

Meeting Minutes

Transportation Policy Body (TPB) Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 11, 2022, @ 3:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting, Online & 271 W. 3RD STREET, STE. 203, WICHITA, KS 67202

Meeting Duration: 109 minutes



Members in Attendance:¹

David Dennis, **TPB Chair**

Jim Benage, *Bel Aire*

Ronald Colbert, *Valley Center*

Tom Hein, *KDOT*

Jack Hezlep, *Derby*

Tom Jones, *Park City*

Russ Kessler, *Haysville*

Richard LaMunyon, *Maize*

Jennifer McCausland, *Andover*

Pete Meitzner, *Sedgwick County*

Mike Moriarty, *KDOT*

Warren Porter, *Rose Hill*

Micah Scoggan, *Goddard*

Terry Somers, *SCAC*

Kamme Sroufe, *Kechi*

Becky Tuttle, **TPB Vice Chair**

Dan Woydziak, *Butler County*

Alternatives

Allison Smith, *KDOT*

Other Attendees:

Rick Backlund, *FHWA*

Donata Ball, *WAMPO*

Jacob Borchers, *WSP*

Ashley Bryers, *WAMPO*

Cecelie Cochran, *FHWA*

Elizabeth DiPaola, *WSP*

Haley Dougherty, *KDOT*

Nick Flanders, *WAMPO*

Danielle Gabor, *Haysville*

Dora Gallo, *WAMPO*

Evan Hathaway, *Hite, Fanning & Honeyman LLP*

Alicia Hunter, *WAMPO*

Gary Janzen, *Wichita*

David LaRoche, *FHWA*

Brett Letkowski, *TranSystems*

Chase Null, *KDOT*

Austin O'Regan, *Parkonect*

Lynn Packer, *Sedgwick County*

Chad Parasa, *WAMPO*

Kelly Rundell, *Hite, Fanning & Honeyman LLP*

Paul Schiffelbein, *MAPD*

Brad Shores, *JEO*

Mike Tann, *Wichita Transit*

Emily Thon, *WAMPO*

Cailyn Trevaskiss, *WAMPO*

James Wagner, *Wichita*

Jessica Warren, *Sedgwick County*

Jim Weber, *Sedgwick County*

Kristen Zimmerman, *PEC*

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

2. Regular Business

A. Approval of October 11, 2022, Agenda

Discussion: None

Action: Approve October 11, 2022, agenda, as proposed (16-0).

Motion: Tom Jones

Second: Jack Hezlep

B. Approval of September 13, 2022, Meeting Minutes

Discussion: None

Action: Approve September 13, 2022, meeting minutes, as proposed (16-0).

Motion: Richard LaMunyon

Second: Dan Woydziak

¹ 1 member was absent during the approval of the October 11, 2022, agenda and the September 13, 2022, minutes, then present for the remainder of the meeting

C. Director's Report

i. **MTP 2050 Development Phases**

Ashley Bryers and Chad Parasa presented key milestones for the development of the 2050 MTP. The formation of a Plan Advisory Committee is underway from September to December 2022. WAMPO staff will update the TPB at every meeting on where the process is on this project.

ii. **RFP Updates**

Comprehensive Safety Action Plan

Ashley Bryers said the RFP closed on September 2nd, 2022, and the selection committee is currently reviewing the proposals. This plan will help to reduce fatalities and serious injuries. By having this plan, WAMPO will then be eligible to apply for a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant from the Federal government, applications for which are due in September 2023.

Economic Development

Ashley Bryers said the Economic Development RFP that was posted will help WAMPO create a cost/benefit analysis for transportation projects while identifying objectives of diversifying and growing the economy. The RFP was issued on September 20, 2022, and will close on November 4, 2022, at 5:00 pm (CT). **It was later adjusted to November 14, 2022.*

iii. **Bicycle/Pedestrian Count Update**

Since 2012, WAMPO has conducted annual counts of bicycles and pedestrians at various locations throughout the region. Staff is working on processing the counts that were conducted in September. Thank you again to all the volunteers who assisted with the counts.

iv. **KDOT Funding Program Opportunities**

A summary of potential KDOT funding program opportunities was attached to the agenda packet. There are two programs: Cost Share and Economic Development. Contact Michelle Needham for more information at 785.296.1939 or michelle.d.needham@ks.gov.

v. **Public Participation Plan: 9/30 – 11/14 public comment period**

The Public Participation Plan is out for public comment and available on the WAMPO website. It will be brought before the TPB in December 2022.

vi. **2023 UPWP: 9/30 – 10/30 public comment period**

The 2023 Unified Planning Work Program is out for public comment and available on the WAMPO website. The UPWP is the primary budgeting document for planning activities in the year. Priorities in 2023 include developing the 2050 MTP, administering the FFY2023-FFY2026 TIP, and much more. The UPWP will be brought before the TPB at their November 8, 2022, meeting. **After the meeting it was determined the UPWP would be entertained at the December 13, 2022, meeting.*

D. Quarterly UPWP Report

WAMPO staff submit monthly UPWP reports to KDOT. In December 2020, an audit team recommended developing a process for submitting these reports to TPB. WAMPO and KDOT staff coordinated and agreed to present quarterly UPWP reports at TPB meetings.

E. Consent Agenda

i. Employee and Operations Manual Revisions

Chair Dennis asked the committee if they had any questions regarding the Employee and Operations Manual that was presented at the last TPB meeting.

Discussion: None

Action: Approve Employee and Operations Manual revisions, as proposed (17-0).

Motion: Chair Dennis

Second: Jack Hezlep

3. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

4. Discussion/Updates

A. Action: FFY2023 – FFY2026 Tip Amendment 1

Ashley Bryers spoke about the proposed Amendment #1 to the WAMPO FFY2023–FFY2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This is a regularly scheduled amendment. It is the first scheduled amendment for this TIP, adding five new projects and modifying nine existing projects. The Public Comment period for Amendment #1 was open from September 3, 2022, through October 2, 2022. No public comments were received. The FFY2023–FFY2026 TIP took effect on October 1, 2022, and may be found at www.wampo.org/transportation-improvement-program.

Table 1 shows the lead agency, project title, and the high-level action that is being taken for each project in this amendment. The WAMPO FFY2023-FFY2026 TIP Amendment 1 Project Funding Levels attachment shows in greater detail the changes being made with this amendment.

Table 1: Summary of Proposed TIP Changes

Lead Agency	Project Title	Action
Andover	North Andover Rd. Improvements Redbud Trail to Ira Ct.	Cost increase, paid with local funds
Garden Plain	Harry and Main Street Sidewalks	New project with KDOT-allocated TA funds
Haysville	Seneca & 63rd Street Bike Ped Pathway	Increase TA funding to 80%
Wichita	Douglas, Seneca to Meridian	Increase STBG funding to 80%
KDOT	Replace Bridge #184 on K-15 in Sedgwick County	Cost increase; changes to phases and funding; title change
KDOT	Repair Bridges #143 & #317 on US-54 in Sedgwick County	Cost increase, changes to funding

Lead Agency	Project Title	Action
KDOT	I-235: Bridge #320 located 0.81 Miles East of West Street	New project
KDOT	US-54: Bridge #132 located 0.2 Miles East of Hoover Road	New project
KDOT	I-135: Bridge #036 located 0.42 Miles North of I-235	New project
KDOT	I-235, I-135, K-254 & K-96 Interchange-Gold Project-Wichita	Cost increase; changes to phases and funding
KDOT	Intelligent Transportation System Devices in Wichita-US 54 and K96 in Wichita	New project
KDOT	US-54 (E. Kellogg Ave) in Sedgwick/Butler counties	Update scope and funding
Wichita Transit	Wichita Bicycle Master Plan Update	Change scope to “plan” bike parking rather than “implement” bike parking
WAMPO	MTP 2050 Planning Assistance	Change from CMAQ to STGB funds

A public-comment period was held for this amendment, and no comments were received. The amendment is consistent with the MTP and fiscally constrained. It adds \$20.1 million in project costs. The TAC recommended approving the amendment as proposed.

Discussion: None

Action: Approve FFY2023-FFY2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #1, as proposed (17-0).

Motion: Dan Woydziak

Second: Jack Hezlep

B. K-96 Improvements Project

Jacob Borchers, WSP, presented the K-96 Improvements Project aims to upgrade the K-96 corridor between I-135 and I-35. Improvements are needed to enhance safety, relieve traffic congestion, and increase capacity to keep Kansans moving. The project is currently underway with early stages of investigative work. From 2022 to 2023 KDOT will explore potential design concepts along with environmental review to assess environmental, economic, and social impacts. KDOT will need your input on the findings from both the design and environmental review work – information on these meetings coming soon!

Starting in 2024, KDOT will finalize the design of the K-96 improvements and complete preconstruction activities, construction could begin as early as 2026.

To receive more information, go to: <https://www.k96improvements.com/>

C. Safe System Approach

David LaRoche, FHWA, shared the Safe System Approach with the board, Implementing the Safe System approach is a shared responsibility, and we all have a role. It requires shifting how we think about transportation safety and how we prioritize our transportation investments. Consider applying a Safe System lens to upcoming projects and plans in your community: put safety at the forefront and design to accommodate human mistakes and injury tolerances. Whereas traditional road safety strives to modify human behavior and prevent all crashes, the Safe System approach also refocuses transportation system design and operation on anticipating human mistakes and lessening impact forces to reduce crash severity and save lives.

Visit safety.fhwa.dot.gov/zerodeaths to learn more.

Haley Dougherty, KDOT, presented on the Safe System Approach. This has been embraced by the transportation community as an effective way to address and mitigate the risks inherent in our enormous and complex transportation system. It works by building and reinforcing multiple layers of protection to both prevent crashes from happening in the first place and minimize the harm caused to those involved when crashes do occur. It is a holistic and comprehensive approach that provides a guiding framework to make places safer for people.

This is a shift from a conventional safety approach because it focuses on both human mistakes AND human vulnerability and designs a system with many redundancies in place to protect everyone.

U.S. DOT's National Roadway Safety Strategy and the Department's ongoing safety programs are working towards a future with zero roadway fatalities and serious injuries. In support of this approach, safety programs are focused on infrastructure, human behavior, responsible oversight of the vehicle and transportation industry, and emergency response.

D. Economic Development: Haysville

Danielle Gabor shared information on economic development in Haysville. To watch her entire presentation, please visit: <https://www.wampo.org/regional-connections>

E. Economic Development: Goddard

Micah Scoggan shared an update on the City of Goddard's economic development. To watch his entire presentation, please visit: <https://www.wampo.org/regional-connections>

5. Committee & Partnership Updates

A. Executive Committee

Chair Dennis shared that the Executive Committee meeting scheduled for 11/3/2022 may have to be moved to later in the afternoon or to a different day.

B. Active Transportation Committee

No report.

C. Safety and Health Committee

No report.

D. Transit

Mike Tann presented transit updates regarding the several government-provided transit services within the WAMPO region, including Wichita Transit, Derby Dash, Haysville Hustle, Sedgwick County Transportation, and Butler County Transit. A table was included in the agenda packet.

E. Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT)

No report.

F. Wichita Metro Division, KDOT

Tom Hein spoke about the north junction project the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan t will finish up in September 2023, and the K-96 project that should begin in 2023.

G. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

Rick Backlund spoke on the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant program, for which the application window is closed. More information on discretionary grants, of which there are a lot under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, is expected in January & February 2023. Please go to [Transportation.gov](https://www.transportation.gov) to find out more about grants that are upcoming/open. Kansas is approved for a National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan. Other issues being worked on in Kansas are truck parking and tribal outreach.

6. Other Business

There was no other business.

7. Meeting adjourned at 04:52 PM

The next regular meeting will be held **ONLINE on Tuesday, November 08, 2022, at 3:00 PM.**