



Meeting Minutes

Transportation Policy Body (TPB) Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 11, 2025, @ 3:00 PM

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

Meeting Duration: *70 minutes*

Voting Members in Attendance		
Becky Tuttle, <i>Chair</i>	J.V. Johnston, <i>Wichita</i>	Alternates
Ryan Baty, <i>Sedgwick County</i>	Russ Kessler, <i>Haysville</i>	Nick Gregory, <i>Maize (voting)</i>
Jim Benage, <i>Bel Aire</i>	George Liebe, <i>Goddard</i>	Jennifer McCausland, <i>Andover (voting)</i>
Nick Engle, <i>Derby</i>	Pete Meitzner, <i>Sedgwick County</i>	Warren Porter, <i>Rose Hill (voting)</i>
Dalton Glasscock, <i>Wichita</i>	Nick Squires, <i>KDOT</i>	J.B. Wilson, <i>KDOT (non-voting)</i>
Mike Hoheisel, <i>Wichita</i>	Burt Ussery, <i>Clearwater</i>	
Jim Howell, <i>Sedgwick County</i>	Dan Woydziak, <i>Butler County</i>	
Other Attendees		
Jared Austin, <i>FTA</i>	Angeline Johnson, <i>Greater Wichita Partnership</i>	Kim Negrete, <i>WAMPO</i>
Marcy Aycok, <i>REAP</i>	Markey Jonas, <i>WAMPO</i>	Chad Parasa, <i>WAMPO</i>
Nick Flanders, <i>WAMPO</i>	Alan Kailer, <i>Bike Walk Wichita</i>	Dominic Saiki
Dora Gallo, <i>WAMPO</i>	Sruthi Kesa, <i>WAMPO</i>	Kaylee Sands, <i>FTA</i>
Paul Gunzelman, <i>Wichita</i>	Brett Letkowski, <i>TranSystems</i>	Will Sharp, <i>FHWA</i>
Evan Hathaway, <i>Hite, Fanning & Honeyman L.L.P.</i>	Mohamed Moawad, <i>MAPD</i>	Allison Smith, <i>KDOT</i>
Gary Janzen, <i>Wichita</i>	Peter Mohr, <i>WAMPO</i>	Kyle Thomas, <i>WAMPO</i>

1. Chair Becky Tuttle called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

2. Regular Business

A. Approval of the February 11, 2025, Agenda

Discussion: None.

Action: Approve the February 11, 2025, agenda, as presented. (13-0)¹

Motion: George Liebe

Second: Nick Engle

B. Approval of the January 14, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Discussion: None.

Action: Approve the January 14, 2025, meeting minutes, as presented. (13-0)

Motion: Dan Woydziak

Second: Jim Benage

¹ Four (4) voting TPB members did not arrive until after the votes to approve the February 2025 agenda and January 2025 minutes. WAMPO provides meeting minutes that are not verbatim. TAC and TPB meetings are recorded and hosted on YouTube [@WAMPO Kansas](#). To request assistance accessing meeting recordings call – (316) 779-1313 or email – wampo@wampo.org.

C. Director’s Report

i. Year 2024 Audit Status

Chad Parasa, WAMPO, shared that WAMPO is federally required to have a financial and single audit conducted each year.

Kyle Thomas, WAMPO, explained that in 2024 the TPB approved a contract for financial and single audit services between WAMPO and Forvis Mazars, L.L.P., for the fiscal years ending December 31, 2024, December 31, 2025, and December 31, 2026. The auditors were at the WAMPO offices doing the fieldwork portion of the audit the last week of January 2025. A presentation of findings is tentatively expected to be presented to the TPB in March 2025.

ii. Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Update

Mr. Parasa shared that WAMPO staff are still working to execute the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Supplemental Planning and Demonstration grant agreement with FHWA and have made progress in determining project eligibility, scope requirements, and how the budget needs to be allocated to align with the original grant application. Staff will be reaching out to jurisdictions individually to work out project details.

iii. 2024 WAMPO-Region Transit Ridership

Markey Jonas, WAMPO, presented an update on the ridership numbers recorded in 2024 for each of the government-provided public transit services within the WAMPO region.

Transit Provider	Annual Ridership					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Wichita Transit	1,373,944	759,330	768,717	1,011,541	1,269,050	1,130,690
Derby Dash	10,394	7,098	9,289	8,142	7,799	7,868
Haysville Hustle	-	31	2,192	3,316	2,993	3,361
Sedgwick County Transportation	11,016	9,692	10,666	9,352	9,564	5,828
Butler County Transit	19,307	17,107	18,681	16,677	18,710	15,274

iv. Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Update

Kim Negrete, WAMPO, shared that WAMPO has begun working with SRF Consulting on a regional Safe Routes to School (SRTS) planning initiative to assist local governments and schools with the development of at least 60 school-specific SRTS plans for both public and private schools in the WAMPO region. Introductory materials are being developed to inform partners of the process and expectations. WAMPO is asking TPB members to identify priority schools within their respective jurisdictions and potential members to serve on the SRTS Stakeholder Committee that will help guide the initiative.

Discussion:

Chair Tuttle asked how many total schools are in the WAMPO region and if there were specific things TPB members should consider while supporting school prioritization efforts.

Ms. Negrete shared that there are roughly 200 public and private schools and that SRTS

planning looks at all aspects of travel to and from schools, including, among other things, bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, heavy traffic around schools, crash data, and policy and program considerations.

v. Transportation Safety Technical Advisors (TSTA) Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) Strategy Update Meeting – 02/25/2025, 11:00 AM, at WAMPO offices and via Zoom

Ms. Negrete shared that the Transportation Safety Technical Advisors (TSTA) will meet to discuss, review, and update implementation strategies in the WAMPO Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) on February 25, 2025, at 11:00 AM, at the WAMPO offices and via Zoom.

vi. Regional Transit Implementation Plan Final Public Meeting – Date/Time TBD

Peter Mohr, WAMPO, shared that the Regional Transit Implementation Plan is in the final stages of development. A draft final plan will be presented to the TAC for a recommendation on February 24, 2025, and to the TPB for approval on March 11, 2025.

vii. ITS Stakeholder Meeting – 02/18/2025, 8:30 AM, at WAMPO offices

Mr. Mohr explained that WAMPO is updating the regional Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) architecture. Progress has been made through a series of Steering Committee meetings held in Fall 2024, and draft reports, including an ITS strategic deployment plan, are underway. A regional stakeholder meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2025, at 8:30 AM at the WAMPO offices.

viii. ITS Steering Committee Meeting – 02/24/2025, 1:30 PM, at WAMPO offices and via Zoom

Continuing on the topic of ITS, Mr. Mohr shared that, following the larger stakeholder meeting, there will be an ITS Steering Committee meeting on February 24, 2025, at 1:30 AM at the WAMPO offices and via Zoom.

D. Consent Agenda

i. Updated Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Roster

The TPB was asked to take action on an updated Technical Advisory Committee roster. The update consisted of the recommended naming of Moumita Kundu to the role of Urban Land Use Planning & Development Trends Expert.

ii. Executive Director 5% Salary Increase, Retroactive to January 1, 2025

The WAMPO Executive Committee met on Thursday, February 6, 2025. During this meeting, committee members entered an executive session before reconvening the public meeting and voting to recommend a 5% salary increase for the WAMPO Executive Director, retroactive to January 1, 2025, The TPB was asked to decide whether to approve this increase in salary.

Discussion: None.

Action: Approve the consent agenda, as presented. (17-0)

Motion: Dan Woydziak

Second: Jim Benage

3. Public Comment Opportunity

No comments.

4. Action

A. Chair, Vice-Chair, and TAC Chair Elections

Chair Tuttle facilitated the elections for TPB Chair, TPB Vice-Chair, and TAC Chair. Russ Kessler assumed the position of TPB Chair once elected and ran the meeting from that point forward.

TPB Chair

Discussion: Chair Tuttle nominated Russ Kessler for TPB Chair.

Action: Elect Russ Kessler as Transportation Policy Body Chair. (17-0)

Motion: Chair Tuttle

Second: Ryan Baty

TPB Vice-Chair

Discussion: Nick Engle nominated George Liebe for TPB Vice-Chair.

Action: Elect George Liebe as Transportation Policy Body Vice-Chair. (17-0)

Motion: Nick Engle

Second: Jim Benage

TAC Chair

Discussion: Pete Meitzner nominated Dan Woydziak for TAC Chair.

Action: Elect Dan Woydziak as Technical Advisory Committee Chair. (17-0)

Motion: Pete Meitzner

Second: Ryan Baty

B. Releasing Draft Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP 2050) for Public Comment Period

Nick Flanders, WAMPO, announced that drafts of all chapters and appendices of long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050 (MTP 2050) have been posted to the WAMPO website and asked the TPB to consider whether to release the draft plan for public comment. The draft document is currently under review by the Plan Advisory Committee (PAC), the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), and federal planning partners.

Mr. Flanders, Dora Gallo, WAMPO, and Mr. Mohr provided details about each chapter of the document, highlighting key points and summarizing the information within each chapter. MTP 2050 is divided into seven (7) chapters: Plan Purpose & Development; Regional Trends; Existing

Conditions; System Management; System Performance Report (discussing federal/regional performance measures (PMs)); Financial Plan (demonstrating how MTP 2050 is fiscally constrained); and Project Selection & List (containing the MTP 2050 fiscally constrained project list).

Ms. Jonas said that after any comments resulting from the PAC/KDOT/federal review are addressed, there will be a 30-day public-comment period from March 8-April 7, 2025, followed by a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommendation and a Transportation Policy Body (TPB) vote on approval in April and May 2025, respectively. During the public-comment period, there will be a virtual public meeting and an open house to present the draft plan and collect public input. WAMPO is also seeking other opportunities to introduce the plan to the community during this time. Please reach out to Ms. Jonas at markey.jonas@wampo.org to invite WAMPO to attend public meetings or events, or to suggest other outreach strategies.

MTP 2050 webpage, with all draft chapters and appendices uploaded – www.wampo.org/mtp2050

Discussion:

Becky Tuttle asked if there were requirements regarding how many engagement opportunities WAMPO provides or how many community members are engaged. Ms. Jonas explained that the WAMPO Public Participation Plan outlines the outreach efforts WAMPO needs to undertake, including the need for a 30-day public comment period, among other things, but that there is not a required number of direct interactions with the public beyond that. WAMPO’s goal is to reach and engage with as many people as possible to ensure the final document aligns with the needs and wants of the community.

Action: Release draft Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050 for public comment, as presented. (16-0)²

Motion: Burt Ussery

Second: Dan Woydziak

C. FFY2025-FFY2028 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #3

Mr. Mohr asked the TPB to take action on proposed Amendment #3 to the WAMPO FFY2025-FFY2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Amendment #3 is a regularly scheduled TIP amendment and would maintain the fiscal constraint of the FFY2025-FFY2028 TIP. The Public Comment period for Amendment #3 opened on January 3, 2025, and ran through January 17, 2025. No public comments were received. TIP Amendment #3 adds seven (7) new projects and modifies four (4) projects. There are administrative adjustments to seven (7) additional projects, which do not require approval.

² One (1) voting TPB member left before the votes to release draft Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050 for public comment, approve FFY2025-FFY2028 TIP Amendment #3, and support KDOT’s 2025 federal performance-measure targets. 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.

Mr. Mohr listed the projects modified/added, discussed the changes in local, state, and federal funding, and explained the federal requirements met by TIP Amendment #3: it is consistent with the current Metropolitan Transportation Plan, *REIMAGINED MOVE 2040*, and is fiscally constrained. The financial impact is an additional cost of \$42.6 million. Following approval by the TPB, the amendment will be sent to the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) to be included in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for review and consideration by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Federal approval is expected in March 2025.

FFY2025-FFY2028 TIP Amendment #3 Summary – <https://bit.ly/2025-2028TIP-Proposed-Amendment-3>

Discussion: None.

Action: Approve FFY2025-FFY2028 TIP Amendment #3, as presented. (16-0)

Motion: Dan Woydziak

Second: George Liebe

D. Supporting KDOT Federal Performance Measure Targets

Mr. Mohr explained that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (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. For these performance measures, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) are required to either set their own targets or support the targets set by their respective state DOTs. In 2024, WAMPO chose to support KDOT in achieving its federal performance-measure targets. Mr. Mohr shared the 2025 KDOT targets. The TPB was asked to take action on whether to support KDOT's 2025 federal performance-measure targets.

Discussion: None.

Action: Approve supporting KDOT's 2025 federal performance-measure targets, as presented. (16-0)

Motion: Dan Woydziak

Second: Ryan Baty

5. Discussion/Updates

A. Complete Streets

Dora Gallo, WAMPO, explained that Complete Streets is a policy and design approach ensuring streets are safe and accessible for all users, fostering active transportation, safety, and sustainability. Nationwide, initiatives have improved infrastructure with features like bike lanes and transit-friendly corridors. In the Wichita metropolitan area, efforts focus on retrofitting roadways and integrating Complete Streets into planning. WAMPO is exploring the development of a toolbox to guide local stakeholders in adopting these principles, supporting safer and more inclusive transportation networks.

Discussion:

Jim Benage asked if the intention was to provide examples and a guide for jurisdictions, expressing concern that there may be overlap with the design work already being done by consultants. Ms. Gallo explained that WAMPO's intention is provide a toolbox that jurisdictions can use to make streets safer.

Burt Ussery asked how Complete Streets plans for other modes of transportation and the ordinances and regulations for them. Ms. Gallo said that it is something that will be considered while developing the toolkit.

Mr. Parasa shared that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) encourages Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to conduct Complete Streets planning. The objective of a WAMPO Complete Streets toolkit is to integrate multimodal safety policies and resources into the transportation planning process to best serve member jurisdictions.

B. Commuter Flows Report

Mr. Mohr explained that the Commuter Flows Report describes how commuters flow between the 22 municipalities in the WAMPO region and is developed annually. The Commuter Flows Report compiles data about the locations of workers' primary (non-home) workplaces and residences. Together, these data provide an understanding of commuter flows, showing the interconnectedness of communities and the interchange of workers and services between areas. The 2024 report was updated with U.S. Census Bureau employment data from 2017 – 2021.

The presentation included examples of commuter flows for the cities of Wichita, Derby, and Haysville. The report can be found on the WAMPO website at www.wampo.org/commuter-flows.

6. Committee & Partnership Updates

Chair Kessler announced that the next Executive Committee meeting will be at 11:00 AM on May 8, 2025, in the MAPD Conference Room in the Ronald Reagan Building (271 W 3rd St. N, Room 237, Wichita, KS 67202) and via Zoom. It will be an open meeting; anyone is welcome to attend.

J.B. Wilson, KDOT Wichita Metro, provided construction updates in the region.

7. Other Business

None.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 3:00 PM.