



Meeting Minutes

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 23, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

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

Meeting Duration: 73 minutes

Voting Members in Attendance		
Dan Woydziak, <i>TAC Chair</i> Marcy Aycok, <i>REAP</i> Jack Brown, <i>Public Health</i> Kelly Broxterman, <i>Wichita Transit</i> Craig Crossette, <i>Regional Pathways</i> Steve Degenhardt, <i>Wichita</i> Joe Dessenberger, <i>Railroad Freight</i> Danielle Gabor, <i>SCAC</i> Jolene Graham, <i>Economist</i>	Paul Gunzelman, <i>Wichita</i> Moumita Kundu, <i>Urban Land Use Planning & Development Trends</i> Les Mangus, <i>Butler/Sumner Counties</i> Shawn Mellies, <i>Wichita</i> Lynn Packer, <i>Sedgwick County</i> Allison Smith, <i>KDOT</i> Dan Squires, <i>SCAC</i>	Alternates Lily Cherry, <i>Wichita Transit (non-voting)</i> Gary Janzen, <i>Wichita (non-voting)</i>
Other Attendees		
Javier Ahumada, <i>FHWA</i> Nick Flanders, <i>WAMPO</i> Kevin Graham, <i>Andover</i> Angeline Johnson, <i>Greater Wichita Partnership</i>	Markey Jonas, <i>WAMPO</i> Mohamed Moawad, <i>MAPD</i> Kim Negrete, <i>WAMPO</i> Katie Newman, <i>WAMPO</i> Chad Parasa, <i>WAMPO</i>	Brad Shores, <i>JEO</i> Chris Sweeney, <i>WAMPO</i> Jennifer Warren, <i>KDOT</i> Kristen Zimmerman, <i>PEC</i>

1. Chair Dan Woydziak called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM.

2. Regular Business

A. Approval of February 23, 2026, Agenda

Discussion: None.

Action: Approve the February 23, 2026, agenda, as presented. (14-0)¹

Motion: Dan Squires

Second: Paul Gunzelman

B. Approval of January 26, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Discussion: None.

Action: Approve January 26, 2026, meeting minutes, as presented. (14-0)

Motion: Joe Dessenberger

Second: Lynn Packer

¹ Two (2) voting TAC members did not arrive until after the votes to approve the February 2026 agenda and January 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. **Bimonthly TIP Project Statuses**

Nick Flanders, WAMPO, explained that the WAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) includes a Reasonable Progress Policy, under which projects programmed to receive WAMPO suballocated federal 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 February 2026 was shared.

February 2026 TIP Project Statuses – <https://bit.ly/February232026-TIP-Project-Statuses>

ii. **FFY2025-FFY2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 8 Public Comment Period Open 02/27/2026-03/13/2026**

Mr. Flanders noted the upcoming Public Comment period for Amendment 8 to the current Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which covers Federal Fiscal Years (FFYs) 2025-2028 (October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2028). The 15-day Public Comment period is planned for February 27, 2026, through March 13, 2026. The FFY2025-FFY2028 TIP and amendment schedule can be viewed at www.wampo.org/transportation-improvement-program.

iii. **FFY2027-FFY2030 TIP Call for Projects, Applications Due March 6, 2026**

Mr. Flanders provided information about the Call for Projects for the FFY2027-FFY2030 TIP, applications for which are due March 6, 2026. WAMPO member jurisdictions should have received instructions on how to submit projects when the Call for Projects opened on February 2, 2026. This is an opportunity for projects to be considered for suballocated federal funding. In addition to projects awarded suballocated federal funding, all other federally funded or regionally significant transportation projects are also required to be listed in the TIP and should be submitted. A tentative schedule for the development of the FFY2027-FFY2030 TIP was presented, wherein the final TPB approval vote would be expected in August 2026.

iv. **Household Travel Survey Consultant Contract Update**

Mr. Flanders gave an update on the procurement process for a consultant team to perform a Household Travel Survey (HTS) in the WAMPO region. An RFP was issued in 2025, and a consultant selection committee chose one of three submitted proposals to follow up on with contract negotiations. WAMPO is currently in discussions with the selected consultant team and with KDOT staff regarding the particulars of the contract.

HTS data support WAMPO's federally required long-range transportation planning activities, including by providing inputs to the regional Travel Demand Model (TDM), which produces traffic volume and congestion forecasts that are considered during WAMPO's project selection processes and are made available to WAMPO member jurisdictions for

their own planning purposes. MPOs typically complete an HTS about every 10 years; WAMPO's last HTS was in 2011 and the next one has been delayed past the 10-year mark to avoid the data being skewed by the short-term effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Since the last WAMPO HTS, there may have been significant changes in travel behavior in the region and in the demographic/economic makeup of the region. Also, new technologies for administering HTSs have become available since 2011.

The goal for the upcoming HTS is to obtain complete responses for all members of at least 2,000 households. Obtaining the desired number of complete responses from a representative sample within the region and weighting the results will be a very involved process, both for the survey respondents and for those administering the survey.

The final contract for a consultant to prepare and implement the next HTS is expected to include about \$900,000 of expenses, to be paid with federal Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) funds and the required local match for those funds. It is anticipated that a contract will be presented to the TPB for approval in spring 2026.

Chad Parasa, WAMPO, added that the CPG funds budgeted for this project would be lost if WAMPO does not use them, as some of those funds come from past years and CPG funds come with deadline for using them. Conducting an HTS fulfills federal requirements for travel forecasting and transportation planning in metropolitan areas and is considered a "best practice" that MPOs across the country adhere to. HTSs often cost much more than \$900,000; recently the MPO for the St. Louis region awarded an HTS contract for about \$2-3 million. Besides providing TDM inputs, an HTS also provides useful data about travel patterns in the region, such as average trip lengths and mode shares.

Discussion:

Dan Squires and Gary Janzen asked if the Travel Demand Model (TDM) would be updated following the HTS. Mr. Parasa and Mr. Flanders shared that the RFP Scope of Work for the HTS project includes a specific task for integrating the results of the HTS into the WAMPO TDM. A full TDM update and recalibration are usually completed every five years, but such a full update happens on its own cycle is not part of this project.

Mr. Janzen asked about the anticipated expense of the HTS consultant contract and whether it aligns with that of the HTS WAMPO conducted in 2011 and those conducted in similar regions. Allison Smith, KDOT, responded that the cost is on par with and slightly lower than that for the Kansas City region. Mr. Parasa added that, initially, \$1.5-2 million had been set aside for the HTS project, but a proposal was received from a firm with significant expertise to do it for about \$900,000. Mr. Flanders provided examples of some of the factors that contribute to Household Travel Surveys being expensive to conduct.

v. 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 will begin scheduling meetings to review those reports with school/district staff and local government staff in spring 2026 and begin discussing potential recommendations for improvements to include in the final SRTS plans. Additional participating schools are still being sought, with anticipated engagement and data collection for those schools starting in March 2026.

Draft Andover Public Schools (USD 385) Existing Conditions Report (Example Existing Conditions Report) - <https://bit.ly/Andover-SRTS-Existing-Conditions-Draft>

vi. 2025 WAMPO-Region Transit Ridership

Markey Jonas, WAMPO, presented the ridership numbers recorded in 2025 for each of the government-provided public transit services within the WAMPO region.

vii. Regional Active Transportation Plan Update

Mr. Parasa shared that WAMPO issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a consultant to develop a Regional Active Transportation Plan, open February 18-March 4, 2026. The WAMPO Transportation Policy Body (TPB) voted on February 10, 2026, to authorize WAMPO staff to issue this RFP.

3. Public Comment Opportunity

No comments.

4. Action

A. FFY2026-FFY2028 Project Selection Committee (PSC) Suballocated Federal Funding Award Recommendations

Mr. Flanders explained that KDOT staff have informed WAMPO staff of changes in how suballocated federal funding is to be managed in FFY2026 and beyond. Previously, awards from a given suballocated federal funding program in a given FFY were restricted to a “Limitation Distribution” of approximately 85% of WAMPO’s Apportionment for that program/FFY. This was to provide a funding “cushion” at the end of each FFY to avoid the accidental overprogramming of funds. Now, there are no more Limitation Distributions and WAMPO is expected to award 100% of the Apportionments for each FFY. During the period when Limitation Distributions were in effect, the resultant unawarded funds accumulated from one FFY to the next, meaning there is now a large balance of carryover funds for WAMPO to award to projects. KDOT expects WAMPO to expend its balance of carryover funds by the end of FFY2028.

To address the large projected surpluses of suballocated federal funding in FFY2026-FFY2028, the WAMPO Project Selection Committee (PSC) met on January 22, 2026, to make funding-award recommendations. The TAC was asked to consider and make a recommendation to the TPB on the

Project Selection Committee’s (PSC’s) FFY2026-FFY2028 suballocated federal funding award recommendations:

Lead Agency	Project	Current Programmed Fed. \$	Current % Fed. Funding	PSC-Recommended Addition	Revised Programmed Fed. \$ if Approved	Revised % Fed. Funding if Approved
City of Derby	Rock Road Corridor Improvements	\$4,915,049	41.37%	\$4,588,757	\$9,503,806	80.00%
City of Wichita	Redbud Multi-Use Path near Rock Road Phase 2	\$2,753,454	39.60%	\$2,809,309	\$5,562,763	80.00%
Sedgwick County	B533: Bridge on Seneca between 63rd and 71st St South	\$1,238,997	68.72%	\$203,358	\$1,442,355	80.00%
City of Haysville	Meridian Street & Multiuse Trail	\$5,262,961	69.98%	\$753,201	\$6,016,162	80.00%
City of Park City	85th Street and Broadway Roundabout	\$581,183	32.91%	\$831,528	\$1,412,711	80.00%
City of Bel Aire	Bel Aire Bike Ped Trail Phase 1	\$778,400	80.00%	\$0	\$778,400	80.00%
Sedgwick County	Maple Street Pathway	\$1,320,000	64.39%	\$320,000	\$1,640,000	80.00%
City of Bel Aire	45th St N, Oliver to Woodlawn	\$7,527,266	46.20%	\$5,507,362	\$13,034,628	80.00%
City of Wichita	ITS - 21st St and Maize to Downtown	\$2,832,000	80.00%	\$0	\$2,832,000	80.00%
City of Wichita	127th St E, 13th to Douglas	\$5,960,547	68.72%	\$978,309	\$6,938,856	80.00%
Butler County	SW Butler Rd Multi-use Path at SW 150th St.	\$1,062,672	78.72%	\$17,328	\$1,080,000	80.00%
Butler & Sedgwick Counties	W Rosewood/E 63rd St. S. Multi-use Path	\$2,573,600	80.00%	\$0	\$2,573,600	80.00%
		\$36,806,129	55.75%	\$16,009,152	\$52,815,281	80.00%

Discussion:

Kristen Zimmerman asked if there are any changes to the FFYs in which projects are programmed to obligate. Mr. Flanders responded that the PSC’s updated suballocated funding award recommendations only increase individual projects’ overall funding amounts and do not address the FFY in which any of them will obligate.

Action: Recommend the TPB approve the PSC’s updated suballocated federal funding award recommendations for current FFY2026-FFY2028 projects, as presented. (16-0)

Motion: Dan Squires

Second: Lynn Packer

B. Regional Transit Coordination Committee Formation

Ms. Negrete asked the TAC to make a recommendation to the TPB on whether to form a Regional Transit Coordination Committee to support public-transit-related planning, implementation strategies, and innovative practices in the region. The committee would serve as a forum for WAMPO member jurisdictions, transit providers, and invited stakeholders to share information, discuss transit initiatives, identify priority strategies, and support the fulfillment of WAMPO’s adopted Regional Transit Implementation Plan. WAMPO staff would provide facilitation and technical support. A draft, nonbinding committee roster was shared.

Discussion: None.

Action: Recommend the TPB approve the formation of a Regional Transit Coordination Committee, as presented. (16-0)

Motion: Dan Squires

Second: Craig Crossette

5. Discussion/Updates

A. KDOT Drive To Zero Plan

Jennifer Warren, KDOT, gave a presentation on the Kansas Drive To Zero (DTZ) Plan, KDOT's 2025-2029 Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP). The presentation included an overview of current roadway data and trends, the structure, features, and goals of the plan, and details about stakeholder engagement and plan implementation efforts. The plan is available at www.ksdot.gov/drivetozero.

Drive To Zero Presentation Slides - <https://bit.ly/KDOT-DTZ-Slides>

6. Other Business

None.

7. Meeting adjourned at 11:14 AM

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 23, 2026, at 10:00 AM.