



Meeting Minutes

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 28, 2025 @ 10:00 AM

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

Meeting Duration: *51 minutes*

Voting Members in Attendance		
Dan Woydziak, <i>TAC Chair</i> Marcy Aycock, <i>REAP</i> Jack Brown, <i>Public Health</i> Danielle Gabor, <i>SCAC</i> Jolene Graham, <i>Economist</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> Dan Squires, <i>SCAC</i> Alternates Steve Degenhardt, <i>Wichita (voting, except on approval of April agenda and March minutes)</i>	Daniel Schrant, <i>Sedgwick County (non-voting)</i> David Schwartz, <i>KDOT (voting)</i> James Wagner, <i>Wichita (voted on approval of April agenda and March minutes, then became non-voting)</i>
Other Attendees		
Nick Flanders, <i>WAMPO</i> Markey Jonas, <i>WAMPO</i> Alan Kailer, <i>Bike Walk Wichita</i>	Mohamed Moawad, <i>MAPD</i> Peter Mohr, <i>WAMPO</i> Kim Negrete, <i>WAMPO</i>	Chad Parasa, <i>WAMPO</i> Pimnara (Lily) Rodkul, <i>Wichita Transit</i> Riley Schmitz, <i>JEO</i>

1. Chair Dan Woydziak called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM.

2. Regular Business

A. Approval of April 28, 2025, Agenda

Discussion: None.

Action: Approve the April 28, 2025, agenda, as presented. (11-0)¹

Motion: Chair Woydziak

Second: Dan Squires

B. Approval of March 24, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Discussion: None.

Action: Approve the March 24, 2025, meeting minutes, as presented. (11-0)

Motion: Chair Woydziak

Second: Lynn Packer

¹ Three (3) voting TAC members did not arrive until after the votes to approve the April 2025 agenda and March 2025 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. Bimonthly TIP Project Statuses

Peter Mohr, WAMPO, explained that the WAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Policy includes a Reasonable Progress Policy, under which projects programmed to receive WAMPO-suballocated 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 April 2025 was shared.

April 2025 TIP Project Statuses – <https://bit.ly/April2025-TIP-Project-Statuses>

ii. ITS Architecture Update

Mr. Mohr shared that WAMPO is actively updating the regional Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) architecture, as required by federal guidelines to occur every five years. The last comprehensive update was completed in 2006. Progress has been made through a series of steering-committee meetings held in Fall 2024. In 2025, extensive work on a draft ITS strategic deployment plan and ITS architecture report has been completed. A regional ITS architecture stakeholder meeting was held on April 22, 2025. Another ITS architecture steering committee meeting will be held on May 13, 2025. The purpose of these meetings is to present draft regional ITS architecture materials for review.

iii. Regional Connections Presentation Series

Markey Jonas, WAMPO, shared that WAMPO is coordinating a series of presentations with the theme of “Regional Connections.” This initiative invites WAMPO jurisdictions to present local projects, policies, or programs to the Transportation Policy Body (TPB). The goal of this presentation series is to keep stakeholders informed about new and ongoing efforts and encourage an integrated approach to planning. The Regional Connections presentations will be scheduled regularly at TPB meetings. Please contact Ms. Jonas at markey.jonas@wampo.org to reserve a time to present.

iv. K-254 Corridor Management Plan

Ms. Jonas shared that the K-254 Corridor Management Plan is now complete and has been posted on KDOT's website. The K-254 Corridor Management Plan proactively identifies K-254 between El Dorado and Wichita as an area with significant growth potential. The plan forecasts future needs in this area and recommends transportation solutions that will help keep Kansans moving forward. The complete plan is available at www.ksdot.gov/k254-management-plan.

3. Public Comment Opportunity

No comments.

4. Action

A. Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) Amendment

Kim Negrete, WAMPO, explained that the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) promotes the safety of all users of the transportation system. The plan was developed through a ten-month process and was approved by the Transportation Policy Body on December 12, 2023. The strategies outlined in the CSAP are being implemented and monitored by WAMPO staff, member jurisdictions, and community partners, including through the work of ICT Safe: A Regional Transportation Coalition. The Transportation Safety Technical Advisors (TSTA) met on February 25, 2025, and April 17, 2025, to review progress and propose changes to the CSAP. The TSTA recommended specific Implementation Plan strategy updates, annual targets aimed at eliminating regional serious-injury and fatal crashes within 25 years, and a community-wide transportation-safety-project list, all of which have been incorporated into the draft amended CSAP. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was asked to make a recommendation to the Transportation Policy Body (TPB) on whether to approve the proposed changes to the CSAP.

The draft amended CSAP is available at www.wampo.org/safety.

Discussion: None.

Action: Recommend the TPB approve the proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, as presented. (14-0)

Motion: Dan Squires

Second: Moumita Kundu

B. Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050 (MTP 2050)

Nick Flanders, WAMPO, shared that WAMPO's new long-range planning document, Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050 (MTP 2050) needs to be adopted by June 2025. The draft document was reviewed by the Plan Advisory Committee (PAC) and by state and federal staff and went through a public-comment period (March 8, 2025-April 7, 2025), which was the fourth round of public engagement. All comments have been addressed by WAMPO staff.

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). MTP 2050 also has 14 appendices. Mr. Flanders and Mr. Mohr summarized and provided key details from each of the seven chapters.

Ms. Jonas reiterated that the plan was available for a 30-day public comment period, March 8-April 7, 2025. This was the fourth round of public engagement, the purpose of which was to present the draft document and collect public comments. Several outreach strategies were employed during this round of public engagement, including, among other things, social media posts, an online video, a paid public notice in the Wichita Eagle, a general press release to media outlets, mass

emails, outreach to planning partners, features in local news media, presentations at meetings of regional partners, and two WAMPO-hosted public events (one online and one in-person). WAMPO received 40 public comments on the draft plan, which have been addressed and documented in Appendix B: Public Involvement and Engagement Summary. The TAC was asked to make a recommendation to the Transportation Policy Body (TPB) on whether to approve MTP 2050 (available at www.wampo.org/mtp2050).

Discussion: None.

Action: Recommend the TPB approve Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050, as presented. (14-0)

Motion: Dan Squires

Second: Paul Gunzelman

C. Supporting Wichita Transit 2025 Transit Safety Performance Measure Targets

Mr. Mohr explained that Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) are required to set performance measures for roadway safety (PM1), pavement and bridge condition (PM2), system performance and freight movement (PM3), transit asset management (TAM), and transit safety. It is proposed that WAMPO support Wichita Transit’s 2025 transit safety targets, which they approved on February 27, 2025. The TAC was asked to make a recommendation to the Transportation Policy Body (TPB) on whether to approve supporting the Wichita Transit 2025 transit safety performance measure targets:

Mode of Transit Service	Fatalities	Fatalities/100k VRM**	Bus Driver Injuries	Bus Patron Injuries	Facility Injuries	Injuries /100k VRM**	Safety Events	Safety Events/100k VRM**	VRM**/Major System Failure
Fixed route	0	0	0			0.046	39.5	2	20,000
Paratransit	0	0				0.00	11.25	1.40	80,000
Micro-transit*									
Vanpool*									

*Transit mode currently under pilot contracts for potential development but not utilized.

**VRM = Vehicle Revenue Miles

Discussion: None.

Action: Recommend the TPB approve supporting Wichita Transit’s 2025 transit safety targets for the WAMPO region, as presented. (14-0)

Motion: Chair Woydziak

Second: Lynn Packer

5. Discussion/Updates

A. Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Update

Mr. Mohr shared that the U.S. Department of Transportation has released the FFY2025 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). SS4A grants are awarded on a competitive basis to support planning, infrastructure, and behavioral and operational initiatives to prevent fatalities and serious injuries among all road users, including pedestrians, bicycle riders, public-transportation users, motorists, and commercial vehicle operators. The SS4A program provides funding for two main types of grants: planning and demonstration grants for the development of Comprehensive Safety Action Plans (CSAPs)/action plans, including supplemental safety planning and/or safety demonstration activities, and implementation grants. Applications must be submitted online by 5:00 PM (EDT) on June 26, 2025.

WAMPO's Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) fulfills the prerequisite of having an action plan for implementation-grant applications to be submitted by WAMPO and/or any jurisdiction within the WAMPO region. Based on a thorough review of the SS4A Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and discussions with jurisdictions regarding potential projects to submit, it appears that MPO member jurisdictions applying individually often confers significant advantages over submitting a single regional application through the MPO. With this in mind, WAMPO encourages jurisdictions to consider submitting individual SS4A implementation-grant applications. WAMPO staff, in collaboration with the Kansas Infrastructure Hub (<https://www.kshub.gov/>), are available to assist jurisdictions in identifying projects, developing grant narratives, assembling necessary data, and providing letters of support. In the case that individual jurisdictions show little interest in submitting their own projects, WAMPO will consider submitting a single regional application.

Federal Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) website, including links to the NOFO and the online application – www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A

Discussion:

Chair Woydziak asked if WAMPO would support jurisdictions, should they decide to submit a grant application. Mr. Mohr confirmed that WAMPO staff are available to help, including assisting in identifying projects, developing application narratives, assembling data, and providing letters of support.

James Wagner asked about the anticipated time period for grant application evaluation and award. Ms. Negrete shared that awards will be announced by the end of the year, and awardees have five years to complete the project.

B. Employment Sectors: IT Systems & Support

Mr. Mohr shared that the WAMPO region is home to a diverse and vibrant economy. As a part of WAMPO's mission to serve and inform its stakeholders, staff are developing a series of presentations on seven major sectors of the local economy. This presentation focused on the IT systems & support sector in the WAMPO region. IT Systems & Support, as defined by the Greater Wichita Partnership, not only includes IT services like cybersecurity and software development,

but also business support services such as payroll, accounting, and logistics of all kinds. In the WAMPO region, there are approximately 300 establishments in this sector, supporting over 8,500 regional jobs.

WAMPO IT Systems & Support Sector Report – https://bit.ly/ITS_SystemsAndSupport_Sector

6. Other Business

None.

7. Meeting adjourned at 10:52 AM

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, May 19, 2025, at 10:00 AM.