



Meeting Minutes

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 25, 2025 @ 10:00 AM

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

Meeting Duration: 26 minutes

Voting Members in Attendance

Dan Woydziak, *TAC Chair*

Marcy Aycock, *REAP*

Jack Brown, *Public Health*

Lily Cherry, *Wichita Transit*

Brent Clark, *Freight Movement*

Char Ehrmann, *CTD #9*

Duane Flug, *KDOT*

Jolene Graham, *Economist*

Paul Gunzelman, *Wichita*

Moumita Kundu, *Urban Land Use*

Planning & Development Trends

Les Mangus, *Butler/Sumner*

Counties

Shawn Mellies, *Wichita*

Lynn Packer, *Sedgwick County*

Dan Squires, *SCAC*

Alternates

Steve Degenhardt, *Wichita (voting)*

James Wagner, *Wichita (non-*

voting)

Other Attendees

Javier Ahumada, *FHWA*

Kelly Broxterman, *Wichita*

Transit

Nick Flanders, *WAMPO*

Markey Jonas, *WAMPO*

Alan Kailer, *Bike Walk Wichita*

Mohamed Moawad, *MAPD*

Peter Mohr, *WAMPO*

Kim Negrete, *WAMPO*

Katie Newman, *WAMPO*

Chad Parasa, *WAMPO*

Chris Sweeney, *WAMPO*

Laura VanBurkleo, *WAMPO*

Tyler Voth, *WSP*

1. Chair Dan Woydziak called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

2. Regular Business

A. Approval of August 25, 2025, Agenda

Discussion: None.

Action: Approve the August 25, 2025, agenda, as presented. (13-0)¹

Motion: Paul Gunzelman

Second: Moumita Kundu

B. Approval of July 28, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Discussion: None.

Action: Approve the July 28, 2025, meeting minutes, as presented. (13-0)

Motion: Lynn Packer

Second: Paul Gunzelman

¹ Two (2) voting TAC members did not arrive until after the votes to approve the August 2025 agenda and July 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 August 2025 was shared.

August 2025 TIP Project Statuses – <https://bit.ly/August2025-TIP-Project-Statuses>

Discussion:

Paul Gunzelman shared that the projects “Redbud Multi-Use Path from Woodlawn Blvd., near 17th St., 3.5 miles east to K-96 Phase 1” and “17th St N, I-135 to Hillside” will obligate in September 2025.

ii. **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 available. Federal planning partners will review the draft architecture, and WAMPO staff will address their comments. Following a 30-day public comment period, the draft architecture will be presented to the TAC for a recommendation and to the TPB for a vote on approval.

ITS Architecture webpage, with draft deliverables – www.wampo.org/regional-its-architecture

iii. **Upcoming TIP Amendment #6 Public Comment Period: 08/29/2025-09/12/2025**

Mr. Mohr noted that the Public Comment period for Amendment 6 to the current Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which covers Federal Fiscal Years (FFYs) 2025-2028 (October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2028), will be open August 29, 2025, through September 12, 2025. The FFY2025-FFY2028 TIP and amendment schedule can be viewed at www.wampo.org/transportation-improvement-program.

iv. **Regional Active Transportation Plan Consultant Selection Update**

Mr. Mohr shared that WAMPO staff released a Request for Proposals (RFP) from June 5 through July 3, 2025, for a consultant to complete a Regional Active Transportation Plan. Two (2) consultant proposals were received and considered by a selection committee. A contract is now under development with the consultant chosen by the selection

committee. The purpose of the Regional Active Transportation Plan is to assess existing conditions, identify gaps in the nonmotorized-travel network, and recommend strategies for improving active transportation options, including bicycling, walking, and other forms of nonmotorized transportation within the region. The plan will guide future policies and infrastructure investments and support efforts to create a more connected, safe, inviting, and accessible active transportation network for all travelers in the region.

v. 2025 Bicycle & Pedestrian Count: September 10, 11, & 13

Kim Negrete, WAMPO, 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. The 2025 dates and times available to volunteer are Wednesday, September 10, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM and/or 5:00 PM-7:00 PM; Thursday, September 11, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM and/or 5:00 PM-7:00 PM; and Saturday, September 13, 12:00 PM-2:00 PM.

Volunteer registration is available at www.wampo.org/bicycle-pedestrian.

vi. Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Update

Ms. Negrete 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 will conduct a Student Travel Tally in September that will provide data on how students arrive at and depart from school. WAMPO will work 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 about SRTS. Committee members are requested to share any events that may be good opportunities for WAMPO staff to attend to encourage engagement.

vii. KDOT/WAMPO Behavioral Safety Grants: Call for Applications

Ms. Negrete announced that WAMPO and the KDOT Behavioral Safety Office are jointly conducting a call for applications for Behavioral Safety Grants in the WAMPO region. WAMPO member jurisdictions and community partners are encouraged to submit applications for projects focused on improving road-user behavior. Funding for the grants comes from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and will be administered by KDOT. Applications for projects with budgets of \$1,000-\$30,000 will be considered. The total amount available for this round of grants is \$100,000. The application

deadline is September 12, 2025, at 5:00 PM. More information and the Behavioral Safety Grant Application are available at www.wampo.org/safety.

Discussion:

Shawn Mellies asked for an example of a project. Ms. Negrete shared that Bike Walk Wichita was awarded a grant last year for a behavioral safety messaging campaign for all road users.

Chad Parasa, WAMPO, asked if the grant funding can go toward staff salaries. Ms. Negrete confirmed that staff funding can be part of the budget.

viii. Regional Connections Presentation Series

Markey Jonas, WAMPO, shared that WAMPO is coordinating a series of presentations with the theme of “Regional Connections” to enhance collaboration and coordination across the region. This initiative invites WAMPO jurisdictions and planning partners to present updates on local projects, policies, or programs of regional significance to the Transportation Policy Body (TPB). Following the conclusion of the presentation series, a report highlighting various initiatives contributing to advancing mobility, economic development, and overall quality of life in the WAMPO region, as well as related data trends, will be published. Please contact WAMPO staff to reserve a time to present.

ix. MTP 2050 Public Engagement Round 5

Ms. Jonas explained that public engagement for Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050 (MTP 2050) is divided into five rounds, with the purpose of the fifth round being to present the approved plan to the public. Following the approval of MTP 2050 Amendment 1 by the Transportation Policy Body on August 12, 2025, WAMPO staff are beginning the fifth round of public engagement for MTP 2050. Engagement activities may include presentations at public meetings, attending community pop-up events, and social media advertisements to encourage ongoing use of the plan. WAMPO strives to act as a regional forum for transportation information and transportation decision-making; ongoing discussion of MTP 2050 following initial adoption will ensure the plan remains relevant. Please let WAMPO staff know if you would like more information about the MTP or would like to request WAMPO to attend or present at an upcoming event.

3. Public Comment Opportunity

No comments.

4. Action

A. Project Evaluation Methodology & Scoring Criteria Revisions

Mr. Mohr explained that when WAMPO receives submissions in response to a Call for Projects, staff and/or consultants calculate scores for the submitted projects, based on the “Project Evaluation

Methodology & Scoring Criteria” that were approved by the Transportation Policy Body (TPB) on October 12, 2021. Scores are then provided to the WAMPO Project Selection Committee (PSC) as part of the information they consider when making recommendations on which transportation projects should be included in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)/Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and prioritized for funding. In light of new guidance from the USDOT, WAMPO staff have drafted proposed revisions to the scoring criteria, on which the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was asked to make a recommendation to the TPB.

Discussion: None.

Action: Recommend the TPB approve the proposed revised Project Evaluation Methodology & Scoring Criteria, as presented. (15-0)

Motion: Brent Clark

Second: Moumita Kundu

5. Discussion/Updates

A. Employment Sectors: Transportation

Mr. Mohr shared that the WAMPO region is home to a varied and vibrant economy. As a part of WAMPO’s mission to serve and inform its stakeholders, staff have developed a series of presentations on seven major sectors of the local economy. This presentation focused on the transportation and logistics sector in the WAMPO region.

The transportation and logistics sector includes core transportation sectors, such as rail, trucking, and freight support, as well as logistics industries like warehousing, petroleum and chemical distribution, and logistics consulting services. Within the WAMPO region, there are approximately 900 establishments supporting more than 12,000 regional jobs in this sector. Mr. Mohr shared details about the largest such establishments in the WAMPO region and comparisons of transportation-sector employment and wage trends in peer metropolitan areas.

WAMPO Transportation Sector Report – <https://bit.ly/TransportationEmploymentSector>

6. Other Business

None.

7. Meeting adjourned at 10:26 AM

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, September 22, 2025, at 10:00 AM.