



Economic Development & Transportation Committee Meeting Summary

DATE AND TIME | 08/14/23, 10-11:30am

MEETING LOCATION | WSU campus, Woolsey Hall, Conference Rm 302

In-Person Attendees: Nick Flanders (WAMPO), Peter Mohr (WAMPO), Jeremy Hill (CEDBR), Craig Compton (CEDBR), Jonathan Norris (CEDBR), Katie Dawes (REAP)

Virtual Attendees: Michelle Needham (KDOT), Andrew Nave (Greater Wichita Partnership), Sasha Haehn (JEO)

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. June 12, 2023, Meeting Summary
3. 2023 WAMPO Region Population Forecast

Jeremy Hill presented information from the 2023 Population Forecast for the WAMPO region. The presentation explored topics such as the aging population, migration trends and forecasted employment trends, fertility rates, and mortality rates. Further discussion explored the impact of the population forecast on competition for labor, growth rates of communities in the region, and the demand for infrastructure development related to area industry and housing growth needs. In addition, the discussion touched on the growth in diversity within regional communities and the impact on demand for public services and infrastructure. Finally, the group discussed population growth and the impacts of labor shortages, increased labor costs, and impacts on healthcare and social services (e.g., cost increases associated with a growing, aging population).

4. Other Business
5. Next meeting: 11/13/23, 10-11:30am

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