



Meeting Summary
Transportation Policy Body (TPB) Meeting Summary
Tuesday, April 12, 2022 @ 3:00 PM
Hybrid Meeting

Meeting Duration: 52 minutes

Members in Attendance:

Becky Tuttle, TPB Vice Chair
Maggie Ballard, Wichita
Ron Colbert, Valley Center
Bryan Frye, Wichita
Tom Hein, KDOT
Jack Hezlep, Derby
Michael Hoheisel, Wichita
Jim Howell, Sedgwick County

Tom Jones, Park City
Russ Kessler, Haysville
Sarah Lopez, Sedgwick County
Pete Meitzner, Sedgwick County
Warren Porter, Rose Hill
Terry Somers, SCAC
Kamme Sroufe, Kechi
Anne Stephens, Bel Aire

Pat Stivers, Maize
Troy Tabor, Andover
Burt Ussey, Clearwater
Dan Woydziak, Butler County

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Richard LaMunyon, Maize
Tom Stolz, Sedgwick County

Other Attendees:

Ashley Bryers, WAMPO
Cecelie Cochran, FHWA
Nick Flanders, WAMPO
Dora Gallo, WAMPO
Jeremy Hill, Wichita State University
Theresa House, WAMPO
Alan Kailer, Bike Walk Wichita

Mark Kruep, WAMPO
Matt Messina, KDOT
ThaiBinh Ninh, Wichita
Lynn Packer, Sedgwick County
Chad Parasa, WAMPO
Tia Raamot, MAPD

Kelly Rundell, Hite, Fanning &
Honeyman LLP
Jim Weber, Sedgwick County
Andrew Wiens, South Central Kansas
Transportation Coalition
Kristen Zimmerman, PEC

1. Vice Chairwoman Becky Tuttle¹ called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

2. Regular Business

A. Approval of April 12, 2022 Agenda

Discussion: None

Action: Moved to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed (20-0).

Motion: Vice Chairwoman Tuttle

Second: Brian Frye

B. Approval of March 8, 2022 Minutes

Discussion: None

Action: Moved to approve minutes. Motion passed (20-0).

Motion: Vice Chairwoman Tuttle

Second: Tom Jones

C. TPB Chairman's Report

i. Overview

ii. WAMPO Regional Economic Development

iii. Travel Demand Model

Ashley Bryers reported WAMPO has been updating the Travel Demand Model, and is currently coordinating with Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) staff regarding procurement procedures and timelines. WAMPO will continue reporting to TPB regarding this project.

iv. Quarterly Activity Report – UPWP

Chad Parasa presented the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) document. This document represents the planning activities WAMPO will undertake during the fiscal year, and the document

¹ Chairman David Dennis was not able to attend this meeting. Vice Chairwoman Becky Tuttle chaired the meeting.

being presented to TPB represents the activities and corresponding budget estimates for the first quarter of FY2022.

v. **FFY2023-FFY2026 TIP Development**

Ms. Bryers stated following the February 9, 2022-March 9, 2022 Call for Projects, requests for over 30 projects, worth over \$117 million, were received. The Project Selection Committee has been reviewing each request to identify which projects will be recommended for funding. Information regarding these recommended projects will be provided to TAC at its April 25, 2022 meeting, and TAC’s recommendation will be provided at TPB’s May 10, 2022 meeting.

vi. **MPO 101**

Ms. Bryers presented a short overview of the plans required of a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for improving transportation. She asked new members who would like to discuss or learn more about any or all of these plans to please contact her.

3. Public Comment Opportunity – None

4. New Business

A. **Action: FFY2021-FFY2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 6**

Ms. Bryers informed the TPB amendments can be made to a TIP when there are changes to projects between full TIP update cycles. Regularly scheduled TIP Amendments will be presented to the TPB in August 2022, October 2022, February 2023, April 2023 and August 2023. Because special amendments can be made on an as-needed basis, one special amendment is tentatively planned for a June 2022 TPB vote.

Nick Flanders reported on Amendment #6 to the FFY2021-FFY2024 TIP, noting the project submitted by the City of Maize – Academy Avenue Improvements from Maize road to Maize City Park - is only having an administrative adjustment, updating the Administrative Contact’s e-mail address and the Engineering contact, and does not require formal action. The remaining seven projects require formal action – two projects require significant modifications, and five are new projects. Information regarding these projects can be found on <https://www.wampo.org/transportation-improvement-program>.

The project submissions which require formal action are:

Project #	Project Name	Change	Type of Formal Action change
1	Bridge #132 on US-54 in Sedgwick County (2022, 2027) (KDOT)	Add new KDOT project to the TIP, \$1,396,464.00	New Project
2	Bridge #305 on I-135 in Sedgwick County (2022, 2027) (KDOT)	Add new KDOT project to the TIP, \$864,996.00	New Project
3	Bridge #094 & #095 on I-235 in Sedgwick County (2022, 2027) (KDOT)	Add new KDOT project to the TIP, \$657,391.00	New Project
4	K-42 in Sedgwick County (2020, 2023, 2025) (KDOT)	Add Construction and Construction Engineering phases; add Conversion Payback year for KDOT-STBG Advance Construction spending already programmed; edit scope; update contact information; large increase (2,146%, \$12,877,200.00) in the cost estimate, from state and KDOT-STBG funds.	Significant Modification
5	I-235, I-135, K-254 & K-96 Interchange-	Remove Advance Construction arrangement from NHPP funds used for Preliminary Engineering; change	Significant Modification

	Gold Project-Wichita (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022) (KDOT)	Construction Engineering funding to come entirely from state funds and not NHPP funds; edit scope; increase (17%, \$19,954,000.00) in the cost estimate, from state and NHPP funds.	
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Projects #6 and #7 both relate to the same overall new project from KDOT, which has been divided between the two projects:

6	Discovery Phase for US-54 (E. Kellogg Ave) in Sedgwick/Butler Counties (2022) (KDOT)	Add new KDOT project to the TIP, requesting \$1,050,000.00 for discovery phase of project, to change that portion of US-54 to a separated graded freeway from its current surface level arrangement with regular intersections with cross-streets	New project
7	US-54 (E. Kellogg Ave) in Sedgwick/Butler Counties (2022, 2028) (KDOT)	Add new KDOT project to the TIP, requesting \$34,750,000 for preliminary engineering in 2022, with advance construction for payback year in 2028. The construction phase of this project has not yet been added to this project at this time.	New project

Mr. Flanders noted it is likely that Project #7 (US-54, E. Kellogg Ave, in Sedgwick/Butler Counties) will be amended in a Special Amendment planned for a June 2022 TPB vote. He also noted he sent a special Call for Projects to jurisdictions for projects they would like to have included in the Special Amendment to the FFY2021-FFY2024 TIP.

These eight projects have gone through a Public Comment period and no comments were received. All projects are also consistent with the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. In accordance with federal regulations, following Amendment #6, the TIP would remain fiscally constrained. The total financial impact of the Amendment of \$71,550,051 does not include any new WAMPO-suballocated funds.

Mr. Flanders noted the TAC recommended the TPB approve the amendment as proposed

Action: Motion to approve FFY2021-FFY2024 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) Amendment 6. (20-0).

Motion: Vice Chairwoman Tuttle

Second: Jack Hezlep

B. Update: Federal Roadway Functional Classification Map

Ms. Bryers reported that WAMPO’s federal roadway Functional Classification map reflects the volumes of people using the roadways and may change over time, with updates occasionally made to reflect current conditions.

Mr. Flanders stated some requests from WAMPO member jurisdiction for Functional Classification revisions are not yet reflected in the materials provided with the meeting agenda, as they have not yet been vetted by KDOT staff. A revised map and list of changes will be presented to the TAC at its April 25, 2022 meeting, and the TAC’s recommendation will be presented to the TPB for a vote on May 10, 2022.

C. Update: Heartland Flyer Extension

Andrew Wiens, South Central Kansas Transportation Coalition (SCKTC), reported on the status of the Heartland Flyer proposed extension. He noted that SCKTC, KDOT, cities, and counties have been involved in meetings to develop a list of regional infrastructure projects to help the region grow.

D. Update: Economic Development

Jeremy Hill, Wichita State University Center for Economic Development and Business Research (CEDBR), reported on the sectors that drive the regional economy at the three-digit level of North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes by total employment, and concentration of employment. The top economic driver in the Wichita region is transportation-equipment manufacturing, especially aerospace-related. Wichita has the third-highest concentration of wages in the transportation-equipment-manufacturing sector of all Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) in the United States. Mr. Hill also reported on the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the aerospace industry, as well as on rankings of how “healthy, wealthy, and wise” households in the region are, relative to the rest of Kansas.

5. Committee & Partnership Updates

A. Executive Committee

Vice Chairwoman Tuttle reported that there was no March 2022 Executive Committee meeting. She reminded TPB members that Executive Committee meetings are open meetings, and anyone who would like to join a Committee meeting are welcome to contact Chad Parasa, Chairman Dennis, or Vice Chair Tuttle.

B. Committees: Active Transportation Committee; Safety & Health Committee

Alan Kailer reported that the next Active Transportation Committee meeting will be held virtually on June 1, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. On the agenda are presentations by the cities of Wichita and Garden Plain regarding their active-transportation plans.

The next Safety & Health Committee meeting will be held on May 6, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.

C. KDOT, Wichita Metro

Tom Hein reported that the second week of April is Work Zone Awareness Week, with a national campaign to remind people that work zones can be dangerous – both for drivers and for workers.

He also reported that the North Junction Gold Project is in its second year of a 3-year phase for two ramps feeding into southbound I-235. In September 2022, open bids will be taken for the next 3-year phase, for work on the K-96/I-135 junction.

Mr. Hein noted that more projects are being set for area highways, and he will update the TPB at the next meeting.

D. KDOT

Matt Messina noted that there will be a Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) informational meeting from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Thursday, April 14, 2022 and that there will later be a virtual meeting on the same topic. Both events are open to public, but require registration, which may be done at the following URL: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KDOTBIL>.

E. FHWA

Cecelie Cochran reported she will have updates to TPB at the next meeting.

6. Other Business

7. Meeting adjourned at 3:52 PM.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 3:00 PM.