



## Meeting Minutes

### Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 22, 2025 @ 10:00 AM

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

Meeting Duration: 27 minutes

| Voting Members in Attendance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                     |
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| Marcy Aycock, <i>REAP</i><br>Kelly Broxterman, <i>Wichita Transit</i><br>Craig Crossette, <i>Regional Pathways</i><br>Char Ehrmann, <i>CTD #9</i><br>Duane Flug, <i>KDOT</i><br>Danielle Gabor, <i>SCAC</i><br>Jolene Graham, <i>Economist</i><br>Paul Gunzelman, <i>Wichita</i> | Moumita Kundu, <i>Urban Land Use Planning &amp; Development Trends</i><br>Shawn Mellies, <i>Wichita</i><br>Lizeth Ortega, <i>Air Quality</i><br>Lynn Packer, <i>Sedgwick County</i><br>Allison Smith, <i>KDOT</i><br>Dan Squires, <i>SCAC</i> | <b>Alternates</b><br>Lily Cherry, <i>Wichita Transit (non-voting)</i><br>Steve Degenhardt, <i>Wichita (voting)</i>                                  |
| Other Attendees                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                     |
| Javier Ahumada, <i>FHWA</i><br>Gerri Doyle, <i>FTA</i><br>Markey Jonas, <i>WAMPO</i><br>Alan Kailer, <i>Bike Walk Wichita</i><br>Brett Letkowski, <i>GFT</i>                                                                                                                     | Peter Mohr, <i>WAMPO</i><br>ThaiBinh Mursch, <i>MAPD</i><br>Kim Negrete, <i>WAMPO</i><br>Katie Newman, <i>WAMPO</i><br>Chad Parasa, <i>WAMPO</i>                                                                                              | Brad Shores, <i>JEO</i><br>Chris Sweeney, <i>WAMPO</i><br>Laura VanBurkleo, <i>WAMPO</i><br>Tyler Voth, <i>WSP</i><br>Kristen Zimmerman, <i>PEC</i> |

### 1. Chad Parasa, WAMPO, acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

### 2. Regular Business

#### A. Approval of September 22, 2025, Agenda

**Discussion:** None.

**Action:** Approve the September 22, 2025, agenda, as presented. (13-0)<sup>1</sup>

**Motion:** Lynn Packer

**Second:** Duane Flug

#### B. Approval of August 25, 2025, Meeting Minutes

**Discussion:** None.

**Action:** Approve the August 25, 2025, meeting minutes, as presented. (14-0)<sup>2</sup>

**Motion:** Duane Flug

**Second:** Allison Smith

<sup>1</sup> Two (2) voting TAC members did not arrive until after the vote to approve the September 2025 agenda.

<sup>2</sup> One (1) voting TAC member did not arrive until after the vote to approve the August 2025 minutes.

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## **C. Director's Report**

### **i. 2025 KDOT Local Consult**

Mr. Parasa announced that the Wichita Metro Local Consult will be held on Wednesday, October 8, 2025, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM, at the Eugene M. Hughes Metropolitan Complex. Local Consult is KDOT's public engagement process for the Eisenhower Legacy Transportation (IKE) program to gather input from Kansans on potential expansion and modernization projects in each region. More information and a survey are available at <https://www.ksdot.gov/about/news-and-events/events-and-notices/local-consult>.

Mr. Parasa noted the importance of WAMPO committee members for coordinating regional priorities and introduced the South Central Kansas Transportation Coalition, which convenes private sector businesses and local governments to advocate for funding and policies to address regionally significant transportation infrastructure needs.

Brett Letkowski, South Central Kansas Transportation Coalition Chair, provided some background about the Coalition, explained that the Local Consult is an opportunity to discuss projects to add to KDOT's development pipeline, and shared that the Coalition has developed a list of projects identified as regional priorities.

### **ii. 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Public Comment Period: 09/12/2025-10/12/2025**

Markey Jonas, WAMPO, explained that the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), developed annually, outlines WAMPO's transportation planning activities and tasks it will undertake throughout the year. The draft 2026 UPWP is available for public comment, September 12 - October 12, 2025. The UPWP is WAMPO's primary budgeting document for planning activities during the year (January 1-December 31). Funding for the UPWP comes from various sources, including federal Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) funds, which require a 20% local match (i.e., 80% federal funding, 20% local funding). The CPG/local-match expenditures in the draft 2026 UPWP total \$2,297,500. Ms. Jonas provided an overview of some of the 2026 priorities and activities described in the draft document. The draft 2026 Unified Planning Work Program and information about the public comment period are available on the WAMPO website: [www.wampo.org/upwp](http://www.wampo.org/upwp).

### **iii. Title VI Annual Report**

Ms. Jonas stated that WAMPO fully complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, and related statutes and regulations in all programs and activities. As a subrecipient of federal transportation funding, WAMPO demonstrates Title VI compliance through the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT). WAMPO's 2025 Title VI Report was completed on August 26, 2025, and demonstrates WAMPO's efforts to create and maintain a transparent and accessible planning process by integrating Title VI principles into the transportation planning process. To date, no Title VI complaints have ever been received by WAMPO.

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

Kim Negrete, WAMPO, provided an update on the regional Safe Routes to School (SRTS) planning initiative to assist local governments and K-12 schools (both public and private) with the development of at least sixty (60) school-specific SRTS plans in the region. So far, fifty-four (54) schools have confirmed their participation. Various public engagement and data collection efforts are planned for Fall 2025. A parent/caregiver survey has been shared, and participating schools conducted a Student Travel Tally in mid-September that will provide data on how students arrive at and depart from school. WAMPO is working with consultants, school contacts, local government staff, and other partners to schedule walk audits at each participating school during September-November 2025; additional volunteers to conduct the walk audits are still needed. WAMPO staff will attend upcoming community events to engage with the public and share information about SRTS. Committee members are requested to share any events that may be good opportunities for WAMPO staff to attend to encourage engagement.

**v. 2025 Bicycle & Pedestrian Count: Thank You to Volunteers**

Ms. Negrete explained that WAMPO coordinates an annual count of bicycle and pedestrian activity across the region. Data collected during this count help to estimate the number of people who bicycle, walk, or run in the region, and the locations where they do so. To gather this information, WAMPO relies on a team of volunteers to spend a short period of time counting pedestrians and bicycle riders at designated locations. Ms. Negrete and Peter Mohr, WAMPO, also noted that WAMPO deployed nine (9) automatic bicycle and pedestrian counters this year as well. Once analyzed, the count data will be shared.

**vi. Walk Bike Roll Kansas Active Transportation Summit: October 29-30, 2025**

Ms. Negrete shared that the Walk Bike Roll Kansas Active Transportation Summit will be held in Lawrence, Kansas, on October 29 – 30, 2025. The summit will provide opportunities for attendees to learn from experts in the field, connect with Kansans from across the state, and leave with practical actions for improving walking, biking, and rolling. Additional information and registration are available at <https://walkbikeroll.ksdot.gov/>.

**vii. Regional Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Architecture Update**

Mr. Mohr shared that WAMPO is close to finishing an update to 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. Work began in Fall 2024 and is anticipated to conclude in Fall 2025. The update includes an inventory of current ITS infrastructure and a detailed examination of future deployment plans, informed by extensive regional stakeholder engagement. Draft deliverables are now publicly available, and a 30-day public comment period will be held in Fall 2025.

ITS Architecture webpage, with draft deliverables – [www.wampo.org/regional-its-architecture](http://www.wampo.org/regional-its-architecture)

### **viii. Request for Proposals (RFP) Updates**

Mr. Mohr provided an update on WAMPO's current Requests for Proposals (RFPs). An RFP for a consultant to complete a Regional Active Transportation Plan was open from June 5 through July 3, 2025. A contract is now under development with the consultant chosen by the selection committee. The RFP for a consultant to conduct a Household Travel Survey (HTS) is open, and the deadline to submit proposals is September 26, 2025. Active RFPs are available at [www.wampo.org/wampo-is-hiring](http://www.wampo.org/wampo-is-hiring).

### **3. Public Comment Opportunity**

No comments.

### **4. Action**

#### **A. FFY2025-FFY2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #6**

Mr. Mohr asked the TAC to make a recommendation to the TPB on proposed Amendment #6 to the WAMPO FFY2025-FFY2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Amendment #6 is a regularly scheduled TIP amendment and would maintain the fiscal constraint of the FFY2025-FFY2028 TIP. The public comment period for Amendment #6 opened on August 29, 2025, and ran through September 12, 2025. No public comments were received. TIP Amendment #6 adds three (3) new projects and modifies one (1) project. There are administrative adjustments to four (4) additional projects, which do not require approval.

Mr. Mohr listed the projects modified/added/removed, discussed the changes in local, state, and federal funding, and explained the federal requirements met by TIP Amendment #6: it is consistent with the current Metropolitan Transportation Plan, MTP 2050, and is fiscally constrained. The financial impact is an additional cost of \$16.5 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 November 2025.

#### **Discussion:**

Lynn Packer asked about the source of the funding for the City of Wichita "29th Street North and Broadway Intersection" project. Shawn Mellies shared that it is Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funding.

**Action:** Recommend the TPB approve FFY2025-FFY2028 TIP Amendment #6, as presented. (15-0)

**Motion:** Craig Crossette

**Second:** Char Ehrmann

### **5. Discussion/Updates**

#### **A. 2025 Major State Corridors Daily VMT/AADT Reports**

Mr. Mohr shared that Daily Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) are widely used data elements in transportation planning and traffic engineering. Using Kansas

Department of Transportation (KDOT) data, WAMPO staff have developed a 2025 Daily VMT and AADT Report detailing these metrics for seven (7) of WAMPO's major highway corridors.

WAMPO Major State Corridors Daily Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) Report - [https://bit.ly/2025\\_DVMTandAADTReport](https://bit.ly/2025_DVMTandAADTReport)

**Discussion:**

Craig Crossette said he would be interested in more information about the I-235 data, which show a significant decrease in VMT in 2024 compared to prior years, and requested that WAMPO staff follow up once more is known.

**6. Other Business**

None.

**7. Meeting adjourned at 10:27 AM**

**The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 27, 2025, at 10:00 AM.**