



Meeting Minutes

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 23, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

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

Meeting Duration: *60 minutes*

Voting Members in Attendance		
Dan Woydziak, <i>TAC Chair</i> Jack Brown, <i>Public Health</i> Kelly Broxterman, <i>Wichita Transit</i> Craig Crossette, <i>Regional Pathways</i> Steve Degenhardt, <i>Wichita</i> Joe Dessenberger, <i>Railroad Freight</i> Char Ehrmann, <i>CTD #9</i> Duane Flug, <i>KDOT</i> Danielle Gabor, <i>SCAC</i>	Kevin Graham, <i>Freight Movement</i> Paul Gunzelman, <i>Wichita</i> Moumita Kundu, <i>Urban Land Use Planning & Development Trends</i> Les Mangus, <i>Butler/Sumner Counties</i> Shawn Mellies, <i>Wichita</i> Lizeth Ortega, <i>Air Quality</i> Lynn Packer, <i>Sedgwick County</i> Justin Shore, <i>SCAC</i>	Allison Smith, <i>KDOT</i> Dan Squires, <i>SCAC</i> Alternates Lily Cherry, <i>Wichita Transit (non-voting)</i> Alex Lane, <i>SCAC (non-voting)</i> James Wagner, <i>Wichita (non-voting)</i>
Other Attendees		
Javier Ahumada, <i>FHWA</i> Tami Alexander, <i>KDOT</i> Gerri Doyle, <i>FTA</i> Nick Flanders, <i>WAMPO</i> Jolene Graham, <i>Andover</i> Angeline Johnson, <i>Greater Wichita Partnership</i>	Markey Jonas, <i>WAMPO</i> Alan Kailer, <i>Bike Walk Wichita</i> Brett Letkowski, <i>GFT</i> Peter Mohr, <i>WAMPO</i> Kim Negrete, <i>WAMPO</i> Katie Newman, <i>WAMPO</i> Chad Parasa, <i>WAMPO</i>	Chris Sweeney, <i>WAMPO</i> Laura VanBurkleo, <i>WAMPO</i>

1. Chair Dan Woydziak called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

2. Regular Business

A. Approval of March 23, 2026, Agenda

Discussion: None.

Action: Approve the March 23, 2026, agenda, as presented. (15-0)¹

Motion: Lynn Packer

Second: Dan Squires

B. Approval of February 23, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Discussion: None.

Action: Approve February 23, 2026, meeting minutes, as presented. (16-0)²

¹ Four (4) voting TAC members did not arrive until after the vote to approve the March 2026 agenda.

² Three (3) voting TAC members did not arrive until after the vote to approve the February 2026 minutes.

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Motion: Dan Squires

Second: Paul Gunzelman

C. Director's Report

i. **FFY2027-FFY2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Development**

Nick Flanders, WAMPO, provided information about the development of the FFY2027-FFY2030 TIP. A Call for Projects was held from February 2, 2026, through March 6, 2026. Twenty-six (26) projects were submitted, twenty-two (22) of which were requested to be considered for suballocated federal funding. The Project Selection Committee (PSC) will make suballocated-federal-funding award recommendations in March-April 2026. A tentative schedule for the development of the FFY2027-FFY2030 TIP was presented, wherein the final TPB approval vote is expected in August 2026.

ii. **Request for Proposals (RFP) Update**

Peter Mohr, WAMPO, provided an update on Requests for Proposals (RFPs) recently conducted by WAMPO for the development of a Regional Active Transportation Plan and for performing a Household Travel Survey (HTS).

For the Regional Active Transportation Plan, an RFP with a similar scope of work was issued in June 2025, which ultimately did not proceed to a contract. Following a robust discussion, the WAMPO Transportation Policy Body (TPB) voted on February 10, 2026, to authorize WAMPO staff to issue a new RFP, which was open from February 17, 2026, through March 4, 2026. A selection committee has been formed, and consultant interviews have been scheduled.

A consultant has been selected to perform the Household Travel Survey and a draft contract has been developed. Coordination with KDOT is underway to ensure cost documentation by the selected consultant is consistent with FHWA guidelines and meets requirements for reimbursement. The total cost of services under the contract is projected to be about \$900,000. The contract is expected to be brought to TPB in spring 2026.

iii. **Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Update**

Kim Negrete, WAMPO, gave an update on the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) planning initiative in the region. WAMPO staff and consultants are working on existing-conditions reports for each participating school and are scheduling meetings with school/district staff and local government staff in spring 2026 to review those reports and to begin discussing potential recommendations for improvements to include in the final SRTS plans. Additional participating schools are still being sought, with engagement and data collection activities for those schools anticipated to start soon.

Draft Andover Public Schools (USD 385) Existing Conditions Report (Example Existing Conditions Report) – <https://bit.ly/Andover-SRTS-Existing-Conditions-Draft>

iv. May 2026 Bike Month Planning

Ms. Negrete shared that cities, counties, and organizations across the United States celebrate National Bike Month in May to showcase the many benefits of bicycling, help raise awareness, and encourage people to get outside and ride. Ms. Negrete provided dates of specific Bike Month celebrations and examples of ways WAMPO member jurisdictions and communities can take part in National Bike Month.

v. Amtrak in Kansas

Katie Newman, WAMPO, provided an update on Amtrak passenger rail service in Kansas, sharing that a Passenger Rail Caucus was held on February 25, 2026, which included discussion about the proposed Heartland Flyer Extension. Currently, the Heartland Flyer route runs from Fort Worth, TX, to Oklahoma City, OK. The Extension would continue the route from Oklahoma City, OK, to Newton, KS, passing through Wichita, KS, along the way.

Mr. Parasa shared that the Federal Rail Administration (FRA) conducts studies for long-distance service (for routes longer than 750 miles), as well as for the Corridor Identification and Development (ID) Program, under which the proposed Heartland Flyer Extension is currently being explored. There is ongoing collaboration between the Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas Departments of Transportation (DOTs) and MPOs along the corridor.

3. Public Comment Opportunity

No comments.

4. Action

A. FFY2025-FFY2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #8

Mr. Flanders asked the TAC to make a recommendation to the TPB on proposed Amendment #8 to the WAMPO FFY2025-FFY2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Amendment #8 is a regularly scheduled TIP amendment and would maintain the fiscal constraint of the FFY2025-FFY2028 TIP. The public comment period for Amendment #8 opened on February 27, 2026, and ran through March 13, 2026. No public comments were received. TIP Amendment #8 adds five (5) new projects and modifies thirteen (13) projects. There are administrative adjustments to four (4) additional projects, which do not require approval. Among other things, Amendment #8 would enact the updated suballocated federal funding awards that were recommended by the Project Selection Committee (PSC) on January 22, 2026, recommended by the TAC on February 23, 2026, and approved by the TPB on March 10, 2026.

Mr. Flanders listed the projects modified/added, discussed the changes in local, state, and federal funding, and explained the federal requirements met by TIP Amendment #8: it is consistent with the current Metropolitan Transportation Plan, MTP 2050, and is fiscally constrained. The financial impact is an additional cost of \$40.8 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 expected in May 2026.

FFY2025-FFY2028 TIP Amendment #8 Summary – <https://bit.ly/2025-2028-TIP-A8-Summary>

Discussion: None.

Action: Recommend the TPB approve FFY2025-FFY2028 TIP Amendment #8, as presented. (19-0)

Motion: Joe Dessenberger

Second: Dan Squires

5. Discussion/Updates

A. Charge Up Kansas

Tami Alexander, KDOT, gave a presentation on KDOT's Charge Up Kansas program, which implements the Kansas portion of the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) formula funding program, which provides federal funding for the deployment of electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure. Kansas was allocated \$39.5M over 5 years to fund EV charging infrastructure, with initial funding limited to designated corridors that must be fully "built out" before funding can be used in other areas of the state. The presentation included an overview of NEVI formula funds, designated EV-charging corridors in Kansas, existing and planned charging stations, and next steps in the NEVI program.

Charge Up Kansas Presentation Slides – <https://bit.ly/Charge-Up-Kansas-Slides>

Discussion:

Mr. Parasa asked what percent non-federal match is required for NEVI funding and what entities are eligible to receive the funding. Ms. Alexander replied that a 20% non-federal match is required and may be from various sources, such as private businesses, the Kansas Infrastructure Hub, and local governments. There are not many restrictions on who can apply for funding; eligible entities include cities, counties, universities, private businesses, utilities, etc.

Shawn Mellies asked for an estimation of the cost of EV chargers. Ms. Alexander said that the average federal award amount from the first round of funding was \$768,000 (not counting the required non-federal match), but overall costs vary and depend on the adequacy of existing electric utility infrastructure at the chosen location for the EV chargers.

Lynn Packer asked if the focus in Kansas is on adding new DC Fast EV charging stations or on upgrading existing, slower chargers, and about the cost difference between the Level 2 and DC Fast chargers. Ms. Alexander said Charge Up Kansas is primarily focused on adding new DC Fast charging stations to fill gaps where there is no existing charging infrastructure. Level 2 chargers cost significantly less than DC Fast chargers, but charge vehicles much more slowly, which influences where they are installed. For example, four (4) Level 2 chargers are being installed at Rolling Hills Zoo, at a price of around \$100,000.

B. Complete Streets

Ms. Newman shared that Complete Streets is a transportation policy and design approach that ensures streets and roads are safe and accessible for all users, fostering active transportation, safety, and sustainability. A WAMPO Complete Streets Advisory Committee will soon be convened. Its purpose will be to provide guidance to WAMPO staff and assist in developing a regional Complete Streets policy and toolkit. The Complete Streets Advisory Committee is anticipated to meet every two months, beginning in April 2026 and ending in October 2026, upon the completion of the regional Complete Streets policy and toolkit. The first meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at 9:30 AM. Those interested in joining the committee are asked to contact Katie Newman at katherine.newman@wampo.org.

C. Commuter Flows Report

Mr. Mohr explained that the Commuter Flows Report describes how commuters flow between the 22 municipalities in the WAMPO region. This report is prepared annually and has been updated using U.S. Census Bureau data from 2019-2023. These data were retrieved in December 2025 and represent the most recent data available at that time. The report compiles data about the locations of workers' primary (non-home) workplaces and residences, as well as their typical commute modes and the times they depart for work. Together, these data provide a more complete understanding of commuter flows, showing the interconnectedness of communities and the movement of workers between areas.

Commuter Flows webpage, with 2025 report and dashboard - www.wampo.org/commuter-flows.

6. Other Business

None.

7. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 27, 2026, at 10:00 AM.