



Meeting Minutes

Transportation Policy Body (TPB) Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 12, 2026, @ 3:00 PM

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

Meeting Duration: *68 minutes*

Voting Members in Attendance		
Russ Kessler, <i>Chair</i> Jim Benage, <i>Bel Aire</i> Nick Engle, <i>Derby</i> Dalton Glasscock, <i>Wichita</i> J.V. Johnston, <i>Wichita</i> George Liebe, <i>Goddard</i> Mike Moriarty, <i>KDOT</i>	Ronnie Price, <i>Andover</i> Charles Schwanke, <i>Park City</i> Terry Somers, <i>SCAC</i> Nick Squires, <i>KDOT</i> Jet Truman, <i>Valley Center</i> Becky Tuttle, <i>Wichita</i> Burt Ussery, <i>Clearwater</i>	Alternates Rodney Eggleston, <i>Valley Center (non-voting)</i> Jennifer McCausland, <i>Andover (non-voting)</i> Warren Porter, <i>Rose Hill (voting)</i> J.B. Wilson, <i>KDOT (non-voting)</i>
Other Attendees		
Javier Ahumada, <i>FHWA</i> Raven Alexander, <i>Wichita Transit</i> Nick Flanders, <i>WAMPO</i> Paul Gunzelman, <i>Wichita</i> Evan Hathaway, <i>Hite, Fanning & Honeyman L.L.P.</i> Markey Jonas, <i>WAMPO</i>	Alan Kailer, <i>Bike Walk Wichita</i> Les Mangus, <i>Andover</i> Peter Mohr, <i>WAMPO</i> ThaiBinh Mursch, <i>MAPD</i> Kim Negrete, <i>WAMPO</i> Katie Newman, <i>WAMPO</i> Lynn Packer, <i>Sedgwick County</i>	Chad Parasa, <i>WAMPO</i> Allison Smith, <i>KDOT</i> Dan Squires, <i>Derby</i> Laura VanBurkleo, <i>WAMPO</i> Tyler Voth, <i>WSP</i> James Wagner, <i>Wichita</i>

1. Chair Russ Kessler called the meeting to order at 3:04 PM.

2. Regular Business

A. Approval of the May 12, 2026, Agenda

Discussion: None.

Action: Approve the May 12, 2026, agenda, as presented. (13-0)¹

Motion: George Liebe

Second: Jim Benage

B. Approval of the April 14, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Discussion: None.

Action: Approve the April 14, 2026, meeting minutes, as presented. (13-0)

Motion: Terry Somers

Second: Ronnie Price

¹ Two (2) voting TPB members did not arrive until after the votes to approve the May 2026 agenda and April 2026 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

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 May 2026 was shared.

May 2026 TIP Project Statuses – <https://bit.ly/May2026-TIP-Project-Statuses>

ii. Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050 (MTP 2050): One Year Since Adoption

Markey Jonas, WAMPO, shared that it has been one year since WAMPO's current Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050 (MTP 2050), was adopted and provided an overview of the plan's purpose and contents. Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) are responsible for developing and maintaining long-range MTPs, with a minimum planning horizon of 20 years and updates at least every 5 years. MTP 2050 sets priorities, including safety, reliable travel times, managing environmental and economic impacts, and improving connectivity for all modes of travel, then it lists projects to potentially utilize available funding.

All MTP 2050 chapters and appendices are available on the WAMPO website, at www.wampo.org/mtp2050.

iii. Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Spring Data Collection

Kim Negrete, WAMPO, provided an update on the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) planning initiative in the region and shared that schools are already hosting their own SRTS events, such as Bike to School Day. WAMPO staff and consultants are working on existing-conditions reports for each participating school, collecting feedback on the reports from school/district staff and local government staff, and beginning discussions on potential recommendations for improvements to include in the final, school-specific SRTS plans. Additional participating schools are still being sought, with the spring 2026 round of engagement and data-collection activities in progress. Fifty-four (54) schools took part in the fall 2025 round of data collection and, so far, four (4) more have been recruited for the spring 2026 round.

Discussion:

Jim Benage asked about the local matching funds required for the federal funding that supports the SRTS consultant contract. Peter Mohr, WAMPO, mentioned that the consent agenda at this meeting will include an agreement with Sedgwick County for them to provide a portion of the required local matching funds and said that WAMPO is in discussions regarding the provision of the remaining required local matching funds with other jurisdictions, including the City of Wichita, and, if need be, WAMPO, itself, could cover most of the remaining required local match.

iv. Request for Proposals (RFP) Update

Mr. Mohr provided an update on Requests for Proposals (RFPs) recently conducted by WAMPO for the development of a Regional Active Transportation Plan and for performing a Household Travel Survey (HTS). Consultants have been selected for both projects and draft contracts have been developed. Recent guidance from KDOT has emphasized the need for more robust documentation of indirect costs. As of April 30, 2026, both consultants (and all sub-consultants) included in these contracts have approved overhead-rate arrangements with KDOT. The Regional Active Transportation Plan contract was approved by KDOT on May 11, 2026, and a draft HTS contract reflecting the approved overhead-rate arrangements with KDOT has been sent to KDOT for review. Both contracts are anticipated to be brought to the TPB for consideration on June 9, 2026.

D. Consent Agenda

i. Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Local Match Pledge Agreement with Sedgwick County

Mr. Mohr asked the TPB to approve an SRTS local match pledge agreement with Sedgwick County. In November 2024, WAMPO entered into a contract with SRF Consulting Group, Inc., for Safe Routes to School planning assistance for an amount not to exceed \$499,934.50, through December 31, 2026. The federal funds used on this project require a 20% local match (i.e., 80% federal funding, 20% non-federal funding). The TPB was asked to provide its consent for a Safe Routes to School Local Match Pledge Agreement with Sedgwick County, indicating their intent to contribute to the required non-federal match for the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) planning project.

ii. Updated Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Roster

Mr. Mohr asked the TPB to take action on an updated Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) roster. The updated roster includes the recommended appointment of Will Black as a Sedgwick County Association of Cities (SCAC) Representative.

Discussion: None.

Action: Approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. (15-0)

Motion: Ronnie Price

Second: Nick Engle

3. Public Comment Opportunity

Jennifer McCausland, Andover City Administrator, spoke about concerns regarding the suballocated-federal-funding project-selection process, especially having to do with process clarity and transparency. Ms. McCausland noted confusion regarding the priorities used during project selection, including whether or not emphasis is placed on guiding funding to smaller member jurisdictions or member jurisdictions that have not recently received funding, and stated that clearer direction from the TPB on funding priorities would be beneficial. She also suggested requiring formal approval of Project Selection Committee (PSC) membership by the full TPB, improving communication with and feedback to applicants for suballocated federal funding during the selection process, especially when funding

recommendations do not align with calculated project scores/ranks, and improving the transparency and accessibility of PSC meetings, especially for project sponsors.

4. Action

A. Project Selection Committee (PSC) Suballocated Federal Funding Award Recommendations for FFY2027-FFY2030 TIP

Mr. Flanders explained that from February 2, 2026, through March 6, 2026, WAMPO held a Call for Projects, asking WAMPO member jurisdictions to submit candidate projects for new awards of suballocated federal funding in the forthcoming FFY2027-FFY2030 TIP. Submitted projects were scored, reviewed, and considered by the Project Selection Committee (PSC) at a meeting on March 30, 2026, where they made recommendations to the TAC and TPB on which projects to award new suballocated federal funding in the FFY2027-FFY2030 TIP. The TAC concurred with the PSC's recommendations on April 27, 2026.

Mr. Mohr and Mr. Flanders provided details about the project scoring process, as well as the qualitative and quantitative criteria the PSC considers when making their recommendations, emphasizing that a purely quantitative decision-making process would inevitably produce unintended results. The TPB was asked to consider and vote on the PSC's and TAC's suballocated federal funding award recommendations for the FFY2027-FFY2030 TIP:

Lead Agency	Project Title	FFY(s)	Funding Program(s)	Amt.	Resultant % Fed. Funding
WAMPO	Interstate Passenger Rail Study Support*	2028	STBG	\$300,000	60.00%
Sedgwick County	R372: 21st St North and 167th St West Intersection Improvements	2028, 2029	CRP	\$876,989	56.22%
City of Wichita	Gypsum Creek Multi-Use Path, Oliver to Lincoln	2029	TA	\$1,584,000	80.00%
City of Maize	119th Street Improvements From 29th Street to 37th Street	2029	STBG	\$5,028,072	80.00%
Wichita Transit	Purchase of Replacement Buses	2029, 2030	CRP	\$2,362,464	40.00%
City of Wichita	ITS - Central Ave, Seneca to 159th St E	2029, 2030	CMAQ, CRP	\$4,586,788	76.45%
City of Wichita	21st Street North, 119th Street West to St. Teresa	2029, 2030	STBG, TA	\$11,415,921	73.18%
City of Wichita	Seneca Street & 55th Street South Sidewalks	2030	TA	\$1,692,000	80.00%
City of Haysville	West Grand Improvements	2030	STBG	\$4,011,948	80.00%
Goddard/Sedgwick Co.	183rd St Expansion	2030	STBG	\$3,850,000	80.00%
Total				\$35,708,182	

*If this project does not qualify for the awarded funding, add that funding to "21st Street North, 119th Street West to St. Teresa".

Discussion:

Chad Parasa, WAMPO, thanked the Project Selection Committee for their work and referenced the public comment made by Ms. McCausland, stating that WAMPO constantly strives to improve its processes and appreciates the input provided.

Becky Tuttle shared that, in past suballocated-federal-funding award rounds, project sponsors made presentations to the PSC and proposed considering making that practice part of the process again or having project sponsors available for questions during PSC meetings. Ms. Tuttle suggested having a discussion of the project selection process at the next scheduled Executive Committee meeting, on May 21, 2026, at 11:00 AM.

Action: Approve the PSC’s project selections for new suballocated federal funding awards in the FFY2027-FFY2030 TIP, as presented (13-0)²

Motion: Becky Tuttle

Second: Ronnie Price

B. Supporting Wichita Transit 2026 Transit Safety Performance Measure Targets

Mr. Mohr and Raven Alexander, Wichita Transit, asked the TPB to take action on whether to support Wichita Transit’s 2026 transit safety performance measure targets. Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) are required to set performance measures targets for roadway safety (PM1), pavement and bridge condition (PM2), system performance and freight movement (PM3), transit asset management (TAM), and transit safety. WAMPO must either develop its own transit safety performance measure target or support those of Wichita Transit.

Ms. Alexander discussed the federally required transit safety performance measures: fatalities, fatalities per 100,000 Vehicle Revenue Miles (VRM), bus driver injuries, bus patron injuries, facility injuries, injuries per 100,000 VRM, safety events, safety events per 100,000 VRM, and VRM/major system failure. Ms. Alexander presented 2025 local data on these performance measures and discussed ways in which Wichita Transit will attempt to improve on them in 2026, such as through training and hiring practices and the types of vehicles purchased.

Mode of Transit Service	Fatalities	Fatalities/100k VRM**	Bus Driver Injuries	Bus Patron Injuries	Facility Injuries	Injuries/100k VRM**	Safety Events	Safety Events/100k VRM**	VRM**/Major System Failure
Fixed route	0	0	0	0	0	0.046	39.5	2	20,000
Paratransit	0	0	0	0	0	0	11.25	1.4	80,000
Micro-transit*									
Vanpool*									

*Transit mode currently under pilot contracts for potential development but not utilized.

**VRM = Vehicle Revenue Miles

Discussion:

Burt Ussery asked if there are consequences if performance measures targets are not met, and whether there is a link between the performance measures and funding. Ms. Alexander said that there are not necessarily specific consequences, but that Wichita Transit must provide explanations for why performance measure targets are not met and how they intend to address that situation. Mr. Parasa shared that targets are set to encourage agencies to head in a direction of improvement and are a mechanism for monitoring safety performance. Mr. Mohr said that, since 2018, transit agencies have been required to set and report on progress towards targets, to produce more consistent reporting metrics. Allison Smith, KDOT, added that any financial penalties for not meeting performance measure targets are primarily at the state DOT level.

² Two (2) voting TPB members left before the votes to approve the PSC’s project selections for new suballocated federal funding awards in the FFY2027-FFY2030 TIP and to approve supporting Wichita Transit’s 2026 transit safety performance measure targets for the WAMPO region.

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Action: Approve supporting Wichita Transit’s 2026 transit safety performance measure targets for the WAMPO region, as presented. (13-0)

Motion: Ronnie Price

Second: Charles Schwanke

5. Discussion/Updates

A. K-15 Corridor Study Update

J.B. Wilson, KDOT, gave an update on the K-15 Corridor Management Plan. Mr. Wilson stated that this study looks at the K-15 corridor from I-135 to 95th Street and was initiated in response to public input. The goal is to extend the life of the existing roadway for as long as possible before considering full grade separation, while identifying both short- and long-term improvements. K-15 is influenced by several key factors, including surrounding urban development and major employers, such as Boeing and McConnell Air Force Base. It also serves commuters from Derby and Mulvane and provides important connections to the Kansas Turnpike, I-235, and I-135. The Arkansas River and a railroad running parallel to K-15 also impact travel patterns.

KDOT executive staff will ultimately determine what moves forward, and there is currently no funding programmed beyond the study. The study is the first step in a longer process. Any improvements would likely be broken into multiple projects and constructed over a number of years. The study includes projections of future traffic and identifies capacity and safety needs along the corridor. One consideration is access management, including potential closures or consolidations of access points. Reducing access can help limit conflict points and improve operations. In some cases, improvements at the remaining intersections/interchanges, such as dedicated turn lanes, may be included to handle redistributed traffic. Mr. Wilson concluded by going through some potential interchange designs at key locations along the corridor.

More information is available at www.ksdot.gov/K15-Corridor.

6. Committee & Partnership Updates

Chair Kessler announced that the next Executive Committee meeting will be on May 21, 2026, at 11:00 AM, in the MABCD 1st Floor Large Conference Room in the Ronald Reagan Building, 271 W 3rd St., Room 126, Wichita, KS 67202, and via Zoom. It is an open meeting and all are welcome to join.

Mike Moriarty, KDOT, shared that the American Road Transportation Builders Association is developing a list of 250 iconic U.S. transportation projects for the nation’s 250th anniversary. KDOT submitted a list of five (5) projects, including two (2) in the WAMPO region: the Kansas Turnpike and the expansion of Kellogg/U.S.-54.

J.B. Wilson, KDOT Wichita Metro Division, gave construction updates for the region.

7. Other Business

Chair Kessler shared that Haysville’s Mayor’s Bike Ride event was that evening.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 PM.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 3:00 PM.

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