



Meeting Summary
Transportation Policy Body (TPB) Meeting Summary
Tuesday, May 11th @ 3:00 PM
Online Meeting

Meeting Duration: 51 minutes

Members in Attendance:

David Dennis, Chair, Sedgwick Co.
Jack Hezlep, Derby
Bruce Armstrong, Haysville
Mike Moriarty, KDOT
Brent Terstriep, KDOT
Brent Clark, Valley Center
Anne Stephens, Bel Aire
Tom Hein, KDOT

Becky Tuttle, Vice Chair, Wichita
Ronald Colbert, Valley Center
Bryan Frye, Wichita
Cindy Claycomb, Wichita
Jim Howell, Sedgwick Co.
Donna Clasen, Maize
Pete Meitzner, Sedgwick County
Jim Benage, Bel Aire

Warren Porter, Rose Hill
Terry Somers, SCAC
Jared Cerullo, Wichita
Dan Woydziak, Butler Co.
John Speer, Kechi
Sarah Lopez, Sedgwick County
Jennifer McCausland, Andover

Other Attendees:

Chad Parasa, WAMPO Director
Michelle Styles, WAMPO Staff
Patty Sykes, WAMPO Staff
Nick Flanders, WAMPO Staff
Marcela Quintanilla, WAMPO Staff
Gary Janzen, Wichita
Rene Hart, KDOT

Kelly Rundell, Hite, Fanning &
Honeyman LLP
Raven Alexander, Wichita Transit
Matt Messina, KDOT
Brett Letkowski, TranSystems
Kristen Zimmerman, PEC
James Weber, Sedgwick Co.

Barbara Maley, FHWA
Mike Lowry, AGH
Matt McDonald, KDOT
Lynn Packer, Sedgwick Co. PW
James Wagner, Wichita
Brent Chesnut
Ty Lasher, Bel Aire

1. Mr. Dennis called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

2. Welcome

Chairman Commissioner David Dennis introduced and welcomed Commissioner Sarah Lopez to the TPB Board. Mrs. Lopez replaced previous TPB board member, Kelly Arnold, and will serve as a Sedgwick County representative.

3. Regular Business

A. Approval of May 11, 2021 Agenda

Discussion: None

Action: Moved to approve agenda as presented. Motion passed (23-0).

Motion: D. Dennis

Second: B. Tuttle

B. Approval of April 13, 2021 Minutes

Discussion: None

Action: Moved to approve minutes with corrections. Motion passed (23-0).

Motion: D. Dennis

Second: B. Tuttle

C. TPB Chairman's Report

i. Director's Report

Overview

Chad Parasa gave an overview of the schedule of presentations on Regional Growth patterns. Per the advice of Commissioner Dennis, WAMPO staff has requested various entities to present their growth patterns and their connectivity plans to connect with other jurisdictions within the WAMPO region. Mr.

Parasa also shared that WAMPO is in the early planning stages of planning for an event that will award and recognize the jurisdiction that gives their best efforts to connect with the WAMPO region. This event will most likely be at the end of 2021 or early 2022.

2021 Audit Planning

Chad Parasa updated the board on plans to have the 2021 financial audit completed by March or April of 2022. Mr. Parasa noted that WAMPO is currently reviewing two RFP proposals and is forming a selection committee that will help choose one of the firms that will help with the year 2021 audit.

4. Public Comment Opportunity – None

5. New Business

A. Update: City of Bel Aire's Land-use & Transportation Growth and its plans to connect with the Region

Ty Lasher, Bel Aire's City Manager, spoke to the board about Bel Aire's current land-use and transportation growth. Bel Aire is relatively a new city to the WAMPO region and was founded only 41 years ago. Bel Aire currently has 8300 residents and is recognized as one of the fastest growing cities in Sedgwick County, averaging 100 new homes per year. Along with the residential growth that Bel Aire has been having, industrial growth has been ramping up as well. Bel Aire created a growth plan in 2018 to identify what new areas of growth (East to North) will look like, approx. 880 acres have been dedicated to industrial land use. 63 acres will be used for open space and 400 acres is dedicated for mix use. Within the next coming years, Bel Aire plans to continue partnering with WAMPO and Sedgwick County to grow their transportation connections and their walkable development.

B. Update: 2020 Audit

AGH Representative, Mike Lowry, discussed the WAMPO 2020 Final Audit Report findings. Mr. Lowry noted that in years past WAMPO had struggled with having proper internal controls related to financial reporting. As previously reported to the board, WAMPO previously had 6 control deficiencies and in the 2020 financial audit, there are now only 2 reported with reduced level of severity.

WAMPO did have 1 significant accounting estimate for compensation absences. AGH agreed with that estimate and did not need to make any adjustments. AGH found 2 trial audit adjustments related to the TIP fees and 457 Plan. This adjustment improved the net position of WAMPO by \$112,000.00. AGH gave an unmodified opinion on financial statements.

AGH found 1 finding in the single audit related to reporting. Mr. Lowry noted that by the time WAMPO had their 2020 Audit in process, management had created a corrective action plan to help with future business. An Executive Committee was also formed that meets with WAMPO staff monthly. An unmodified opinion was also given by AGH for the single audit report.

A. Committee Reports/Updates

A. Executive Committee, David Dennis

Chairman Commissioner David Dennis noted that the Executive Committee is continuing to ask for guidance from State and Federal agencies on whether a “Citizen at Large” can become a member of the TPB. More information will be provided to the board soon. Mr. Dennis noted that WAMPO will continue to evaluate and discuss moving the TPB board meetings to a hybrid or in person meeting model. If any changes are made to the TPB meeting model in the future, all individuals will be notified. Commissioner Dennis also announced that the Executive Committee is continuing to analyze WAMPO’s budget and is looking into the possibility of hiring 1 more employee.

B. Kansas Department of Transportation update, Tom Hein and Mike Moriarty

Mr. Hein updated the board on the upcoming projects that have been started or will start soon. There are currently 10 Metro Highway projects going on. The accelerated part of the Gold Project has now started, the first phase will address the problems on the North Junction. For more information you may visit www.135gold.com for a weekly update, or please contact Tom Hein.

Mr. Moriarty reminded the board that the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Draft, which provides a 25-year statewide version for the future of transportation in Kansas. This transportation draft plan is open for comment until May 18th. To check out the plan and comment please go to: <https://kdotapp.ksdot.org/LRTP/>

C. Federal Highway Administration update, Matthew McDonald

Mr. McDonald quickly gave a personal update. A new Community Planner has been hired and will be starting on May 24th.

B. Other Business – None

C. Meeting adjourned at 3:51 PM.

Next Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 8th, 2021 at 3:00 PM.