



Meeting Minutes

Transportation Policy Body (TPB) Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 13, 2026, @ 3:00 PM

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

Meeting Duration: *77 minutes*

Voting Members in Attendance		
Russ Kessler, <i>Chair</i> Jeff Blubaugh, <i>Sedgwick County</i> Nick Engle, <i>Derby</i> Jim Howell, <i>Sedgwick County</i> J.V. Johnston, <i>Wichita</i> George Liebe, <i>Goddard</i> Ronnie Price, <i>Andover</i>	Charles Schwanke, <i>Park City</i> Joseph Shepard, <i>Wichita</i> Terry Somers, <i>SCAC</i> Nick Squires, <i>KDOT</i> Becky Tuttle, <i>Wichita</i> Stephanie Wise, <i>Sedgwick County</i> Dan Woydziak, <i>Butler County</i>	Alternates Mark Detter, <i>Rose Hill (voting)</i> Rodney Eggleston, <i>Valley Center (voting)</i> Sean Fox, <i>Park City (non-voting)</i> Nick Gregory, <i>Maize (voting)</i> Anne Stephens, <i>Bel Aire (voting)</i> J.B Wilson, <i>KDOT (non-voting)</i>
Other Attendees		
Javier Ahumada, <i>FHWA</i> Chris Brown, <i>SRF</i> Joe Dessenberger, <i>Park City</i> Nick Flanders, <i>WAMPO</i> Evan Hathaway, <i>Hite, Fanning & Honeyman L.L.P.</i> Markey Jonas, <i>WAMPO</i> Alan Kailer, <i>Bike Walk Wichita</i>	Brett Letkowski, <i>GFT</i> Mohamed Moawad, <i>MAPD</i> Peter Mohr, <i>WAMPO</i> Jon Moore, <i>Wilson & Company</i> Kim Negrete, <i>WAMPO</i> Katie Newman, <i>WAMPO</i> Lynn Packer, <i>Sedgwick County</i>	Chad Parasa, <i>WAMPO</i> Ayden Schaffler, <i>SRF</i> Cory Scott, <i>RDG</i> Allison Smith, <i>KDOT</i> Chris Sweeney, <i>WAMPO</i> Bill Troe, <i>SRF</i> Laura VanBurkleo, <i>WAMPO</i>

1. Chair Russ Kessler called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM.

2. Regular Business

A. Approval of the October 13, 2026, Agenda

Discussion: None.

Action: Approve the October 13, 2026, agenda, as presented. (14-0)¹

Motion: Dan Woydziak

Second: Terry Somers

B. Approval of the September 8, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Discussion: None.

Action: Approve the September 8, 2026, meeting minutes, as presented. (14-0)

Motion: Dan Woydziak

Second: Ronnie Price

¹Four (4) voting TPB members did not arrive until after the votes to approve the October 2026 agenda and September 2026 minutes.

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C. Director's Report

i. Quarterly UPWP Task Chart

Markey Jonas, WAMPO, explained that the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is the primary budgeting document for planning activities WAMPO intends to undertake during the calendar year and outlines priorities and tasks. A task chart is updated and presented to the TPB quarterly, showing UPWP priority projects, the quarters in which they are to be completed, and a high-level summary of the current statuses. This update was for the third quarter of 2026.

ii. 2026 UPWP Amendment 1 Public Comment Period: 09/30/2026-10/14/2026

Ms. Jonas shared that a draft amendment to the 2026 UPWP is available for public comment from September 30, 2026, through October 14, 2026. The draft amendment to the 2026 UPWP, aside from a few minor text edits, is to better align task-specific programmed funding amounts with actual expenditures to date and expenditures anticipated during the remainder of 2026. The draft proposed amendment to the 2026 UPWP and the draft 2027 UPWP are anticipated to be presented to the TAC for a recommendation on October 26, 2026, and to the TPB for approval on November 10, 2026.

iii. Annual Bicycle and Pedestrian Count: Thank You to Volunteers

Laura VanBurkleo, WAMPO, thanked the volunteers who helped carry out the now-concluded 2026 bicycle and pedestrian count. A report on the collected data is anticipated to be available in November 2026.

iv. Regional Transit Coordination Committee: October 8, 2026, Meeting Recap

Ms. VanBurkleo provided a recap of the October 8, 2026, Regional Transit Coordination Committee (RTCC) meeting. Committee members learned about Goddard Go and its local transportation approach; built and strengthened relationships among RTCC participants; discussed the Kansas Public Transit Association (KPTA) Economic Impact Study and its relevance to regional transportation planning; and shared perspectives on common challenges, lessons learned, and practical advice. The next RTCC meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2027.

v. Household Travel Survey (HTS)

Nick Flanders, WAMPO, gave an update on the WAMPO Household Travel Survey, which has been open since September 14, 2026, and is anticipated to remain open through March or April 2027. The goal is to collect complete survey responses from 2,000 households; so far, complete survey responses have been collected from 370 households. TPB members are asked to help spread the word about the survey and reinforce the message to members of their respective communities that it is a legitimate survey whose results will be used for transportation modeling and planning in the region.

Household Travel Survey website - www.WichitaAreaTravelSurvey.com

D. Consent Agenda

vi. Updated Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Bylaws

Peter Mohr, WAMPO, asked the TPB to take action on draft proposed updates to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) bylaws. The proposed revisions include adding one voting TAC representative from each City of the First Class in the WAMPO region, other than the City of Wichita. They also include changing the nomination process for TAC members, such that the TPB must approve them all annually, rather than being approved by the TPB once and then serving on the TAC indefinitely. Each represented agency or organization would continue to select its own representative(s), subject to TPB approval, and that selection would remain in effect through subsequent annual TPB approval votes unless the agency/organization changes or withdraws its selection. The proposed revised TAC bylaws also clarify the circumstances under which TAC membership terminates, including TPB non-approval and removal for non-attendance.

Marked-up version of the TAC bylaws, highlighting the proposed revisions, including both the current and proposed revised language – <https://bit.ly/TAC-Bylaws-Draft-Markup-2026>

Clean version of draft proposed TAC bylaws – <https://bit.ly/Draft-Clean-TAC-Bylaws-2026>

vii. KDOT Behavioral Safety Grant Contract

Mr. Mohr asked the TPB to take action on a proposed Behavioral Safety Grant Contract with the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) for the use of National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) funding. In Spring 2026, KDOT held a call for applications for FFY2027 KDOT Behavioral Safety Grants. WAMPO submitted a successful application to develop a media campaign focused on reducing speeding. On July 1, 2026, KDOT notified WAMPO of a grant award that will fund this work, for an amount not to exceed \$251,004.00, with no local-match requirement. The TPB was asked for their approval to enter into an agreement with KDOT to receive NHTSA grant funding for the purpose of hiring temporary staff and a consultant to conduct a media campaign focused on reducing speeding.

Contract with KDOT for use of NHTSA funds to conduct a media campaign focused on reducing speeding – https://bit.ly/KDOT_Behavioral_Safety_Grant_Contract

Discussion:

Chair Kessler noted that the correct term is not “First Class City,” but rather “City of the First Class.” Mr. Mohr and Evan Hathaway, WAMPO’s legal counsel, clarified that the correct term, “City of the First Class,” is used in the proposed updated TAC bylaws.

Chad Parasa, WAMPO, and Mr. Hathaway discussed how the proposed updated bylaws do not address or alter the process for appointing TAC alternates, which do not require TPB approval.

Action: Approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. (17-0)²

² One (1) voting TPB member did not arrive until after the votes to approve the Consent Agenda and FFY2027-FFY2030 TIP Amendment #1.

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Motion: Dan Woydziak

Second: Ronnie Price

3. Public Comment Opportunity

No comments.

4. Action

A. FFY2027-FFY2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #1

Mr. Flanders asked the TPB to vote on proposed Amendment #1 to the WAMPO FFY2027-FFY2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Amendment #1 is a regularly scheduled TIP amendment and would maintain the fiscal constraint of the FFY2027-FFY2030 TIP. The public comment period for Amendment #1 opened on September 4, 2026, and ran through September 18, 2026. No public comments were received. TIP Amendment #1 adds five (5) new projects and modifies three (3) projects. There are administrative adjustments to eight (8) additional projects, which do not require approval.

Mr. Flanders listed the projects modified/added, discussed the changes in local, state, and federal funding, and explained the federal requirements met by FFY2027-FFY2030 TIP Amendment #1: it is consistent with the current Metropolitan Transportation Plan, MTP 2050, and is fiscally constrained. The financial impact is an additional cost of \$5.1 million. Following approval by the TPB, the amendment will be sent to KDOT to be included in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for review and consideration by the FHWA and the FTA. Federal approval is anticipated in November 2026.

FFY2027-FFY2030 TIP Amendment #1 Summary – <https://bit.ly/2027-2030-TIP-A1-Summary>

Discussion: None.

Action: Approve FFY2027-FFY2030 TIP Amendment #1, as presented. (17-0)

Motion: Terry Somers

Second: Rodney Eggleston

5. Discussion/Updates

A. Regional Connections Presentation: Park City

Joe Dessenberger, Park City, presented an overview of major developments occurring in Park City and along the I-135 corridor, as part of WAMPO's Regional Connections presentation series. Mr. Dessenberger highlighted key projects underway and upcoming in Park City, including Champtown, Crosswinds Resort and Casino, Gilley's, and the Park Center development. The presentation emphasized that anticipated growth in visitors, freight activity, employment, and regional events will increase demand on the transportation network.

Park City Regional Connections presentation – <https://bit.ly/Regional-Connections-Park-City>

Park City Regional Connections presentation handout – <https://bit.ly/Park-City-Oct2026-Handout>

B. Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Update

Bill Troe, Chris Brown, and Ayden Schaffler, SRF, provided an update on the WAMPO Safe Routes to School planning initiative. School-specific SRTS plans have been prepared and an SRTS Planning Toolkit will be available by the end of 2026.

Kim Negrete, WAMPO, discussed potential funding sources for implementing the recommendations in the SRTS plans. Ms. Negrete also thanked the TPB for their support throughout the SRTS planning process.

Safe Routes to School Update presentation slides – <https://bit.ly/SRTSUpdate-Oct2026>

Safe Routes to School webpage – www.wampo.org/srts

Discussion:

Charles Schwanke asked how recommendations were developed in consultation with the schools. Mr. Schaffler and Mr. Brown stated that they worked with each individual school on how recommendations could be developed in alignment with the school.

C. Strengthening Transportation Alternatives for the Region (STAR) Plan Update

Ms. Negrete presented an update on the STAR Plan. WAMPO staff and consultants from RDG Planning & Design are developing a regional active transportation plan, branded as the Strengthening Transportation Alternatives for the Region (STAR) Plan. The purpose of the 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 public-engagement phase has begun, including the launch of an online survey, open house events during the week of September 28, 2026, and tabling at community events and festivals in September and October 2026.

Project details, engagement opportunities, a survey link, and an interactive map for submitting comments can be found at www.wampo.org/star-plan.

6. Committee & Partnership Updates

Chair Kessler announced the next Executive Committee meeting will be on October 29, 2026, at 11:00 AM, in the MAPD Director's Conference Room in the Ronald Reagan Building, 271 W 3rd St., Room 237, Wichita, KS 67202, and via Zoom.

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

7. Other Business

Chair Kessler congratulated Terry Somers for having received the E. A. Mosher Excellence in Local Government Award at the recent Kansas League of Municipalities annual conference.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 PM.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 10, 2026, at 3:00 PM.