



Meeting Minutes

Transportation Policy Body (TPB) Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 14, 2026, @ 3:00 PM

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

Meeting Duration: *54 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> Mike Hoheisel, <i>Wichita</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> Terry Somers, <i>SCAC</i> Nick Squires, <i>KDOT</i> Becky Tuttle, <i>Wichita</i> Stephanie Wise, <i>Sedgwick County</i>	Alternates Nick Gregory, <i>Maize (voting)</i> Warren Porter, <i>Rose Hill (voting)</i>
Other Attendees		
Tami Alexander, <i>KDOT</i> Gerri Doyle, <i>FTA</i> Nick Flanders, <i>WAMPO</i> Evan Hathaway, <i>Hite, Fanning & Honeyman L.L.P.</i> Markey Jonas, <i>WAMPO</i>	Alan Kailer, <i>Bike Walk Wichita</i> Peter Mohr, <i>WAMPO</i> ThaiBinh Mursch, <i>MAPD</i> Kim Negrete, <i>WAMPO</i> Katie Newman, <i>WAMPO</i> Lynn Packer, <i>Sedgwick County</i>	Chad Parasa, <i>WAMPO</i> Allison Smith, <i>KDOT</i> Chris Sweeney, <i>WAMPO</i> Laura VanBurkleo, <i>WAMPO</i>

1. Chair Russ Kessler called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM.

2. Regular Business

A. Approval of the April 14, 2026, Agenda

Discussion: None.

Action: Approve the April 14, 2026, agenda, as presented. (15-0)¹

Motion: George Liebe

Second: Nick Gregory

B. Approval of the March 10, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Discussion: None.

Action: Approve the March 10, 2026, meeting minutes, as presented. (15-0)

Motion: Jim Benage

Second: J.V. Johnston

¹ Two (2) voting TPB members did not arrive until after the votes to approve the April 2026 agenda and March 2026 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. Quarterly UPWP Task Chart

Markey Jonas, WAMPO, explained that the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is the primary budgeting document for the planning activities WAMPO intends to undertake during the calendar year and outlines priorities and tasks. A task chart is updated and presented to the TPB quarterly, showing UPWP priority projects, the quarters in which they are to be completed, and a high-level summary of their current statuses. Additionally, WAMPO staff have completed a UPWP activity report for the first quarter of 2026 (January 1 – March 31, 2026) to submit as part of WAMPO's quarterly reimbursement package to KDOT, showing activity by work task.

ii. FFY2027-FFY2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Development

Nick Flanders, WAMPO, provided information about the development of the FFY2027-FFY2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). WAMPO held a Call for Projects from February 2, 2026, through March 6, 2026, during which project sponsors (WAMPO member jurisdictions) were invited to submit projects for consideration for suballocated federal funding awards during FFY2027-FFY2030; twenty-two (22) projects were requested to be considered for suballocated federal funding. The Project Selection Committee (PSC) met on March 30, 2026, to make suballocated federal funding award recommendations, which will be presented to the TAC for a recommendation on April 27, 2026, and to the TPB for an approval vote on May 12, 2026. A Call for Changes period is in progress, April 6-17, 2026, for any other projects that need to be added to, modified in, or removed from the FFY2027-FFY2030 TIP; this is not another opportunity to apply for suballocated federal funding. A tentative schedule for the development of the FFY2027-FFY2030 TIP was presented, wherein a final TPB approval vote is expected in August 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 the spring 2026 round of engagement and data collection activities already in progress. Fifty-four (54) schools took part in the fall 2025 round of data collection and, so far, four (4) more have been recruited for the spring 2026 round.

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.

Discussion:

Chair Kessler announced that Haysville proclaimed May as Bike Month and will have a Mayors Bike Ride Event on May 12, 2026, at 6:15 PM at Vickers Petroleum Service Station. Ronnie Price announced that Andover will have a Bike Safety/Celebrate Trails Day bike ride on April 26, 2026, at 9:30 AM at Point Nine Trailside Eatery.

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

Ms. Negrete shared that in December 2023, WAMPO was awarded a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Planning and Demonstration Grant for \$940,000. WAMPO and FHWA staff have been working on a draft grant agreement, which is currently under review by the FHWA and will eventually be brought to the TPB for an approval vote. Under that draft agreement, activities funded by the grant will include conducting a pilot behavioral messaging campaign, a Regional Safety Study (including before-and-after safety analyses and feasibility studies/demonstration projects), and working with the City of Andover to collect/analyze local crash data to inform an SS4A Action Plan. New guidance from the FHWA recommends dividing this project into three phases: (1) supplemental planning activities and safety campaign, (2) planning and design of demonstration projects, and (3) implementation and evaluation of demonstration projects. This phased approach allows for additional planning and analysis prior to the identification of specific demonstration projects to carry out. WAMPO will hire a consultant to perform data collection and analysis in coordination with WAMPO and member-jurisdiction staff, rather than each participating member jurisdiction having to carry out its own demonstration projects.

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) has released a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for FFY2026 SS4A funding. This is the final round of SS4A funding under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). The application deadline is May 26, 2026, at 4:00 PM CDT. Approximately \$1 billion is available.

USDOT SS4A website, with links to the FFY2026 NOFO and online application – www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A

Discussion:

Nick Gregory asked how changes to the draft grant agreement will affect the timeline for demonstration projects. Ms. Negrete responded that the FHWA did not provide a timeframe for when WAMPO should expect to hear back about the draft agreement, and noted that the phased structure of the grant agreement, once approved, may add some time to the deployment of demonstration projects, but the exact timeline is not yet known. WAMPO staff will update the TPB as more information is available. Mr. Gregory asked if a jurisdiction needed to have already conducted demonstration projects in order to be eligible to apply for implementation funding. Ms. Negrete explained that the only requirement needed to apply for the implementation grants is that there must be a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) in place, a requirement that is fulfilled for the entire region by the WAMPO CSAP.

vi. KDOT Behavioral Safety Grant Application Open 04/09/2026-05/15/2026

Ms. Negrete announced that KDOT is accepting applications through May 15, 2026, for Behavioral Safety Grants in FFY2027 (October 1, 2026, to September 30, 2027), providing funding for a variety of education and communication campaigns and other non-infrastructure safety countermeasures. More information is available at [KSDOT.gov/EEER](https://www.kscdot.gov/EEER).

vii. 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). Consultants have been selected for both projects and draft contracts have been developed. Recent guidance from KDOT has emphasized the need for more robust documentation of indirect costs. Consequently, the selected consultants have been asked to provide comprehensive, audited overhead information. WAMPO staff, in coordination with KDOT, are working with the selected consultants to ensure all cost estimates are compliant with FHWA guidance before draft contracts are brought to the TPB for consideration.

3. Public Comment Opportunity

No comments.

4. Action

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

Laura VanBurkleo, WAMPO, asked the TPB to take action 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: Approve FFY2025-FFY2028 TIP Amendment #8, as presented. (17-0)

Motion: Nick Engle

Second: Terry Somers

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-TPB-April2026>

Discussion:

Mr. Gregory asked who owns the charging stations, whether it was generally KDOT or communities. Ms. Alexander said all of the stations that have been funded through the NEVI program in Kansas are privately owned, either by the site host or by a charging network provider. Though KDOT could partner with a community, Ms. Alexander noted that the cost of a DC Fast Charging station is around \$1 million, requiring roughly \$200,000 for the non-federal match, which is a significant investment for a community. Once the designated corridors are "built out" and Level 2 community charging is eligible for NEVI funding, KDOT anticipates more interest from communities. Mr. Gregory asked which corridors KDOT is potentially looking at next; Ms. Alexander provided a few examples.

J.V. Johnston asked if KDOT had partnered with Target or any other national retail chains, or with Quick Trip. Ms. Alexander said that Love's is the only national retail chain Charge Up Kansas has worked with. A few regional chains have shown interest, but not Quick Trip.

Mr. Price asked if electric truck stops have been looked at or discussed. Ms. Alexander responded that park-and-plug charging stations, where trucks can plug in overnight, are not eligible for NEVI funding, but they may be eligible for the KDOT Innovative Technology Program.

B. 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 to 2023. These data were retrieved in December 2025 and represent the most recent data available at that time. The report compiles data on 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. Committee & Partnership Updates

Chair Kessler announced that the next Executive Committee meeting will be at 11:00 AM on May 21, 2026, in the WAMPO Conference Room in the Ronald Reagan Building, 271 W 3rd St., Room 210, Wichita, KS 67202, and via Zoom.

Nick Squires, KDOT Wichita Metro Division, provided construction updates in the region.

7. Other Business

None.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 PM.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 3:00 PM.