



Meeting Minutes

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 28, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

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

Meeting Duration: 50 minutes

Voting Members in Attendance		
Will Black, SCAC Jack Brown, <i>Public Health</i> Steve Degenhardt, <i>Wichita</i> Joe Dessenberger, <i>Railroad Freight</i> Duane Flug, <i>KDOT</i>	Moumita Kundu, <i>Urban Land Use Planning & Development Trends</i> Les Mangus, <i>Butler/Sumner Counties</i> Shawn Mellies, <i>Wichita</i> Lynn Packer, <i>Sedgwick County</i>	Allison Smith, <i>KDOT</i> Gillian Zibell, <i>CTD #9</i> Alternates Alex Lane, <i>SCAC (voting)</i>
Other Attendees		
Javier Ahumada, <i>FHWA</i> Raven Alexander, <i>Wichita Transit</i> Chris Brown, <i>SRF</i> Gerri Doyle, <i>FTA</i> Anna Faith, <i>ReVolt Battery Technology</i>	Nick Flanders, <i>WAMPO</i> Deepu Jadala, <i>WAMPO</i> Brett Letkowski, <i>GFT</i> Mohamed Moawad, <i>MAPD</i> Peter Mohr, <i>WAMPO</i> Kim Negrete, <i>WAMPO</i>	Katie Newman, <i>WAMPO</i> Chad Parasa, <i>WAMPO</i> Cory Scott, <i>RDG</i> Marty Shukert, <i>RDG</i> Chris Sweeney, <i>WAMPO</i> Laura VanBurkleo, <i>WAMPO</i>

1. TAC Secretary Chad Parasa called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM.

2. Regular Business

A. Approval of September 28, 2026, Agenda

Discussion: None.

Action: Approve the September 28, 2026, agenda, as presented. (11-0)¹

Motion: Joe Dessenberger

Second: Moumita Kundu

B. Approval of August 24, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Discussion: None.

Action: Approve the August 24, 2026, meeting minutes, as presented. (11-0)

Motion: Moumita Kundu

Second: Alex Lane

¹ One (1) voting TAC member did not arrive until after the votes to approve the September 2026 agenda and August 2026 minutes. WAMPO provides meeting minutes that are not verbatim. TAC and TPB meetings are recorded and hosted on YouTube [@WAMPO Kansas](https://www.youtube.com/@WAMPO_Kansas). To request assistance accessing meeting recordings call – (316) 779-1313 or email – wampo@wampo.org.

C. Director's Report

i. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Bylaws

Chad Parasa, WAMPO, informed the TAC that, following discussions at recent Executive Committee meetings, WAMPO's legal counsel has drafted proposed revisions to the TAC bylaws, which the Transportation Policy Body (TPB) will be asked to vote on approving.

The proposed revisions include adding one voting TAC representative from each City of the First Class in the WAMPO region, other than the City of Wichita. They also include changing the nomination process for TAC members, such that the TPB must approve them all annually, rather than being approved by the TPB once, meaning that someone may serve on the TAC indefinitely. Each represented agency or organization would continue to select its own representative, subject to TPB approval, and that selection would remain in effect through subsequent annual TPB approval votes unless the agency/organization changes or withdraws its selection. The proposed revised TAC bylaws also clarify the circumstances under which TAC membership terminates, including TPB non-approval and removal for non-attendance.

ii. Title VI Annual Report

Katie Newman, WAMPO, reported that the WAMPO 2026 Title VI Annual Report was submitted to KDOT on August 25, 2026, and demonstrates WAMPO's efforts to create and maintain a transparent and accessible planning process by integrating Title VI principles into the transportation planning process. To date, no Title VI complaints have ever been received by WAMPO.

iii. 2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Public Comment Period 09/11/2026-10/11/2026 and 2026 UPWP Amendment 1 Public Comment Period 09/30/2026-10/14/2026

Ms. Newman reported that the draft 2027 UPWP is available for public comment through October 11, 2026, and a draft amendment to the 2026 UPWP will be available for public comment from September 30, 2026, through October 14, 2026. The draft amendment to the 2026 UPWP, aside from a few minor text edits, is to better align task-specific programmed funding amounts with actual expenditures to date and expenditures anticipated during the remainder of 2026. The draft 2027 UPWP and the proposed amendment to the 2026 UPWP are anticipated to be presented to the TAC for a recommendation on October 26, 2026, and to the TPB for approval on November 10, 2026.

iv. Annual Bicycle and Pedestrian Count: Thank You to Volunteers

Laura VanBurkleo, WAMPO, thanked the volunteers who helped carry out the now-concluded 2026 bicycle and pedestrian count. A report on the collected data is anticipated to be available in November 2026.

v. Regional Transit Coordination Committee: Next Meeting October 8, 2026, at 10:30 AM

Ms. VanBurkleo reported that the next Regional Transit Coordination Committee meeting will be on October 8, 2026, at 10:30 AM, at Goddard City Hall, 118 N Main Street, Goddard, KS 67052, and online.

vi. Household Travel Survey Now Open

Nick Flanders, WAMPO, reported that the WAMPO Household Travel Survey is now open and is anticipated to remain open through March or April 2027. The goal is to collect complete survey responses from 2,000 households; so far, complete survey responses have been collected from 226 households. TAC members are asked to help spread the word about the survey and reinforce the message to members of their respective communities that it is a legitimate survey whose results will be of great use for transportation modeling and planning in the region.

3. Public Comment Opportunity

No comments.

4. Action

A. FFY2027-FFY2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #1

Mr. Flanders asked the TAC to make a recommendation to the TPB on proposed Amendment #1 to the WAMPO FFY2027-FFY2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Amendment #1 is a regularly scheduled TIP amendment and would maintain the fiscal constraint of the FFY2027-FFY2030 TIP. The public comment period for Amendment #1 opened on September 4, 2026, and ran through September 18, 2026. No public comments were received. TIP Amendment #1 adds five (5) new projects and modifies three (3) projects. There are administrative adjustments to eight (8) additional projects, which do not require approval.

Mr. Flanders listed the projects modified/added, discussed the changes in local, state, and federal funding, and explained the federal requirements met by FFY2027-FFY2030 TIP Amendment #1: it is consistent with the current Metropolitan Transportation Plan, MTP 2050, and is fiscally constrained. The financial impact is an additional cost of \$5.1 million. Following approval by the TPB, the amendment will be sent to KDOT to be included in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for review and consideration by the FHWA and the FTA. Federal approval is anticipated in November 2026.

FFY2027-FFY2030 TIP Amendment #1 Summary – <https://bit.ly/2027-2030-TIP-A1-Summary>

Discussion: None.

Action: Recommend the TPB approve FFY2027-FFY2030 TIP Amendment #1, as presented. (12-0)

Motion: Joe Dessenberger

Second: Alex Lane

5. Discussion/Updates

A. Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Update

Kim Negrete, WAMPO, and Chris Brown, SRF, gave an update on the SRTS planning initiative. WAMPO is working with SRF Consulting Group to assist local governments and K-12 schools (public and private) with the development of at least sixty (60) school-specific SRTS plans in the region; so far, sixty (60) schools have confirmed their participation. School-specific SRTS plans have been drafted and are being reviewed by school administrators and staff, local government partners, and WAMPO staff during online meetings scheduled in August and September 2026. Other outstanding deliverables, including an SRTS Planning Toolkit, are being drafted by the consultant team for WAMPO staff review. WAMPO and its member jurisdictions are in discussions regarding the provision of local matching funds for the federal funding supporting the SRTS planning initiative. WAMPO staff plan to ask the TPB to vote on whether to endorse the school- and local-government-reviewed draft SRTS plans at the last TPB meeting of 2026.

September 2026 SRTS Update Slides – <https://bit.ly/Sept-2026-TAC-SRTS-Update-Slides>

WAMPO Safe Routes to School webpage – www.wampo.org/srts

B. Regional Active Transportation Plan Update

Ms. Negrete and Marty Shukert, RDG, gave an update on the development of a regional active transportation plan, branded as the Strengthening Transportation Alternatives for the Region (STAR) Plan. The STAR Plan will assess existing conditions, identify gaps in the nonmotorized-travel network, and recommend strategies for improving active transportation options, including bicycling, walking, and other forms of nonmotorized transportation within the region. The plan will guide future policies and infrastructure investments and support efforts to create a more connected, safe, inviting, and accessible active transportation network for all travelers in the region. There will be open-house events for the STAR Plan during the week of September 28, 2026, including in-person events in Bel Aire, Goddard, Maize, Wichita, and Derby, and an online event.

September 2026 STAR Plan Presentation Slides – <https://bit.ly/Sept-2026-STAR-Plan-TAC-Slides>

WAMPO STAR Plan webpage – www.wampo.org/star-plan

6. Other Business

None.

7. Meeting adjourned at 10:53 AM

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 26, 2026, at 10:00 AM.