



## Meeting Minutes

### Transportation Policy Body (TPB) Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, @ 3:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting: *Online & 271 W. 3RD St, STE. 203, Wichita, KS 67202*

Meeting Duration: *101 minutes*

Voting Members in Attendance		
Becky Tuttle, <i>TPB Chair</i> Jim Benage, <i>Bel Aire</i> Ronald Colbert, <i>Valley Center</i> David Dennis, <i>Sedgwick County</i> Bryan Frye, <i>Wichita</i> Jack Hezlep, <i>Derby</i> Michael Hoheisel, <i>Wichita</i>	Jim Howell, <i>Sedgwick County</i> Tom Jones, <i>Park City</i> Russ Kessler, <i>Haysville</i> Sarah Lopez, <i>Sedgwick County</i> Pete Meitzner, <i>Sedgwick County</i> Mike Moriarty, <i>KDOT</i> Terry Somers, <i>SCAC</i>	Nick Squires, <i>KDOT</i> Troy Tabor, <i>Andover</i> Dan Woydziak, <i>Butler County</i> <b>Alternates:</b> Richard LaMunyon, <i>Maize</i> Warren Porter, <i>Rose Hill</i>
Other Attendees		
Rick Backlund, <i>FHWA</i> Jake Borchers, <i>WSP</i> Chris Bortz, <i>KDOT</i> Ashley Bryers, <i>WAMPO</i> Cecelie Cochran, <i>FHWA</i> Liz DiPaola, <i>WSP</i> Nick Flanders, <i>WAMPO</i> Dora Gallo, <i>WAMPO</i> Paul Gunzelman, <i>Wichita</i> Evan Hathaway, <i>Hite, Fanning &amp; Honeyman LLP</i>	Tom Hein, <i>KDOT</i> Kim Houston, <i>WAMPO</i> Alicia Hunter, <i>WAMPO</i> Gary Janzen, <i>Wichita</i> Alan Kailer, <i>Bike Walk Wichita</i> Brett Letkowski, <i>TranSystems</i> Kristen McDaniel, <i>Haysville</i> Lynn Packer, <i>Sedgwick County</i> Chad Parasa, <i>WAMPO</i> Marcela Quintanilla, <i>WAMPO</i>	Tia Raamot, <i>Wichita</i> Kelly Rundell, <i>Hite, Fanning &amp; Honeyman LLP</i> Paul Schiffelbein, <i>MAPD</i> Allison Smith, <i>KDOT</i> Patty Sykes, <i>WAMPO</i> Emily Thon, <i>WAMPO</i> Tyler Voth, <i>WSP</i> James Wagner, <i>Wichita</i>

#### 1. Chair Becky Tuttle called the meeting to order at 03:00 PM.

#### 2. Regular Business

##### A. Approval of March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Agenda

**Discussion:** None

**Action:** Approve February 14, 2023, agenda, as proposed (18-0).<sup>1</sup>

**Motion:** Chair Tuttle

**Second:** Vice Chair Tabor

## **B. Approval of February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Meeting Minutes**

**Discussion:** None

**Action:** Approve March 14, 2023, meeting minutes, as proposed (18-0).

**Motion:** Chair Tuttle

**Second:** Vice Chair Tabor

## **C. Director's Report**

### **i. Carbon Reduction Program**

Chad Parasa mentioned that the Carbon Reduction Program Call for Projects opened on March 1, 2023, and runs through May 1, 2023.

### **ii. KDOT Cost share Application period – 2/20/2023 – 3/23/2023**

[www.ksdot.gov/CostShare/CostShareProgram.asp](http://www.ksdot.gov/CostShare/CostShareProgram.asp)

Chad Parasa mentioned that WAMPO staff are happy to help local jurisdictions with the grant applications.

### **iii. FFY2023 TIP Projects Status Update**

Chad Parasa referred members to a table with current status updates for projects scheduled to obligate WAMPO-suballocated federal funds in FFY2023 or that obligated such funds in a prior FFY but are not yet complete.

### **iv. TIP Amendment #3: Public Comment Opened on 3/11/2023**

There are three new projects, three existing projects requiring formal amendments, and eight administrative adjustments that do not need TPB approval. Fiscal constraint and consistency with the MTP are maintained.

### **v. WAMPO Regional Innovation**

Chad Parasa said the new theme for this year's member jurisdiction presentations to TPB is regional innovation. Previous themes include regional connections and economic development.

### **vi. Kansas state APEX (Attracting Powerful Economic Expansion) incentives. Year 2022 “Panasonic battery plant in De Soto”.**

**Year 2023 “Integra Technologies - a new semiconductor factory in Wichita area”.**

Chad Parasa spoke about APEX. He said the jurisdictions Wichita, Bel Aire, and Sedgwick County have come together to bring in a new semiconductor factory to the region. Jim

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<sup>1</sup> One (1) member arrived after the approval of the March 14, 2023, agenda and February 14, 2023, minutes.

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Benage, City of Bel Aire Mayor, mentioned that a regional meeting will happen soon to get ready for the company's arrival.

#### **D. Consent Agenda**

**Discussion:** None

**Action:** Approve all Consent Agenda Items in total (19-0).

**Motion:** Chair Tuttle

**Second:** Vice Chair Tabor

##### **i. MTP 2050 Planning Assistance Contract**

WAMPO will enter a contract with PEC with sub-consultants HDR/Venice Communications/WSU PPMC to provide MTP 2050 Planning Assistance from March 14, 2023, through August 31, 2025, for a not-to-exceed of \$200,000.

#### **3. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

#### **4. Action**

##### **A. Federal Performance Measure 1, 2, 3 Targets**

Ashley Bryers and Alicia Hunter presented that the FHWA and FTA jointly issued a Planning Rule that establishes various performance measures to assess roadway safety (PM1), pavement and bridge condition (PM2), system performance and freight movement (PM3), transit asset management (TAM), and transit safety. State DOTs and MPOs are required to set targets for the various federal performance measures. WAMPO has a deadline to set PM targets 180 days after receiving targets from KDOT, which were received on January 6, 2023, and January 17, 2023. WAMPO's deadline to adopt PM1, PM2, and PM3 performance targets are July 5, 2023, and July 16, 2023. In coordination with KDOT, WAMPO has chosen to support and accept KDOT's 2023 PM1 targets and 2024 and 2026 PM2 and PM3 targets for the WAMPO region.

**Discussion:** None

**Action:** Approve Federal Performance Measure as presented (19-0).

**Motion:** Dan Woydziak

**Second:** Russ Kessler

##### **B. 2023 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment 1**

Ashley Bryers presented on the 2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment 1. The UPWP 2023 was approved in December 2022 and requires adjustments from time to time. UPWP Amendment 1 includes developing the Greater Wichita Bike Map, WAMPO hosting KAMPO, adjustments to the budget for hiring 2 full-time employees, hiring a video consultant, and adding a line item for computers. In addition, amendment 1 will show anticipated expenditures to reflect budget changes. The public comment period was held from February 15-March 2, 2023, in which no comments were received.

**Discussion:** Bryan Frye asked if there is money in the budget for an application rather than just printing the Bike Map. Active bike users would appreciate a digital map rather than a printed map. Ms. Bryers said we will make the map a digital interactive map. Chad Parasa said we can look into creating an actual app.

**Action:** Approve 2023 UPWP Amendment 1 as presented (19-0).

**Motion:** Dan Woydziak

**Second:** Russ Kessler

## 5. Discussion/Updates

### A. Appointments: Executive Committee and Project Selection Committee

Chair Becky Tuttle presented the members of the 2023 WAMPO Executive Committee and Project Selection Committee.

**Discussion:** Bryan Frye asked if ex officio Commissioner David Dennis and Pete Meitzner would violate the bylaws by both being on the Executive Committee. Kelly Rundell explained that this situation will not violate the bylaws due to ex officio Commissioner David Dennis not having a voting right.

### B. Safe Systems Approach: Safe Road Users

Chris Bortz, Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), discussed behavior safety and KDOT's new procedures for implementing the components of the Safe System Approach. KDOT sends campaigns throughout the state and also partners with local groups such as the Miss Kansas Campaign to share the dangers of driving under the influence.

**Discussion:** Rick Backlund addresses the work KDOT has been doing with safety, engagement, and meaningful progress. The design of infrastructure is changing the safety of people and it is changing to accommodate people's lives. Commissioner Dennis appreciated the presentation and brought up the fact that it is harder to tell if a driver is impaired with any other substance other than alcohol since it can't be tested for on the roadside.

### C. Comprehensive Safety Action Plan – Data Analysis and Transportation Safety Technical Advisors Meeting #1 Highlights

Chad Parasa mentioned how Burgess & Niple have done a great job so far on the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) crash data analysis. The study team is conducting a review of crashes in the WAMPO area. The first TSTA meeting consisted of identifying the best safe system approaches in other areas and how those approaches can be applied in our region.

**Discussion:** Rick Backlund asked if there will be public outreach in collaboration with the Safety Plan and when the draft is expected to be ready. Ashley Bryers explained that one public survey was already issued and closed on March 8, 2023. The consultant is currently reviewing and analyzing the survey results. The CSAP is expected to be completed in August/September 2023. Troy Tabor would like to see if there are any successful or unsuccessful safety ideas that can be shared with the group in the future as part of the innovations theme for the year.

#### **D. EV Planning Process**

Dora Gallo announced that WAMPO is in the process of developing an Electric Vehicle Plan, in support of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) 2050 and the Charge Up Kansas NEVI Plan. Staff are assembling a steering committee and would like individuals with expertise and interest in electric vehicles (EV) to serve as committee members; if interested, please contact her at [dora.gallo@wampo.org](mailto:dora.gallo@wampo.org).

#### **E. 2022 Regional Connections Report**

Alicia Hunter presented that in 2021, WAMPO invited eleven (11) WAMPO region cities to present at Transportation Planning Body (TPB) meetings about their regional connections. Regional connectivity relies on an efficient and accessible transportation network and understanding that networks allow WAMPO's partnering agencies to plan for transportation projections that improve a municipality's local quality of life and regional connection. This report relays how communities in the WAMPO region rely on each other, share their lives, and benefit from their commonalities and proximities.

#### **F. K-96 Improvement**

Jake Borchers gave an update on the K-96 Improvements, where they're at, and where they're headed. The project started about one year ago and is currently going through the environmental review process and preliminary design phase.

**Discussion:** Rick Backlund asked how minorities and historically underserved communities were engaged and if there was any public outreach done for the project thus far. Mr. Borchers stated that all materials were translated into Spanish and Arabic and distributed to the appropriate districts.

### **6. Committee & Partnership Updates**

#### **A. Executive Committee**

Chair Becky Tuttle announced a new meeting time for the May 4, 2023, EC meeting: it will be held at 2:00 PM and is open to the public.

#### **B. Haysville Hustle**

Kristen McDaniel gave updates on the Haysville Hustle's transit ridership, marketing techniques, and public involvement.

#### **C. Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT)**

Mike Moriarty reported that there are a couple of corridor studies (including K-254 and K-15) that are about to kick off. KDOT is currently in the consulting, negotiation, and scoping process with these studies. Mr. Moriarty also mentioned that KDOT is continuing its plan for local consultation this September and October where they will be visiting each of the KDOT districts.

#### **D. Wichita Metro Division, KDOT**

Tom Hein reported that KDOT is close to opening the 2-lane flyover for northbound I-135 to southbound I-235.

#### **E. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)**

Rick Backlund reported that a new FHWA Administrator, Shailen Bhatt, was sworn in on January 5, 2023. Mr. Backlund also mentioned that there were 12 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grants issued in Kansas. Cecelie Cochran mentioned that WAMPO's Federal Certification Review is set for May 10 through May 12, 2023, and that there will be opportunities for TPB members to speak with FHWA during the review process. Ms. Cochran also mentioned that there will be a public comment period available for members of the public.

#### **7. Other Business**

No other business.

#### **8. Meeting adjourned at 4:41 PM**

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 3:00 PM.