



Meeting Minutes

Transportation Policy Body (TPB) Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 12, 2025, @ 3:00 PM

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

Meeting Duration: 57 minutes

Voting Members in Attendance

Russ Kessler, *Chair*
 Jim Benage, *Bel Aire*
 Nick Engle, *Derby*
 Dalton Glasscock, *Wichita*
 Jim Howell, *Sedgwick County*
 J.V. Johnston, *Wichita*
 George Liebe, *Goddard*
 Pete Meitzner, *Sedgwick County*
 Mike Moriarty, *KDOT*
 Charles Schwanke, *Park City*

Terry Somers, *SCAC*
 Nick Squires, *KDOT*
 Pat Stivers, *Maize*
 Jet Truman, *Valley Center*
 Becky Tuttle, *Wichita*
 Burt Ussery, *Clearwater*
 Mike Warrington, *Andover*
 Stephanie Wise, *Sedgwick County*
 Dan Woydziak, *Butler County*

Alternates

Sean Fox, *Park City (non-voting)*
 Nick Gregory, *Maize (non-voting)*
 Warren Porter, *Rose Hill (voting)*
 J.B. Wilson, *KDOT (non-voting)*

Other Attendees

Marcy Aycock, *REAP*
 Matt Baker, *JEO*
 Tyler Dehn, *Bel Aire*
 Joe Dessenberger, *Maize*
 Gerri Doyle, *FTA*
 Slade Engstrom, *GFT*
 Nick Flanders, *WAMPO*
 Evan Hathaway, *Hite, Fanning & Honeyman L.L.P.*

Markey Jonas, *WAMPO*
 Alan Kailer, *Bike Walk Wichita*
 Brett Letkowski, *GFT*
 Mohamed Moawad, *MAPD*
 Peter Mohr, *WAMPO*
 Katie Newman, *WAMPO*
 Lynn Packer, *Sedgwick County*
 Chad Parasa, *WAMPO*
 Ksusha Peeples, *WAMPO*

Allison Smith, *KDOT*
 Chris Sweeney, *WAMPO*
 Laura VanBurkleo, *WAMPO*
 James Wagner, *Wichita*
 Mitch Young, *Maize*

1. Chair Russ Kessler called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

2. Regular Business

A. Approval of the August 12, 2025, Agenda

Discussion: None.

Action: Approve the August 12, 2025, agenda, as presented. (14-0)¹

Motion: George Liebe

Second: Pat Stivers

B. Approval of the July 8, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Discussion: None.

Action: Approve the July 8, 2025, meeting minutes, as presented. (14-0)

¹Six (6) voting TPB members did not arrive until after the votes to approve the August 2025 agenda and July 2025 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.

Motion: Dan Woydziak

Second: Terry Somers

C. Director's Report

i. 2025 Bicycle & Pedestrian Count: September 10, 11, & 13

Markey Jonas, WAMPO, 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 a team of volunteers to spend a short period of time counting pedestrians and bicycle riders at designated locations. The 2025 dates and times available to volunteer are Wednesday, September 10, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM and/or 5:00 PM-7:00 PM; Thursday, September 11, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM and/or 5:00 PM-7:00 PM; and Saturday, September 13, 12:00 PM-2:00 PM.

Volunteer registration is available at www.wampo.org/bicycle-pedestrian.

ii. 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Planning

Ms. Jonas explained that the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), developed annually, outlines WAMPO's transportation planning activities and tasks it will undertake throughout the year. A UPWP describes how the federal planning funds allocated to WAMPO (in the form of Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) funds) will be used and what planning activities WAMPO staff and consultants will undertake each year. WAMPO staff recently met with planning partner staff from the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and Wichita Transit to discuss potential planning activities for 2026, based on work done in 2025 and core planning document update cycles. Ms. Jonas presented potential WAMPO 2026 UPWP priority planning tasks and sought input on whether there are any other tasks that should be included.

iii. Project Evaluation Methodology & Scoring Criteria Revisions

Peter Mohr, WAMPO, explained that when WAMPO receives submissions in response to a Call for Projects, staff and/or consultants calculate scores for the submitted projects, based on the "Project Evaluation Methodology & Scoring Criteria" approved by the TPB on October 12, 2021. Those scores are then provided to the Project Selection Committee (PSC) as part of the information they consider when making recommendations on which transportation projects should be included in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)/Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and prioritized for funding. In light of new guidance from the USDOT, WAMPO staff have drafted proposed revisions to the scoring criteria, which will be presented to the TAC for a recommendation on August 25, 2025, and to the TPB for a vote on approval on September 9, 2025.

iv. Household Travel Survey Consultant RFP

Mr. Mohr shared that WAMPO staff have released a Request for Proposals (RFP), open July 28-August 29, 2025, for a consultant to prepare and implement a Household Travel Survey

(HTS) for the region, with a target of at least 2,000 complete responses. The last WAMPO-region HTS was completed in 2011. Properly collected, weighted, and analyzed HTS data are essential to the performance of accurate updates to the WAMPO Travel Demand Model (TDM). MPOs typically perform an HTS once every ten years. The upcoming WAMPO HTS will capture the travel patterns of various individuals and households in the region.

Requests for Proposals are available at www.wampo.org/wampo-is-hiring.

v. Automatic Bicycle and Pedestrian Counter Contract Updates

Mr. Mohr shared that in August 2024, WAMPO entered into an agreement to procure ten (10) automatic bicycle and pedestrian counters from MioVision; the hardware was delivered in Fall 2024. This procurement used federal Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) funds, which require a 20% local match. The City of Wichita, the City of Haysville, and Sedgwick County agreed to share in covering the required local match. Formal agreements with each of these three jurisdictions have been completed to set their local-match contributions, authorize WAMPO automatic-bicycle/pedestrian-counter deployments within their boundaries, and formalize their participation in an equipment-checkout system.

Chad Parasa, WAMPO, shared that the counters can and will be used to validate WAMPO's annual bicycle and pedestrian count, and urged the involved jurisdictions to work with WAMPO staff to deploy the counters now that the contracts have been executed.

3. Public Comment Opportunity

No comments.

4. Action

A. Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050 (MTP 2050) Amendment 1

Mr. Mohr asked the TPB to take action on proposed Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050 (MTP 2050) Amendment 1. The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) is a federally required, strategic, long-term document guiding future transportation projects in the WAMPO region. Following an extensive development and approval process, MTP 2050 was approved by the TPB on May 13, 2025. However, in light of new guidance from the USDOT, WAMPO staff have worked with state and federal planning partners to develop an amendment to MTP 2050. After the TPB released draft MTP 2050 Amendment 1 for public comment on July 8, 2025, the public-comment period opened on July 11, 2025, and ran through July 25, 2025. No public comments were received.

Proposed draft MTP 2050 Amendment 1 changes include the removal of the appendices titled "Project Scoring Model," "Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP)," "Regional Transit Implementation Plan," "Active Transportation Plan," "Electric Vehicle Network Plan," and "Economic Development Analysis," which are not necessary in the long-range plan; removal of references to rescinded Executive Orders; language adjustments and removal of some sections to better align with updated federal guidance; edits to correct grammar, improve word choice, and enhance clarity; and adjustments to correct minor inaccuracies. No changes are proposed to the project list in MTP 2050.

Mr. Parasa shared that WAMPO's legal counsel looked over the documents to ensure they align with the updated USDOT guidance.

MTP 2050 webpage, with approved MTP 2050 Amendment 1 – www.wampo.org/mtp2050

MTP 2050 version showing specific Amendment 1 edits – <https://bit.ly/MTP-2050-Amendment-1-Comparison-Report>

Discussion: None.

Action: Approve Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment 1, as presented. (20-0)

Motion: Jim Benage

Second: Dan Woydziak

B. FFY2025-FFY2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #5

Mr. Mohr asked the TPB to take action on proposed Amendment #5 to the WAMPO FFY2025-FFY2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Amendment #5 is a regularly scheduled TIP amendment and would maintain the fiscal constraint of the FFY2025-FFY2028 TIP. The public comment period for Amendment #5 opened on June 27, 2025, and ran through July 11, 2025. No public comments were received. TIP Amendment #5 adds three (3) new projects, removes three (3) projects, and modifies one (1) project. There are administrative adjustments to nine (9) additional projects, which do not require approval. In addition to updating projects in the TIP, proposed Amendment #5 makes revisions to other sections of the document that do not affect the programming of funds to projects. These revisions include edits intended to ensure the TIP complies with new U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) guidance, as well as edits to fix typos, improve formatting, and correct grammar. Among other changes, "Appendix E: Environmental Justice" and "Appendix H: Project Evaluation Criteria" are removed; the remaining appendices are re-lettered.

Mr. Mohr listed the projects modified/added/removed, discussed the changes in local, state, and federal funding, and explained the federal requirements met by TIP Amendment #5: it is consistent with the current Metropolitan Transportation Plan, MTP 2050, and is fiscally constrained. The financial impact is an additional cost of \$13.7 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 expected in September 2025.

FFY2025-FFY2028 TIP Amendment #5 Summary – <https://bit.ly/TIP-Amendment-5-Summary>

FFY2025-FFY2028 TIP version showing specific Amendment 5 edits outside of the project list – <https://bit.ly/TIP-Amendment-5-Comparison-Report>

Discussion:

Jim Benage requested details about the new KDOT project added to the FFY2025-FFY2028 TIP through Amendment #5.

Allison Smith, KDOT, shared that the project, “I-135: from junction I-235/I-135, north to the Sedgwick/Harvey county line”, is related to the I-135 safety corridor that extends north to the Harvey County Line. The project is for the purchase of Safety Corridor program materials and labor for installation by KDOT staff in Sedgwick County on the I-135 corridor.

Action: Approve FFY2025-FFY2028 TIP Amendment #5, as presented. (20-0)

Motion: Dan Woydziak

Second: Pat Stivers

5. Discussion/Updates

A. Notice of Administrative Adjustments: Congestion Management Process, Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, and Regional Transit Implementation Plan

Mr. Mohr explained that the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) recently distributed new guidance to federal transportation funding recipients, including WAMPO, pertaining especially to the interpretation of federal nondiscrimination laws, with implications for the contents of MPOs’ planning documents. In response, WAMPO is working with its state and federal planning partners to prepare any necessary amendments or administrative adjustments to its planning documents in accordance with the processes laid out in the WAMPO Public Participation Plan.

Mr. Mohr provided notice of administrative adjustments to the Congestion Management Process (CMP), Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP), and Regional Transit Implementation Plan. Because only minor language changes were made to these documents, formal amendment processes were not required. In addition to changes intended to ensure consistency with the new USDOT guidance, edits were made to these documents to correct grammar, improve word choice, correct minor inaccuracies, and make other changes for clarity.

Congestion Management Process (CMP) webpage, with links to pre- and post-adjustment versions of the document – www.wampo.org/congestion-management-process

Safety webpage, with link to post-adjustment Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) – www.wampo.org/safety

Regional Transit Implementation Plan webpage, with link to post-adjustment document – www.wampo.org/regional-transit

B. Regional Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Architecture

Mr. Mohr shared that WAMPO is close to finishing an update 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. Work began in Fall 2024 and is anticipated to conclude in Fall 2025.

Matt Baker, JEO, explained that the update includes an inventory of current ITS infrastructure and a detailed examination of future deployment plans, informed by extensive regional stakeholder

engagement. Draft deliverables are now available. Federal planning partners will review the draft architecture, and WAMPO staff will address their comments. Following a 30-day public comment period, the draft architecture will be presented to the TAC for a recommendation and to the TPB for a vote on approval.

ITS Architecture webpage, with draft deliverables – www.wampo.org/regional-its-architecture

C. Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Update

Mr. Mohr and Mr. Parasa provided an update on the regional Safe Routes to School (SRTS) planning initiative to assist local governments and K-12 schools (both public and private) with the development of at least sixty (60) school-specific SRTS plans in the region. So far, fifty-four (54) schools have confirmed their participation.

The presentation included details about the status of the two main project deliverables, a Best Practices Guide and 60+ school-specific SRTS action plans, and provided details about public engagement efforts planned for Fall 2025. A parent/caregiver survey has been shared with participating schools. In September, schools will conduct a Student Travel Tally that will provide data on how students arrive at and depart from school. Finally, walk audits will be organized at each school, involving school staff, city/county engineers, WAMPO staff, other planning partners, and volunteers. Each walk audit will identify potential safety/access improvements around a given school. The resulting data will be utilized to inform each school-specific plan and may be utilized as a benchmark for tracking future student travel behavior. Committee members are requested to share any upcoming events that may be good opportunities for WAMPO staff to attend to share more about SRTS and encourage engagement.

Discussion:

Pat Stivers asked if the study will take into account whether a community has safe pedestrian options farther from the school, noting that in Maize, school bus service is not provided to addresses less than 2.5 miles from the school and there are not yet sufficient sidewalks within that the entirety of that radius, resulting in more vehicle traffic at the beginning and end of the school day. Mr. Mohr and Mr. Parasa confirmed that this and other issues raised by member jurisdictions and schools will be considered.

Burt Ussery shared that the Clearwater Fall Festival is October 3 & 4, 2025, and could serve as an opportunity to promote Safe Routes to School.

D. Regional Connections Presentation: Maize

Joe Dessenberger, Maize Deputy City Manager, highlighted the City of Maize's rapid population growth, transportation challenges, and ongoing infrastructure planning as part of WAMPO's "Regional Connections" presentation series. The city's population has risen from under 5,000 in 2020 to an estimated 7,500 now, with projections of a population of 10,000 by 2030. More than 3,000 new residential lots have been platted, and there are 21 active subdivisions in various stages of construction, alongside major commercial developments. A significant attractor of residents, as well as commuter traffic, is the highly regarded Maize school district, which draws nearly 80% of

its students from outside city limits. This growth is straining key corridors and intersections, particularly 45th and Tyler, 45th and 119th, 53rd and K-96, and 119th between 29th and 37th, where congestion and safety issues are common. Planned improvements include bridge replacements, intersection upgrades, and pedestrian infrastructure expansions. A recently approved 1% sales tax is expected to generate \$7 million over ten years, but estimated costs for projects needed in Maize exceed \$40 million.

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

6. Committee & Partnership Updates

Chair Kessler announced that an Executive Committee meeting was held at 2:00 PM on August 12, 2025. The next 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.

Mike Moriarty, KDOT, shared that the scope of services for the Northwest Expressway Major Investment Study Update is being developed. More details will be shared when available.

J.B. Wilson, KDOT Wichita Metro, provided construction updates in the region.

7. Other Business

None.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 3:57 PM.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 3:00 PM.