



Meeting Minutes

Transportation Policy Body (TPB) Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 9, 2026, @ 3:00 PM

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

Meeting Duration: *88 minutes*

Voting Members in Attendance		
Russ Kessler, <i>Chair</i> Jim Benage, <i>Bel Aire</i> Jeff Blubaugh, <i>Sedgwick County</i> Nick Engle, <i>Derby</i> Jim Howell, <i>Sedgwick County</i> J.V. Johnston, <i>Wichita</i> George Liebe, <i>Goddard</i> Pete Meitzner, <i>Sedgwick County</i>	Ronnie Price, <i>Andover</i> Charles Schwanke, <i>Park City</i> Joseph Shepard, <i>Wichita</i> Terry Somers, <i>SCAC</i> Nick Squires, <i>KDOT</i> Pat Stivers, <i>Maize</i> Becky Tuttle, <i>Wichita</i>	Alternates Mark Detter, <i>Rose Hill (voting)</i> Rodney Eggleston, <i>Valley Center (voting)</i> Nick Gregory, <i>Maize (non-voting)</i> J.B. Wilson, <i>KDOT (non-voting)</i>
Other Attendees		
Gerri Doyle, <i>FTA</i> Penny Feist, <i>Wichita Transit</i> Nick Flanders, <i>WAMPO</i> Paul Gunzelman, <i>Wichita</i> Evan Hathaway, <i>Hite, Fanning & Honeyman L.L.P.</i> Markey Jonas, <i>WAMPO</i> Nick Jones, <i>ETC Institute</i>	Trey LaRue, <i>Hite, Fanning & Honeyman L.L.P.</i> Peter Mohr, <i>WAMPO</i> ThaiBinh Mursch, <i>MAPD</i> Kim Negrete, <i>WAMPO</i> Katie Newman, <i>WAMPO</i> Chad Parasa, <i>WAMPO</i> Tia Raamot, <i>Sedgwick County</i>	Marty Shukert, <i>RDG</i> Allison Smith, <i>KDOT</i> Dan Squires, <i>Derby</i> Sally Stang, <i>Wichita</i> Chris Sweeney, <i>WAMPO</i> Laura VanBurkleo, <i>WAMPO</i>

1. Chair Russ Kessler called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

2. Regular Business

A. Approval of the June 9, 2026, Agenda

Discussion: None.

Action: Approve the June 9, 2026, agenda, as presented. (15-0)¹

Motion: Nick Engle

Second: J.V. Johnston

B. Approval of the May 12, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Discussion: None.

Action: Approve the May 12, 2026, meeting minutes, as presented. (15-0)

Motion: J.V. Johnston

Second: George Liebe

¹ Two (2) voting TPB members did not arrive until after the votes to approve the June 2026 agenda and May 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. **FFY2027-FFY2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Update**

Nick Flanders, WAMPO, provided an update on the development of the FFY2027-FFY2030 TIP. A Call for Projects was open from February 2, 2026, through March 6, 2026. On March 30, 2026, the Project Selection Committee (PSC) recommended specific submitted projects for awards of suballocated federal funding. The TAC concurred with those recommendations on April 27, 2026, and the TPB approved them on May 12, 2026.

Concurrent with reviews by WAMPO's planning partners at KDOT, the FHWA, and the FTA, a 30-day public-comment period is planned to be held June 17-July 16, 2026, prior to the TIP being presented to the TAC for a recommendation on July 27, 2026, and to the TPB for approval on August 11, 2026.

ii. **Regional Transit Coordination Committee Update**

Laura VanBurkleo, WAMPO, shared updates on the Regional Transit Coordination Committee. On March 10, 2026, the Transportation Policy Body approved the formation of a Regional Transit Coordination Committee (RTCC) to support public-transit-related planning, implementation strategies, and innovative practices throughout the WAMPO region. WAMPO staff are coordinating committee formation activities, including outreach to prospective members, development of initial meeting agenda topics, and planning for the committee's first meeting.

The first RTCC meeting will be held online at 10:30 AM on July 1, 2026.

iii. **Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Existing Conditions Reports**

Kim Negrete, WAMPO, provided an update on the SRTS planning assistance project in the WAMPO region, including the development of existing-conditions reports. WAMPO is working with SRF Consulting Group on a regional Safe Routes to School (SRTS) planning initiative 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, fifty-seven (57) schools have confirmed their participation.

Existing-conditions reports, compiling the collected data for each participating school, are now being reviewed by school/district staff and local government staff to ensure accuracy. Finalized reports are being uploaded to the WAMPO website as they are received. WAMPO continues to work with its member jurisdictions to recruit additional participating schools. WAMPO and its member jurisdictions are in discussions regarding the provision of local matching funds for the federal funding supporting the SRTS planning initiative.

iv. **Behavioral Safety Toolkit Development**

Ms. Negrete discussed the development process for a behavioral safety toolkit. WAMPO is developing 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 is meeting monthly to compile resources that may be used by local governments and community partners to engage residents and increase general awareness of safe behaviors on roadways and the cost of vehicle-crash injuries and fatalities. Input provided by staff from WAMPO member jurisdictions and community partners on the advisory committee will ensure that the resources in the toolkit are 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 in July 2026 and will be made available on WAMPO's safety webpage.

v. Project Selection Process

Peter Mohr, WAMPO, gave a brief update on WAMPO's project selection process. Following discussion at the May 12, 2026, TPB meeting, the project selection process was discussed by the Executive Committee at their May 21, 2026, meeting, with attention given to the current process, past outcomes, and transparency. WAMPO staff will continue to work with the TAC and TPB to address concerns with the process.

D. Consent Agenda

i. Regional Active Transportation Plan Consultant Contract

Mr. Mohr asked the TPB to take action on a proposed contract with the consulting firm RDG Planning & Design, Inc., for the development of a Regional Active Transportation Plan. The Regional Active Transportation Plan will succeed the WAMPO Regional Pathway System Plan (2011), which was developed through collaboration with regional communities. The new plan will be the most successful if it is guided by ongoing collaboration and member-jurisdiction engagement.

The Regional Active Transportation Plan will include an assessment of existing active transportation infrastructure, identification of gaps in the regional nonmotorized travel network, evaluation of demand, design, and safety needs to guide future active transportation improvements, highlighting potential "catalyst projects," with a focus on regional connections, and a regional bicycle-facilities map (digital and/or printed).

RDG Planning & Design, Inc., would perform the services described in the proposed contract during the period of June 9, 2026, through June 30, 2027, for an amount not to exceed \$199,710.

Contract for the Development of a Regional Active Transportation Plan with RDG Planning & Design, Inc. – https://bit.ly/WAMPO_Regional_ATP_Contract

ii. Household Travel Survey (HTS) Consultant Contract

Mr. Mohr asked the TPB to take action on a proposed contract with the consulting firm ETC Institute for preparing, implementing, and analyzing the results of a regional Household Travel Survey (HTS). The project is intended to serve the WAMPO region and the active engagement of member jurisdictions will increase its value. Nick Jones, ETC Institute, elaborated on what the survey effort would entail. Among other things, postcards, mailers, follow-up phone calls, a custom cellphone application, and an online survey instrument

would be included. Because response rates for HTSs are usually low, invitations to participate will need to be sent to a very large number of households in order to achieve the goal of at least 2,000 complete household survey responses.

The contract scope includes, among other items, the development of an HTS sampling plan and survey instrument, public engagement events and materials (e.g., media contacts, custom project webpage), the collection of at least 2,000 complete household survey responses, and the integration of HTS results into the WAMPO Travel Demand Model.

ETC Institute would perform the services described in the proposed contract during the period of June 9, 2026, through December 31, 2028, for an amount not to exceed \$878,325.70.

Contract for Preparing, Implementing, and Analyzing the Results of a Regional Household Travel Survey with ETC Institute – https://bit.ly/Household_Travel_Survey_Contract

Discussion:

In response to a statement by Mr. Mohr that the WAMPO region had about 214,000 households, as of the 2020 Decennial Census, Pete Meitzner asked for clarification on what is and is not included in that figure, which Mr. Mohr then provided.

Chad Parasa, WAMPO, commented on the value of the travel-pattern information that can be derived from a Household Travel Survey.

Action: Approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. (16-1)

Motion: Rodney Eggleston

Second: Nick Engle

3. Public Comment Opportunity

No comments.

4. Action

No action items.

5. Discussion/Updates

A. Regional Connections Presentation: Derby

Dan Squires, Derby, highlighted the City of Derby’s growth, housing developments, building permits issued and inspections performed, new businesses, property valuations, revenues (including the new Derby Difference Sales Tax), STAR bond progress, and bike paths, as part of WAMPO’s “Regional Connections” presentation series. Mr. Squires discussed construction projects on Nelson Drive and on Rock Road, both of which were awarded federal funding by WAMPO. ARC95 was also highlighted, as it is a top priority for Derby, Haysville, Clearwater, and Rose Hill; it will enhance safety and improve traffic flow, congestion, and multimodal access.

Derby Regional Connections Presentation - <https://bit.ly/Regional-Connections-Derby>

Discussion:

Mr. Meitzner and Jim Howell praised Derby's presentation.

B. Wichita Transit Update

Penny Feist, Wichita Transit, discussed Wichita Transit's new multimodal facility, the Hub, new transit route alignments, funding sources, expenditures, rider survey results, and ridership data for 2025. The Hub has twelve (12) bus bays, passenger zones, and a "mobility zone" for micromobility, as well as 425 parking spaces for cars. The Hub was opened in tandem with a redesign of Wichita Transit's bus routes to focus more on access to employment centers and the Wichita State University campus.

June 2026 Wichita Transit Presentation Slides - <https://bit.ly/June-2026-Wichita-Transit-Slides>

C. City of Wichita Housing Department Update

Sally Stang, Wichita, gave a presentation on the City of Wichita Housing Department's endeavors to help the homeless population in the city through affordable housing and the development of the Multi-Agency Center campus. Affordable housing is developed through a variety of arrangements. The City of Wichita repairs some units, and others are sold on the open market and then repaired by other entities and sold to low-income buyers.

City of Wichita Housing Department Presentation - <https://bit.ly/June-2026-HCSD-Slides>

Discussion:

J.V. Johnston praised Ms. Stang for her work. Becky Tuttle concurred, noting that homelessness and affordable housing are big issues for Wichita. Mr. Meitzner asked Ms. Stang if other jurisdictions in the region may ask her for advice about navigating the rules and processes of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), to which she responded in the affirmative.

6. Committee & Partnership Updates

Chair Kessler announced that the next Executive Committee meeting will be on August 6, 2026, at 11:00 AM, in the MAPD Conference Room in the Ronald Reagan Building, 271 W 3rd St., Room 237, Wichita, KS 67202, and via Zoom.

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

Jim Benage announced that the City of Bel Aire will hold a celebration of the United States' 250th anniversary on July 11, 2026.

Chair Kessler announced that the City of Haysville will celebrate its 75th anniversary with a ceremony on July 3, 2026.

7. Other Business

None.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 4:28 PM.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at 3:00 PM.