Meeting Minutes

Transportation Policy Body (TPB) Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 10, 2026, @ 3:00 PM
Hybrid Meeting: *Online & 271 W 3rd St., Room 203, Wichita, KS 67202*
Meeting Duration: *76 minutes*

Voting Members in Attendance		
Russ Kessler, *Chair* Jim Benage, *Bel Aire* Nick Engle, *Derby* Dalton Glasscock, *Wichita* J.V. Johnston, *Wichita* George Liebe, *Goddard* Mike Moriarty, *KDOT*	Ronnie Price, *Andover* Joseph Shepard, *Wichita* Terry Somers, *SCAC* Nick Squires, *KDOT* Pat Stivers, *Maize* Jet Truman, *Valley Center* Becky Tuttle, *Wichita*	**Alternates** Mark Detter, *Rose Hill (voting)* Nick Gregory, *Maize (non-voting)* J.B. Wilson, *KDOT (non-voting)*
Other Attendees		
Ryan Coady, *AMPO* Katie Economou, *AMPO* Nick Flanders, *WAMPO* Paul Gunzelman, *Wichita* Evan Hathaway, *Hite, Fanning & Honeyman L.L.P.* Alan Kailer, *Bike Walk Wichita*	Travis Kessler Mohamed Moawad, *MAPD* Peter Mohr, *WAMPO* Jon Moore, *Wilson & Company* Kim Negrete, *WAMPO* Katie Newman, *WAMPO* Chad Parasa, *WAMPO*	Daniel Schrant, *Sedgwick County* Allison Smith, *KDOT* Chris Sweeney, *WAMPO* Bill Troe, *SRF* Laura VanBurkleo, *WAMPO*

1. Chair Russ Kessler called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM.

2. Regular Business

A. Approval of the November 10, 2026, Agenda

Discussion: None.
Action: Approve the November 10, 2026, agenda, as presented. (13-0)[1]
Motion: J.V. Johnston
Second: Pat Stivers

B. Approval of the October 13, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Discussion: None.
Action: Approve the October 13, 2026, meeting minutes, as presented. (13-0)
Motion: Becky Tuttle
Second: J.V. Johnston

[1] Two (2) voting TPB members did not arrive until after the votes to approve the November 2026 agenda and the October 2026 minutes.

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C. Director's Report

i. Bimonthly TIP Project Statuses

Nick Flanders, WAMPO, explained that the WAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) includes a Reasonable Progress Policy, under which projects programmed to receive WAMPO suballocated federal funding that are scheduled to start in the current Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) or that have started but not finished (including projects that started in prior FFYs) are to have progress reports every two months. The TIP Project Statuses report for November 2026 was shared.

November 2026 TIP Project Statuses – https://bit.ly/November2026-TIP-Project-Statuses

ii. Household Travel Plan (HTS) Sampling Plan

Mr. Flanders presented an update on the Household Travel Survey (HTS) and provided an overview of the HTS sampling plan that was developed to ensure the results of the HTS will be statistically significant and useful for travel demand modeling. The survey opened on September 14, 2026, and will run through March-April 2027, with a goal of collecting responses from 2,000 households; complete survey responses have been received from 654 households so far. Integration of the results into the Travel Demand Model (TDM) will be conducted in Summer 2027, with final reporting in early 2028. The HTS will provide a snapshot of regional travel patterns that will be used to keep the regional TDM up to date and to support broader regional transportation planning.

The sampling plan proportionally applies a crosstabulation of WAMPO-region households by size, number of workers, and income to the target number of households that will complete the survey to arrive at target numbers of completed household surveys for specific categories of households.

Household Travel Survey website – www.WichitaAreaTravelSurvey.com

iii. Draft 2027 WAMPO Meeting Schedule

Chad Parasa, WAMPO, presented a draft 2027 WAMPO meeting schedule for review. Before the end of each calendar year, WAMPO develops and distributes board and committee meeting schedules for the upcoming year. In 2027, WAMPO board and committee meeting schedules are proposed to continue following established patterns (e.g., TAC meets on the fourth Monday of the month, except for December; TPB meets on the second Tuesday of the month). In the draft 2027 meeting schedule, a January TPB meeting is not planned at this time. TPB approval is required for the TPB and TAC meeting schedules, which will be sought at the December 8, 2026, TPB meeting.

iv. Strengthening Transportation Alternatives for the Region (STAR) Plan

Kim Negrete, WAMPO, presented an update on the STAR Plan. WAMPO staff and consultants from RDG Planning & Design are developing a regional active transportation plan, branded as the Strengthening Transportation Alternatives for the Region (STAR) Plan. The purpose of the plan is to 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. Draft active-transportation network plans will soon be distributed to member jurisdiction staff for review. The current focus of the

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public-engagement aspect of the project is promoting an online survey and interactive map for submitting comments, available at www.wampo.org/star-plan.

3. Public Comment Opportunity

No comments.

4. Action

A. 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment 1

Mr. Parasa asked the TPB to take action on proposed Amendment 1 to the 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The UPWP outlines WAMPO's transportation planning activities and tasks to be undertaken throughout the year. Proposed 2026 UPWP Amendment 1 would adjust allocations between staff tasks, decrease the budgeted amount for operating expenses, and decrease funding programmed in 2026 for multiyear consultant-supported projects to better align with anticipated work schedules. The public comment period for proposed 2026 UPWP Amendment 1 was September 30, 2026, through October 14, 2026. One (1) public comment was received and presented to the TPB for consideration.

Proposed 2026 UPWP Amendment 1 – https://bit.ly/Draft-2026-UPWP-A1

Discussion: None.
Action: Approve 2026 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment 1, as presented. (15-0)
Motion: J.V. Johnston
Second: Becky Tuttle

B. 2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Mr. Parasa asked the TPB to take action on the proposed 2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). A new UPWP is produced each year in consultation with planning partners and describes what planning activities WAMPO staff and consultants will undertake and how federal planning funds allocated to WAMPO will be used during the year (January 1- December 31). A UPWP serves several purposes, including defining the planning scope, budgeting and funding, scheduling, coordination, public involvement, and compliance.

Mr. Parasa provided an overview of anticipated 2027 UPWP planning priorities and activities, noting that the draft 2027 UPWP continues projects already outlined in the 2026 UPWP. The draft 2027 UPWP was available for public comment from September 11, 2026, through October 11, 2026. Two (2) public comments were received and presented to the TPB for consideration.

Draft 2027 Unified Planning Work Program – https://bit.ly/Draft-2027-UPWP

Discussion:

Allison Smith, KDOT, asked about public comments received regarding the UPWP. Mr. Parasa responded by indicating where in the meeting agenda packet those comments were documented.

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Action: Approve the 2027 Unified Planning Work Program, as presented. (14-0)[2]
Motion: Terry Somers
Second: Pat Stivers

5. Discussion/Updates

A. Federal Transportation Funding Reauthorization Legislation Presentation

Katie Economou and Ryan Coady, AMPO, provided a presentation on the status of federal transportation funding reauthorization legislation and its implications for MPOs.

AMPO Federal Transportation Funding Reauthorization Legislation presentation slides – https://bit.ly/AMPO-Reauthorization-Update-Fall2026

B. Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Update

Kim Negrete, WAMPO, and Bill Troe, SRF Consulting Group, provided an update on the WAMPO Safe Routes to School (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. Sixty (60) school-specific SRTS plans have been prepared and reviewed by school administrators and staff, local government partners, and WAMPO staff; the TAC will be asked to make a recommendation to the TPB on whether to endorse those plans on November 23, 2026, and the TPB will be asked to decide whether or not to endorse them on December 8, 2026. Other outstanding deliverables, including an SRTS Planning Toolkit, are being refined by the consultant team in response to WAMPO staff reviews. WAMPO and its member jurisdictions are in discussions regarding the provision of local matching funds for the federal funding supporting the SRTS planning initiative. Beyond the end of the consultant-supported SRTS planning initiative, WAMPO staff will continue to offer SRTS planning assistance to K-12 schools in the region.

Safe Routes to School Update presentation slides – https://bit.ly/TPB-Nov2026-SRTS-Update

C. Behavioral Safety Awareness Toolkit

Ms. Negrete gave an update on WAMPO's development of a toolkit and online resource hub of transportation-related behavioral safety strategies for WAMPO member jurisdictions and others to engage residents in promoting safe roadway behaviors.

An advisory committee comprised of local government and community partners has compiled resources that may be used to engage residents and increase general awareness of and personal accountability for safe behaviors on roadways. Input provided by WAMPO member jurisdiction staff and community partners on the advisory committee ensures that the resources in the toolkit will be useful for meeting local communities' needs and account for the constraints within which they must work. The toolkit of behavioral-safety resources is anticipated to be completed by December 2026 and will be made available on WAMPO's website.

[2] One (1) voting TPB member was not present for the vote to approve the 2027 UPWP.

Discussion:

Ronnie Price asked about addressing safety issues related to e-bikes. Ms. Negrete responded that WAMPO is developing model ordinance language for e-bike/e-mobility regulation that will be made available to WAMPO member jurisdictions in the coming months, as well as educational resources, including parent resources. She also noted that it is important for regulations to distinguish between e-bikes and e-motos.

6. Committee & Partnership Updates

Chair Kessler announced the next Executive Committee meeting will be on February 4, 2027, at 11:00 AM, in the MAPD Director's Conference Room in the Ronald Reagan Building, 271 W 3rd St., Room 237, Wichita, KS 67202, and via Zoom.

Mike Moriarty, KDOT, noted that the Kansas Teen Transportation Safety Conference had concluded that day, with around 200 attendees. More information on that conference will be provided at the next TPB meeting.

J.B. Wilson, KDOT Wichita Metro Division, gave construction updates for the region.

7. Other Business

An end-of-year celebration and TPB networking event will follow the TPB Meeting on December 8, 2026.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 4:19 PM.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 8, 2026, at 3:00 PM.

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