832,230), as well as Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding (\$497) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding (\$36,489).

Action: Recommend the TPB approve FFY2023-FFY2028 TIP Amendment #8, as presented. (16-0)

Motion: Lynn Packer

Second: Dan Squires

5. Discussion/Updates

A. Safety Updates

Ms. Jonas reiterated how WAMPO places safety at the forefront of transportation planning and began the safety-updates presentation. One of the ongoing strategies identified in the WAMPO Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) is the completion of at least two (2) Road Safety Assessments/Audits (RSAs) each year. On April 10, 2024, members of WAMPO staff attended a bicycle- and pedestrian-focused RSA training that afforded them and partners the knowledge and resources necessary to conduct and assist jurisdictions with these assessments in the WAMPO region. Members of WAMPO staff were also able to attend the 29th Annual KDOT Transportation Safety Conference in Topeka on April 16-17, 2024, and had an opportunity to present on the CSAP and WAMPO's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant experience. Notable takeaways include the importance of framing traffic safety as public health and the use of key resources such as the [Drive to Zero Crash Data Dashboard](#) and KDOT's [Vulnerable Road User \(VRU\) Safety Assessment Tool](#).

Kim Neufeld, WAMPO, continued the presentation, sharing that ICT Safe: A Regional Transportation Coalition held its quarterly meeting on May 1, 2024. The mission of ICT Safe is to reduce transportation-related fatalities and serious injuries in the WAMPO region by implementing the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP). The next meeting will be held virtually on August 7, 2024, at 9:30 AM. For more information about ICT Safe, please visit www.wampo.org/ict-safe.

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Ms. Neufeld announced that the Behavioral Safety Office of the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) and WAMPO are jointly conducting a Call for Projects for Behavioral Safety Grants in the WAMPO region. These are reimbursement grants and construction projects are not eligible. Funding for the grants comes from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and will be administered by KDOT. The total amount available for all projects in 2024 is \$50,000. Grant applications need to address the concerns of ICT Safe, the Drive to Zero Coalition, the WAMPO Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP), and/or the Kansas Strategic Highway Safety Plan. The application deadline is June 30, 2024. The grant guidelines, scoring rubric, and application can be downloaded from www.wampo.org/safety.

Ms. Neufeld also gave an update on the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grants, saying that WAMPO is working with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to identify projects eligible for the SS4A demonstration-grant funding that WAMPO was awarded in December 2023. Although WAMPO had originally intended to submit an SS4A implementation grant application on May 16, 2024, the FHWA suggested WAMPO add a few additional strategies to its CSAP before applying for the 2025 round of SS4A funding.

B. Population Projections

Jeremy Hill, CEDBR, explained that, in collaboration with Wichita State University's Center for Economic Development and Business Research (CEDBR), WAMPO recently developed population projections to the year 2050, incorporating projections calculated by/for WAMPO's individual member jurisdictions. Though this approach provided a more inclusive representation of the assumptions employed by WAMPO member jurisdictions to reflect their individual circumstances, subsequent feedback has indicated that these projections may not accurately capture the internal growth patterns of the metropolitan area and may exceed reasonable expectations for the future regional population. To address this feedback, WAMPO staff and consultants have worked together to develop a new methodology for creating projections, the details of which were presented. The new methodology was applied to project WAMPO-region population growth and the first draft of the revised projections was presented to the TAC for feedback.

Discussion:

Chair Kessler asked if CEDBR will reach out to each jurisdiction for historical building-permit data to incorporate into the methodology. Mr. Hill said that CEDBR has reached out to the Wichita Area Builder's Association to see if they have a complete record of the needed permit data; if not, community contacts will be approached directly.

Dan Squires asked how far back CEDBR is looking for historical building-permit data and Mr. Hill said five (5) years.

Mary Hunt asked how often the model will be updated and if there is any concern that the COVID-19 pandemic could skew the building permit data. Mr. Hill explained that once the model is finalized, new data can be input as soon as it becomes available and that COVID-19 will be considered but that there is not, at this time, any reason to believe that it had disproportionate effects on building permits across jurisdictions in the WAMPO region.

Chair Kessler asked if CEDBR tracked rental numbers. Mr. Hill said that there are variations in how the communities look and that housing stock is a factor, but it does not matter if a residence is owned or rented.

Mr. Parasa noted that this presentation marks an initial step in a series of presentations with the TAC and TPB to gather feedback and refine these new forecasts. CEDBR intends to integrate historical building-permit data into this updated methodology and will then present the updated projections at future meetings for review. WAMPO staff are committed to closely collaborating with the experts at CEDBR, and any inquiries regarding projection methodology will be forwarded to and addressed by CEDBR staff. The population projection slides were emailed to TAC members following the meeting.

C. K-96 Improvements Project Update

J.B. Wilson, KDOT, shared an overview of the K-96 Improvements Project and provided details about the project including the scope and the planned designs for the interchanges. The K-96 Improvements Project aims to upgrade the K-96 corridor between I-135 & I-35, and to improve interchanges with seven streets: Hillside, Oliver, Woodlawn, Rock, Webb, Greenwich, and 21st. The improvements are needed to enhance safety, relieve traffic congestion, and increase capacity. The project team recently presented Preferred Design Alternatives and Draft Environmental Assessment findings for the corridor at an open house on April 11, 2024.

Duane Flug, KDOT, shared that the project includes expanding the highway from 4 to 6 lanes and noted that the anticipated construction start date will likely be in 2027, after the North Junction project is completed, but that it will depend on when it enters the KDOT project pipeline. More details about the project are available at <https://k96improvements.ksdot.gov/>.

6. Committee & Partnership Updates

None.

7. Other Business

None.

8. Meeting adjourned at 10:49 AM

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 24, 2024, at 10:00 AM.