



Meeting Summary

Transportation Policy Body (TPB) Meeting Summary

Tuesday, June 14, 2022 @ 3:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting

Meeting Duration: 60 minutes

Members in Attendance:

David Dennis, TPB Chair
Ron Colbert, Valley Center
Jack Hezlep, Derby
Tom Jones, Park City
Russ Kessler, Haysville
Mike Moriarty, KDOT
Warren Porter, Rose Hill
Terry Somers, SCAC
Troy Tabor, Andover

Becky Tuttle, TPB Vice Chair
Dan Woydziak, Butler County
Burt Ussery, TAC Chair
Jim Benage
Jim Howell
Pete Meitzner
Maggie Ballard
Tom Hein, KDOT
Kamme Strouf

Richard LaMunyon, Maize
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Alternative:

Brent Clark, Valley Center
Anne Stephens
2

Other Attendees:

Rick Backlund
Matt Messina
Sean Fox, Park City
Ashley Bryers, WAMPO
Cecelie Cochran, FHWA
Nick Flanders, WAMPO
Dora Gallo, WAMPO

Alicia Hunter, WAMPO
ThaiBinh Ninh, MAPD
Chad Parasa, WAMPO
Marcela Quintanilla, WAMPO
Eldon Taskinen, WAMPO
Emily Thon, WAMPO
Cailyn Trevaskiss, WAMPO

Kelly Rundell
Dan Squires
James Wagner
Jim Weber
Alan Kailer
Tyler voth
Brad shores

1. Chairman David Dennis called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM.

2. Regular Business

A. Approval of June 14, 2022 Agenda

Discussion:

Action: Moved to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed (16-0).

Motion: Chairman Dennis

Second: Vice Chairwoman Tuttle

B. Approval of May 10, 2022 Minutes

Discussion: None

Action: Moved to approve minutes. Motion passed (16-0).

Motion: Chairman Dennis

Second: Vice Chairwoman Tuttle

C. **Director's Report** – Chad Parasa

i. **WAMPO Regional Economic Development**

WAMPO continues to work to develop and revise the long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) for the region. As part of this, more focus will be given to the appendix reports in the MTP, including the addition of an appendix report on economic development.

Presentations on economic development are being made by various member jurisdictions to the TPB:

- Wichita - Cathy Sexton presents today, June 14.
- Park City - Sean Fox will present at next TPB meeting, July 12.

ii. **New Website Organization**

Ashley Bryers introduced some of the features of the remodeled WAMPO website. It is still available at the same URL, but has been updated for easier access. Different documents and committees all have different webpages, and a search bar and translation to Spanish and Vietnamese have been added.

iii. **Quarterly Task Chart**

Ms. Bryers provided an update on WAMPO's quarterly task chart.

iv. **2022 Bicycle/Pedestrian Count**

Ms. Bryers reported that the annual bicycle/pedestrian count will be on September 21, 22, and 24, 2022 and that WAMPO is still recruiting volunteers for it.

D. **Consent Agenda**

Mr. Parasa presented a proposed agreement between WAMPO and KDOT on the use of CRRSAA Funds for the WAMPO Travel Demand Model Update Project.

Action: Approve with no changes (17-0)

Motion: Chairman Dennis

Second: Jack Hezlep

3. Public Comment Opportunity – None

4. New Business

A. **Action: REIMAGINED MOVE 2040 Administrative Modification**

Ms. Bryers and Nick Flanders presented a proposed administrative modification to *REIMAGINED MOVE 2040*, WAMPO's long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Administrative modifications do not require a public comment period or a redemonstration of fiscal constraint, but they do need to be approved by the Transportation Policy Body (TPB).

The proposed administrative modification affects one project, "US-54/400 Expansion – East" (a KDOT-sponsored project). The only change to this project is altering its time band from 2025-2040 to 2020-2040, because KDOT plans to start the project earlier than 2025. There is no change to the project's cost, so the proposed administrative modification does not affect the MTP's fiscal constraint analysis. There is no change to the number, spatial extent, or nature of the projects in the MTP, thus the Environmental Justice analysis is not affected, either.

Discussion: None

Action: Approve the MTP administrative modification, as proposed (17-0).

Motion: Chairman Dennis

Second: Vice Chairwoman Tuttle

B. **Action: FFY2021-FFY2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Special Amendment 6.5**

Ms. Bryers and Mr. Flanders reported that a request for a Special Amendment to the FFY2021-FFY2024 TIP, outside of the regular TIP amendment schedule, was received and the public comment period for that Special Amendment (#6.5) took place during April 23, 2022, through May 22, 2022; no comments were received. The Special Amendment maintains the fiscal constraint of the TIP and it is consistent with *REIMAGINED MOVE 2040* as of the TPB approving the MTP administrative modification referred to in the previous agenda item.

TIP Special Amendment #6.5 includes three projects that require formal action and one project that requires an administrative adjustment:

Formal Action Required

| Project Name | Change | Type of Formal Action/Change |
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| Academy Avenue Improvements from Maize Road to Maize City Park (2022) (City of Maize) | Increase (32.9%, \$2,055,972) in the cost estimate, all from local funds. | Significant modification |
| US-54 (E. Kellogg Ave) in Sedgwick/Butler counties for consultant project oversight and preliminary phases (2022, 2028) (KDOT) | Add Utility Relocation and Right-Of-Way acquisition phases; split out a portion of the Preliminary Engineering phase to a separate project; change title from “US-54 (E. Kellogg Ave) in Sedgwick/Butler Counties” to “US-54 (E. Kellogg Ave) in Sedgwick/Butler counties for consultant project oversight and preliminary phases”; increase (74.5%, \$25,890,000) in the cost estimate, from state and NHPP funds. | Significant modification |
| US-54 (E. Kellogg Ave) in Sedgwick/Butler Counties (2022, 2023, 2028) (KDOT) | Add new KDOT project to the TIP, \$276,000,000 | New project |

Administrative Changes (do not require formal action)

| Project Name | Change |
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| KDOT 1R Resurfacing Preservation projects in the WAMPO region 2022 (2022, 2023) (KDOT) | Small increase (21.4%, \$1,500,000) in the cost estimate, from state and NHPP funds; updated Administrative Contact from Rene Hart to Kristi Wilson. |

Discussion: Mike Moriarty thanked WAMPO staff for accommodating this Special Amendment.

Action: Approve TIP Special Amendment #6.5, as proposed (17-0).

Motion: Chairman Dennis

Second: Vice Chairwoman Tuttle

C. [Update: TIP/MTP Open House](#)

Ms. Bryers discussed the upcoming joint open house for *REIMAGINED MOVE* 2040 Amendment 2 and the FFY2023-FFY2026 TIP. It will be at the Wichita Public Library Advanced Learning Library, 711 West 2nd St. N, Conference Center C, Wichita, KS 67203, on Wednesday, June 29th, 2022, from 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM. It will be a come-and-go event. The public comment periods for both *REIMAGINED MOVE* 2040 Amendment 2 and the FFY2023-FFY2026 TIP are June 15-July 15, 2022.

5. Committee & Partnership Updates

A. [Executive Committee](#)

Chairman Dennis introduced changes to Executive Committee meetings, intended to make them more open and accessible. The first of these changes is introducing a regular schedule for quarterly meetings. The first of these meetings will be held on Thursday, August 4th, 2022, reoccurring every three months. Starting in 2023, meetings will be held on the first Thursday of the month, 11:15 AM to 12:00 PM, in February, May, August, and November. Cancellations and special meetings can be made as needed and will be published online. Moving forward, all meetings will be open to the public, unless the committee needs to hold an executive session, which is only likely during the evaluation of the WAMPO Director. A quorum shall be a majority (4) of the Executive Committee's 6 members. Meetings will not be recorded, but summaries will be made and published after the meeting has been held. Meeting agendas will be made publicly available before each meeting. The same accessibility rules will be followed for Executive Committee meetings as the bylaws require for TPB meetings. At Chairman Dennis's request, WAMPO legal council Kelly Rundell confirmed that no vote was needed to adopt the new procedures, so none was held.

B. **[Committees: Active Transportation Committee; Safety & Health Committee](#)**

Alen Kailer discussed what occurred during the most recent Active Transportation Committee meeting, on June 1st, 2022. This included presentations from the cities of Garden Plain and Wichita. The next Active Transportation Committee meeting will be on September 7th, 2022.

C. **[KDOT, Wichita Metro](#)**

Tom Hein reported there was a weekend closure at the North Junction during the weekend of June 11th - 12th, 2022, and there may be more upcoming, including one on the North Junction for at least June 18th, 2022, as well.

D. **[KDOT \(Kansas Department of Transportation\)](#)**

Mr. Moriarty said that new funding has been made available by the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). To make communities and organizations aware of the new funding opportunities and how to apply for grants, there will be an Infrastructure Summit on July 13th-14th, 2022 in Wichita at the Hughes Metropolitan Complex. Registration is required and the event has a 500-person limit. To get on the distribution list, including for notification of when registration begins for the Infrastructure Summit, email bil@ks.gov. Chairman Dennis asked WAMPO staff to e-mail information on the Infrastructure Summit to all TPB members.

Brent Terstriep reported that KDOT recently held a public meeting on the East Kellogg project. The project to expand K-96 in east Wichita from four lanes to six lanes is still in the development process.

E. **[FHWA \(Federal Highway Administration\)](#)**

Cecelie Cochran provided a reminder that the 2022 Highway Information Seminar is scheduled for October 24th-28th, 2022, 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM Eastern Time (12:00 PM – 4:00 PM Central Time) (<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/policyinformation/his.cfm>). The Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program has an application deadline of September 15th, 2022; more information can be found at <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A>. The Kansas Freight Advisory Council will meet on June 22nd, 2022 at the Eisenhower State Building, including on the development of a new State Freight Plan.

Chairman Dennis asked WAMPO staff to e-mail the information presented by FHWA to all TPB members.

4D. **Discussion: Economic Development**

Kathy Sexton discussed economic development in the city of Wichita. Most economic development within the city is enacted and maintained by the Greater Wichita Partnership. The Partnership finds new and established businesses willing to move into the Wichita area, and then working with both the community and businesses to find the best locations for them, as well as helps to grow businesses already in the area. Progress has been made since the 1990's to refurbish downtown Wichita. One recent project nearing completion is the Downtown Streets and Parking Plan, which includes removing one-way streets and improving the locations of parking options, some of which has already been completed. There has been a wave of development making downtown Wichita more multifunctional, with businesses and residential communities being developed side by side. The Neighborhood Cycle Classification system can be used as a guide for targeting investment in various neighborhoods within the Established Central Area (ECA) of Wichita, KS.

Vice Chairwoman Tuttle prompted a discussion by Ms. Sexton on Community Investment Districts (CIDs) and how they can be used to put an additional sales tax on a single defined district to help fund economic development. Wichita developed one of these districts around the K-96 and Greenwich Rd. interchange. Starting in 2015, the sales tax was raised by 1% in this area to help improve the interchange, and it was an overwhelming success. Due to the successful development of the interchange, the tax has been removed after only 7 years, 15 years earlier than the maximum of 22 years allowed for a CID.

Chairman Dennis discussed the need for elected officials to be cheerleaders for their region and the importance of transportation to economic development and referenced a recent symposium hosted by Deloitte. A presentation at that symposium provided some impressive statistics about Wichita, such as that it has the highest percentage of STEM jobs in the nation and that Wichita has the highest percentage of manufacturing jobs as a function of total jobs in the nation. Wichita State University is also ranked first in industry-funded aerospace R&D by the National Science Foundation and second nationwide in R&D expenditures. As Wichita's quality of life is improved, students from Wichita State University, Newman University, Friends University, and others will be more interested in staying in Wichita and contributing to the community and its businesses.

6. Other Business

No other business.

7. Meeting adjourned at 4:01 PM.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 3:00 PM.

TPB meeting July 12, 2022, 3:01 PM Start time

1. Welcome

2. Regular Business

a. Approval of July 12, 2022, Agenda

- i. Motioned chairman
- ii. Seconded vice chairwoman

b. Approval of June 14, 2022, Meeting Minutes

- i. Motioned: Chairman
- ii. Seconded: Vice chairwoman

c. Director's Report

- i. Overview
- ii. **WAMPO Regional Economic Development**
 - a. Creating partnerships within wampo and making
- iii. **Critical Urban Freight Corridors (CUFCs)**
 - a. KDOT has asked WAMPO to recommend roads for the national freight network. This allows for specific funding that can add to improving and changing. Will have updated list and information soon for TPB
- iv. **TIP/MTP Public Comment Period (June 15 – July 15)**
 - a. July 15th end, there was only one comment from Andover.
- v. **WAMPO Safety Plan**
 - a. Finishing up the scope of work, the end result will be a comprehensive safety plan.
- vi. **6-Month UPWP Activity Report**
- vii. **Bicycle and Pedestrian Count: Still Accepting Volunteers**
 - a. Dora Gallo explained that there was still a need for volunteers. To become a volunteer please contact her at: dora.gallo@wampo.org or phone at 316.779.13**
- viii. **Kansas Freight Plan**
 - a. June, KFAC kick-off, August 2022 Kansas freight needs assessment and opportunities, draft state freight plan October 2022.
 - b. Discussion
 - i. TAC Chairman asked a question
 - ii. Ashley responded
 - iii. Tac chairman asked a follow up question
 - iv. Mike responded

3. Public Comments

a. One online comment from Jane Byrnes

- i. My comment: As you consider funding travel, please embrace the NON-car transportation needs of 1/3 of residents in our area such as young teens, seniors, low-income, disabled, schoolchildren, baby strollers, bicyclists, pedestrians, scooterists, electric skateboarders, bus and train riders. Most especially, consider that many do not necessarily prefer cars including the young talent our area needs

to attract and retain, and Big City trendy folks. Additionally, note that Dangerous by Design 2022, the national report released just this morning, gives the statistic that the Wichita Metro area averaged 1.28 average pedestrian deaths per 100,000 people per year, 2016-2020. (www.smartgrowthamerica.org/dangerous-by-design, page 50)

- ii. Chairman Motioned to receive and file
- iii. Seconded by Chairwoman Tuttle

4. New Business

a. Action: Title VI Program Manual and Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan Ashley Bryers, Dora Gallo, and Marcela Quintanilla, WAMPO

- i. Dora first, Marcela second
- ii. Action: approve as stands.
- iii. Motion: Chairman
- iv. Second: Jack Hezlep
- v. Discussion: No discussion

b. Update: Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) and Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSMO) Ashley Bryers, WAMPO, Alicia Hunter, WAMPO, and Tom Hein, KDOT

- i. Tom Hein first, Alicia Hunter second
- ii. Chairman motioned to receive and file the ITS report
- iii. Seconded by Tom Jones

c. Discussion: Economic Development Sean Fox, Park City, and Brent Clark, Valley Center

- i. Sean Fox - To watch this presentation please click the link [HERE](#).
- ii. Discussion
 - None
- iii. Brent Clark – To watch this presentation please click the link [HERE](#).
- iv. Discussion
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5. Committee & Partnership/Updates

a. Executive Committee

b. Committees: Active Transportation (Alan Kailer & Jack Brown); Safety & Health (Jack Brown)

c. KDOT, Wichita Metro

d. KDOT (Kansas Department of Transportation)

e. FHWA (Federal Highway Administration)

- i. New app – please look into it
- ii. Reconnecting communities, new grant, virtual training on how to apply for the grant this Thursday
- iii. Federal aide process, new training opportunity on how to apply for “” grants
- iv. Advertising for a new position in their office

6. Other Business

a. None found

7. Executive Committee

8. Adjournment at 4:11 PM