



Meeting Summary

Transportation Policy Body (TPB) Meeting Summary

Tuesday, July 12, 2022, @ 3:00 PM

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

Meeting Duration: 60 minutes

Members in Attendance:

David Dennis, TPB Chair
Ron Colbert, Valley Center
Jack Hezlep, Derby
Tom Jones, Park City
Russ Kessler, Haysville
Mike Moriarty, KDOT
Warren Porter, Rose Hill
Terry Somers, SCAC

Troy Tabor, Andover
Becky Tuttle, TPB Vice Chair
Dan Woydziak, Butler County
Burt Ussery, TAC Chair
Jim Benage, Bel Aire
Jim Howell, Sedgwick County
Pete Meitzner, Sedgwick County

Maggie Ballard, City of Wichita
Tom Hein, KDOT
Kamme Sroufe, City of Kechi
Richard LaMunyon, Maize

Alternative:

Brent Clark, Valley Center
Anne Stephens, City of Bel Aire

Other Attendees:

Rick Backlund, FHWA
Matt Messina, KDOT
Sean Fox, Park City
Ashley Bryers, WAMPO
Cecelie Cochran, FHWA
Nick Flanders, WAMPO
Dora Gallo, WAMPO
Alicia Hunter, WAMPO

ThaiBinh Ninh, MAPD
Chad Parasa, WAMPO
Marcela Quintanilla, WAMPO
Eldon Taskinen, WAMPO
Emily Thon, WAMPO
Cailyn Trevaskiss, WAMPO
Kelly Rundell, Hite, Fanning & Honeyman LLP

Dan Squires, City of Derby
James Wagner, City of Wichita
Jim Weber, Sedgwick County Representative
Alan Kailer, Bike Walk Wichita
Tyler Voth, WSP
Brad Shores, JEO Consulting Group, Inc.

1. **Chairman David Dennis called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM.**

2. Regular Business

A. Approval of July 12, 2022, Agenda

Discussion: None

Action: Approve July 12, 2022, Agenda, as proposed (19-0).

Motion: Chairman Dennis

Second: Vice Chairwoman Tuttle

B. Approval of June 14, 2022, Meeting Minutes

Discussion: None

Action: Approve June 14, 2022, Meeting Minutes, as proposed (19-0).

Motion: Chairman Dennis

Second: Vice Chairwoman Tuttle

C. Director's Report

i. Overview

Chad Parasa gave context on the items that were on the agenda. He described the Long-Range Transportation planning as this year has a focus on economic development, using the partnerships within WAMPO and Local Leadership to collaborate on growth in the WAMPO Region.

ii. WAMPO Regional Economic Development

Chad Parasa discussed how WAMPO member communities who attended TPB meetings and presented on the economic development of their cities helped to build partnerships and made for a more collaborative effort of bringing the communities closer.

iii. Critical Urban Freight Corridors (CUFCs)

Ashley Bryers explained that WAMPO received a request from KDOT for staff to recommend Critical Urban Freight Corridors (CUFCs) for the National Highway Freight Network (NHFN). Projects on roadways designated as CUFCs that contribute to efficient freight movement become eligible for funding under the National Highway Freight Program (NHFP). WAMPO asked member jurisdictions to submit their recommendations to WAMPO. Staff will review the suggestions and provide a list of draft recommendations at the next TPB meeting.

iv. TIP/MTP Public Comment Period (June 15 – July 15)

The public comment period was held from June 15th through July 15th and two public comments for the TIP/MTP have been received to date. Ms. Bryers stated that if more public comments are received before the public comment period ends on July 15th, staff will inform TPB. One comment came from the City of Andover to change some information regarding their TIP project, and during the Open house WAMPO staff also received another comment, but mainly answered questions about what the TIP/MTP was, and what WAMPO's role in the creation of it was.

v. WAMPO Safety Plan

Ashley Bryers stated that the WAMPO staff is finishing up the scope of work for a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan Request for Proposals (RFP), the end result will be a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan that will be eligible to apply for the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Implementation Grants next year.

vi. 6-Month UPWP Activity Report

Chad Parasa stated that Auditors have recommended that WAMPO staff report to TPB quarterly the accomplishments that have been worked on. The most recent 6-month report shows what WAMPO has worked on since January 2022.

vii. Bicycle and Pedestrian Count: Still Accepting Volunteers

Dora Gallo said that volunteers are needed for the Bike & Pedestrian count in September 2022. She also stated that the resulting count data can be utilized to evaluate bike/ped facilities and for grant applications.

Please contact dora.gallo@wampo.org or 316-779-1315 if you wish to participate.

viii. **Kansas Freight Plan**

Chad Parasa recognized Mike Moriarty and John Maddox for their teamwork in initiating a statewide transportation plan. Chad Parasa stated that the freight routes have been updated and planned routes are now open for public comment. WAMPO staff will update TPB after the Needs and Opportunities Assessment have been released from Kansas Freight Advisory Committee (KFAC).

Discussion:

Burt Ussery asked what does it mean when a route is labeled a Designated Freight Corridor? Ashley Bryers responded there is specific funding available, and it allows agencies to access the specific funding for the identified corridor. Mr. Ussery asked if it restricts or affects plans for the roads. Mike Moriarty said the short answer is no.

3. **Public Comments**

One email comment was received from Jane Byrnes and read aloud on her behalf by Emily Thon. The comment is as follows, “As you consider funding travel, please embrace the NON-car transportation needs of 1/3 of residents in our area such as young teens, seniors, low-income, disabled, schoolchildren, baby strollers, bicyclists, pedestrians, scooterists, electric skateboarders, bus, and train riders. Most especially, consider that many do not necessarily prefer cars including the young talent our area needs to attract and retain, and Big City trendy folks. Additionally, note that Dangerous by Design 2022, the national report released just this morning, gives the statistic that the Wichita Metro area averaged 1.28 average pedestrian deaths per 100,000 people per year, 2016-2020. (www.smartgrowthamerica.org/dangerous-by-design, page 50)”

4. **New Business**

A. **Action: Title VI Program Manual and Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan**

Ashley Bryers, Dora Gallo, Marcela Quintanilla presented on the Title VI and Limited English Proficiency (LEP) updates. The plans promote equality and equity because of the requirements written in the Civil Rights Act rules and regulations for operating as a Metropolitan Planning Organization. The LEP will be implemented to provide language services for those who need information in any other language than English.

Key points for the new Title VI and LEP include a complaint process, 4-factor analysis, process to assist people if they need language assistance. WAMPO staff will keep track of the complaints and address them as they occur. The US Department of Transportation recommends completing a 4-Factor Analysis, which includes the number and proportion of LEP people, frequency of contact, the importance of programs, resources available, and overall costs of providing language services should be analyzed to determine the level and

extent of language assistance. The process to assist people if they need assistance with language translation is provided by notices posted in the office, website, and any meeting areas that the public can access.

For more information or complaints regarding Title IV or LEP plans, please send an email to wampo@wampo.org or phone at 316.779.1313.

It was also announced that Emily Thon, WAMPO Public Outreach Coordinator, is also now the Title VI Coordinator.

Action: Approve the Title VI Program and Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan, as proposed (19-0)

Motion: Chairman David Dennis

Second: Jack Hezlep

Discussion: No discussion

B. Update: Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) and Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSMO) Ashley Bryers, WAMPO, Alicia Hunter, WAMPO, and Tom Hein, KDOT

Ms. Bryers stated that ITS and TSMO use technology to improve transportation flow and reduce congestion. ITS and TSMP strategies help address the goals in the MTP. Tom Hein discussed how to use and modify the ITS program WICHway which contains camera feeds and road conditions for the Wichita metropolitan area. These cameras have operators and detect incidents, then are posted for the public for notice and ease of travel. The goals for WICHway are to enhance safe travel, increase the efficiency of current infrastructure, and provide drivers with a more reliable transportation system.

Alicia Hunter reported with support from KDOT, WAMPO staff have created ITS equipment maps. These maps highlight the locations of ITS equipment, such as cameras and dynamic messaging signs. WAMPO will utilize these maps to visually communicate and inform the public about ITS equipment in the WAMPO region.

Discussion: None

C. Economic Development Sean Fox, Park City, and Brent Clark, Valley Center

Sean Fox - Please click the link [HERE](#) to watch this presentation.

Discussion: None

Brent Clark – Please click the link [HERE](#) to watch this presentation.

Discussion: Chairman Dennis asked how the price of the 3D printed homes compares to traditional stick-built homes, and Mr. Clark responded saying it depends on which printer arrives first (they are waiting for two). And it is dependent on the price per square foot. They are waiting on delivery and supply chain wait times and will have a better idea of what the price will be in the future.

5. Committee & Partnership/Updates

A. Executive Committee

TPB Chairman Dennis said the Executive Committee did not meet since the last TPB meeting. The next meeting for the Executive Committee is planned for August 11 from 11:15 AM to 12 pm at 271 W. 3rd Street, Ste. 237, Wichita, Kansas 67202, and online.

B. Committees: Active Transportation (Alan Kailer & Jack Brown)

Alan Kailer informed TPB that the next Active Transportation Committee (ATC) meeting they have planned is on September 1, 2022, at 9:30 am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Safety and Health Committee had no comments to share.

C. KDOT, Wichita Metro

Tom Hein stated that the North Junction project is progressing well, and bridgework is beginning and causing road closers and to be aware of those closures during your drive. You can reach out to Tom Hein at tom.hein@ks.gov if you wish to have direct information sent to your email.

D. KDOT (Kansas Department of Transportation)

Mike Moriarty reminded everyone to please don't forget to attend the Kansas Infrastructure Summit on July 13th and 14th, 2022, at Wichita State Metroplex. At the next TPB meeting, he plans to go over the new hires from KDOT to make everyone aware of who they are.

E. FHWA (Federal Highway Administration)

Rick Backlund mentioned there is a new app/program called [DOT-Navigator](#) that helps people find grant opportunities under BIL. Last week there was released a new grant called Reconnecting Communities, there is virtual training on how to apply this week and the grant will be open until October. Also, the Kansas LTAP center is offering training on the Federal-aid process, and 80 entities are already using this to help them learn how to apply. FHWA is also advertising for a new position in their office in the next few months, discretionary Grant Specialist in the next few months.

6. Other Business

No other business was discussed at this time.

7. Executive Committee Session

Chairman Dennis determined that the meeting was not needed.

8. Meeting adjourned at 4:11 PM

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at 3:00 PM.