



## Meeting Minutes

### Transportation Policy Body (TPB) Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 14, 2025, @ 3:00 PM

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

Meeting Duration: 34 minutes

#### Voting Members in Attendance

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| Russ Kessler, <i>Chair</i><br>Ryan Baty, <i>Sedgwick County</i><br>Jim Benage, <i>Bel Aire</i><br>Nick Engle, <i>Derby</i><br>Dalton Glasscock, <i>Wichita</i><br>Mike Hoheisel, <i>Wichita</i><br>Jim Howell, <i>Sedgwick County</i><br>J.V. Johnston, <i>Wichita</i><br>George Liebe, <i>Goddard</i> | Pete Meitzner, <i>Sedgwick County</i><br>Charles Schwanke, <i>Park City</i><br>Terry Somers, <i>SCAC</i><br>Nick Squires, <i>KDOT</i><br>Becky Tuttle, <i>Wichita</i><br>Burt Ussery, <i>Clearwater</i><br>Mike Warrington, <i>Andover</i><br>Dan Woydziak, <i>Butler County</i> | <b>Alternates</b><br>Rodney Eggleston, <i>Valley Center (voting)</i><br>Nick Gregory, <i>Maize (voting)</i><br>Ted Henry, <i>Bel Aire (non-voting)</i><br>Warren Porter, <i>Rose Hill (voting)</i><br>J.B. Wilson, <i>KDOT (non-voting)</i> |
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#### Other Attendees

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| Marcy Aycok, <i>REAP</i><br>Nick Flanders, <i>WAMPO</i><br>Danielle Gabor, <i>Haysville</i><br>Paul Gunzelman, <i>Wichita</i><br>Evan Hathaway, <i>Hite, Fanning &amp; Honeyman L.L.P.</i><br>Angeline Johnson, <i>Greater Wichita Partnership</i> | Markey Jonas, <i>WAMPO</i><br>Peter Mohr, <i>WAMPO</i><br>ThaiBinh Mursch, <i>MAPD</i><br>Katie Newman, <i>WAMPO</i><br>Lynn Packer, <i>Sedgwick County</i><br>Chad Parasa, <i>WAMPO</i><br>Ksusha Peeples, <i>WAMPO</i><br>Brad Shores, <i>JEO</i> | Allison Smith, <i>KDOT</i><br>Chris Sweeney, <i>WAMPO</i><br>Laura VanBurkleo, <i>WAMPO</i><br>Tyler Voth, <i>WSP</i> |
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#### 1. Chair Russ Kessler called the meeting to order at 3:02 PM.

#### 2. Regular Business

##### A. Approval of the October 14, 2025, Agenda

**Discussion:** None.

**Action:** Approve the October 14, 2025, agenda, as presented. (20-0)

**Motion:** Nick Engle

**Second:** J.V. Johnston

##### B. Approval of the September 9, 2025, Meeting Minutes

**Discussion:** None.

**Action:** Approve the September 9, 2025, meeting minutes, as presented. (20-0)

**Motion:** George Liebe

**Second:** Nick Engle

## C. Director's Report

Chad Parasa, WAMPO, shared that, if needed, parking during the TPB meeting can be validated for TPB members at the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Department offices, located on the same floor of the Ronald Reagan Building as is the meeting room (271 W 3rd St., Suite 201, Wichita, KS 67202), then provided an overview of WAMPO's core documents.

### i. Quarterly UPWP Task Chart

Markey Jonas, WAMPO, explained that the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is the primary budgeting document for the planning activities WAMPO intends to undertake during the calendar year and outlines priorities and tasks. The statuses of planned work tasks are updated and presented to the Transportation Policy Body (TPB) quarterly. The 2025 third quarter (July 1 – September 30, 2025) UPWP activity report that will be submitted to KDOT was provided.

July-September 2025 UPWP Report – <https://bit.ly/2025-Q3-UPWP-Report>

### ii. 2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment 2 & 2026 UPWP: Public Comment Periods and Upcoming Approval Votes

Ms. Jonas shared that proposed amendment 2 to the 2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is available for public comment, October 10-October 24, 2025. Updates and amendments to the UPWP are necessary to adjust programmed amounts to better align with current and anticipated work. Proposed 2025 UPWP Amendment 2 would adjust allocations between staff tasks, decrease overall operating and consultant-supported project expenditures to reflect completed work and revised work schedules, and account for the removal of a sub-task to purchase data.

The draft 2026 UPWP was available for public comment from September 12 to October 12, 2025. No comments were received. The draft 2026 UPWP continues projects and activities outlined in the 2025 UPWP. Both 2025 UPWP Amendment 2 and the 2026 UPWP will be brought to the TAC for a recommendation on October 27, 2025, and to the TPB for a vote on approval on November 18, 2025.

Draft 2025 UPWP Amendment 2 and the draft 2026 UPWP are available at [www.wampo.org/upwp](http://www.wampo.org/upwp).

### iii. Draft 2026 WAMPO Meeting Schedule

Ms. Jonas shared that before the end of each calendar year, WAMPO develops and distributes board and committee meeting schedules for the upcoming year. A draft of the 2026 WAMPO Meeting Schedule was presented. In the draft 2026 schedule, all but one of the proposed meeting dates are consistent with the usual pattern for each board/committee. The exception is that the May 2026 TAC meeting is proposed to be held one week earlier than usual, on the third Monday of the month (May 18, 2026), in order to not conflict with Memorial Day. Additionally, the January 13, 2026, TPB meeting is only tentatively included in the draft schedule, as it might not be held if it is deemed

unnecessary. TPB approval of the meeting schedule is required and will be sought at the December 9, 2025, meeting.

**iv. Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan Administrative Adjustment**

Ms. Jonas provided notice of an administrative adjustment to the WAMPO Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan (CPT-HSTP), which is a tool to help the community coordinate transportation programs for older adults, people with disabilities, and low-income households within the WAMPO region. The last CPT-HSTP update was approved in October 2023. Having since received new federal guidance with implications for the contents of MPOs' planning documents, WAMPO staff have processed an administrative adjustment to the CPT-HSTP to ensure it complies with federal guidance. Since only minor language changes were made to the document, a formal amendment process was not required. The administrative adjustment has been processed and is available on the WAMPO public transit webpage, [www.wampo.org/public-transit](http://www.wampo.org/public-transit).

**v. KDOT Local Consult**

Ms. Jonas explained that Local Consult is KDOT's public engagement process for the Eisenhower Legacy Transportation (IKE) program, held every two years to gather input from Kansans on potential transportation-infrastructure expansion and modernization projects in the state. An in-person Local Consult public meeting specific to the Wichita metropolitan area was held on October 8, 2025, and a statewide virtual meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 28, 2025, 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM. Documents discussed at previous Local Consult meetings and registration for the statewide virtual meeting are available at [www.ksdot.gov/local-consult-2025](http://www.ksdot.gov/local-consult-2025).

**vi. 2025 Bicycle & Pedestrian Count: Thank You to Volunteers**

Ms. Jonas 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 volunteers who spend a short period of time counting pedestrians and bicycle riders at designated locations. Additionally, automatic counting equipment was deployed at nine (9) locations to aid with data collection this year. Once the count data have been analyzed, a report on them will be shared.

**vii. Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Update**

Ms. Jonas provided an update on the regional Safe Routes to School (SRTS) planning initiative to assist local governments and K-12 schools (public and private) with the development of SRTS plans in the region. Various public-engagement and data-collection efforts are underway. A parent/caregiver survey is available, and participating schools are conducting Student Travel Tallies to provide data on how students arrive at and depart from school. Meanwhile, WAMPO is working with consultants, school contacts, local government staff, and other partners to schedule walk audits at each participating school during Fall 2025; TPB members are welcome to join any of the scheduled walk audits.

WAMPO staff are also attending community events to engage with the public and share information about SRTS.

**Discussion:**

Nick Gregory asked how many people are needed to conduct the walk audits. Ms. Jonas explained that the number of people varies and there is no required number. The walk audits are conducted by a small team of WAMPO staff and consultants, school staff, city/county engineers, school district representatives, and volunteers. Feedback from community members is always beneficial and welcome, but the number of individuals needed for the effort is not great, meaning it is not necessary to make a great effort to recruit additional volunteers.

Dalton Glasscock asked how long a school walk audit takes. Ms. Jonas responded that it depends on the school and on the walk-audit team, but anyone is welcome to join the walk audit for as long as they would like. The audits are generally conducted within a quarter-mile radius of the school, during the arrival or dismissal periods of the school day, observing both the state of nearby infrastructure and the manner in which student arrivals and departures occur.

**viii. Regional Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Architecture Update**

Peter Mohr, WAMPO, shared that WAMPO is close to finishing an update that it began in Fall 2024 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. The draft updated regional ITS architecture includes an inventory of current ITS infrastructure and a detailed examination of future deployment plans, informed by extensive regional stakeholder engagement. At WAMPO's request, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) staff have provided feedback on the draft regional ITS architecture, which WAMPO staff and consultants have addressed. The draft updated regional ITS architecture is publicly available and will have a 30-day public comment period October 18-November 16, 2025. It will be presented to the TAC for a recommendation and to the TPB for a vote on approval at their October and November 2025 meetings, respectively.

ITS Architecture webpage, with draft architecture and supporting documents – [www.wampo.org/regional-its-architecture](http://www.wampo.org/regional-its-architecture)

**D. Consent Agenda**

**i. Updated Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Roster**

Mr. Mohr explained that the Transportation Policy Body (TPB) is the authorizing body for the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and that all TAC members need to be approved by the TPB. A proposed updated TAC roster includes the recommended appointment of Joe Dessenberger to the position of Railroad Freight Representative. The TPB was asked to decide whether to approve the updated TAC roster that reflects this appointment.

**Discussion:** None.

**Action:** Approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. (19-0)<sup>1</sup>

**Motion:** Pete Meitzer

**Second:** Jim Benage

### 3. Public Comment Opportunity

No comments.

### 4. Action

#### A. FFY2025-FFY2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #6

Mr. Mohr asked the TPB to take action on proposed Amendment #6 to the WAMPO FFY2025-FFY2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Amendment #6 is a regularly scheduled TIP amendment and would maintain the fiscal constraint of the FFY2025-FFY2028 TIP. The public comment period for Amendment #6 opened on August 29, 2025, and ran through September 12, 2025; no public comments were received. TIP Amendment #6 adds three (3) new projects and modifies one (1) project. Notice is also provided of administrative adjustments to four (4) additional projects, which do not require approval.

Mr. Mohr listed the projects modified/added, discussed the changes in local, state, and federal funding, and explained the federal requirements met by TIP Amendment #6: it is consistent with the current Metropolitan Transportation Plan, MTP 2050, and is fiscally constrained. The financial impact is an additional cost of \$16.5 million. Following approval, 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 expected in November 2025.

**Discussion:** None.

**Action:** Approve FFY2025-FFY2028 TIP Amendment #6, as presented. (19-0)

**Motion:** Nick Gregory

**Second:** Dalton Glasscock

### 5. Discussion/Updates

#### A. Regional Connections Presentation: Haysville

Danielle Gabor, City of Haysville Economic Development Director, shared updates on Haysville's projects advancing growth and collaboration as part of WAMPO's "Regional Connections" presentation series. Recent multiuse pathway expansions were highlighted, along with the completion of the long-term D21 Drainage Project and the upcoming completion of the Southwest Sanitary Sewer Project that will open new areas for residential development.

The Haysville Hustle transit service, which has provided over 14,000 rides since launching in 2020, was discussed, as well as Unified School District 261 and the new bond-funded Career and Technical Education Center that will strengthen regional workforce opportunities. Additional

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<sup>1</sup> One (1) voting TPB member left the meeting before the votes to approve the Consent Agenda and Action Item.

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updates included information on housing rehabilitation efforts through a federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), business incentives supporting local investment, and planned improvements along Meridian Avenue and 79th Street. The presentation concluded by emphasizing that strong regional partnerships are vital to Haysville's continued growth and its contributions to the region's shared success.

Haysville Regional Connections Presentation – <https://bit.ly/Regional-Connections-Haysville>

## **6. Committee & Partnership Updates**

Chair Kessler announced that the next Executive Committee meeting will be at 11:00 AM on November 6, 2025, in the MAPD 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, thanked everyone who was able to attend the Wichita Metro Local Consult on October 8, 2025, and provided construction updates in the region.

## **7. Other Business**

None.

## **8. The meeting was adjourned at 3:36 PM.**

**The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 3:00 PM.**