



Meeting Minutes

Transportation Policy Body (TPB) Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 9, 2025, @ 3:00 PM

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

Meeting Duration: 51 minutes

Voting Members in Attendance

Russ Kessler, *Chair*
 Jim Benage, *Bel Aire*
 Nick Engle, *Derby*
 Mike Hoheisel, *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*
 Becky Tuttle, *Wichita*
 Burt Ussery, *Clearwater*
 Mike Warrington, *Andover*

Alternates

Nick Gregory, *Maize (non-voting)*
 Jennifer McCausland, *Andover (non-voting)*
 J.B. Wilson, *KDOT (non-voting)*

Other Attendees

Javier Ahumada, *FHWA*
 Marcy Aycok, *REAP*
 Steve Degenhardt, *Wichita*
 Tyler Dehn, *Bel Aire*
 Nick Flanders, *WAMPO*
 Jolene Graham, *Andover*
 Evan Hathaway, *Hite, Fanning & Honeyman L.L.P.*

Markey Jonas, *WAMPO*
 Alan Kailer, *Bike Walk Wichita*
 Brett Letkowski, *GFT*
 Les Mangus, *Andover*
 Mohamed Moawad, *MAPD*
 Peter Mohr, *WAMPO*
 Kim Negrete, *WAMPO*
 Katie Newman, *WAMPO*

Lynn Packer, *Sedgwick County*
 Chad Parasa, *WAMPO*
 Ksusha Peebles, *WAMPO*
 Ronnie Price, *Andover*
 Allison Smith, *KDOT*
 Chris Sweeney, *WAMPO*
 Laura VanBurkleo, *WAMPO*
 James Wagner, *Wichita*

1. Chair Russ Kessler called the meeting to order at 3:02 PM.

2. Regular Business

A. Approval of the September 9, 2025, Agenda

Discussion: None.

Action: Approve the September 9, 2025, agenda, as presented. (14-0)¹

Motion: Pat Stivers

Second: Jim Benage

B. Approval of the August 12, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Discussion: None.

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

Motion: Mike Warrington

Second: Terry Somers

¹Two (2) voting TPB members did not arrive until after the votes to approve the September 2025 agenda and August 2025 minutes.

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C. Director's Report

i. **Bimonthly TIP Project Statuses**

Peter Mohr, WAMPO, explained that the WAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Policy includes a Reasonable Progress Policy, under which projects programmed to receive WAMPO-suballocated 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 September 2025 was shared.

September 2025 TIP Project Statuses – <https://bit.ly/September2025-TIP-Project-Statuses>

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

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. 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 publicly available, and a 30-day public comment period will be held in Fall 2025.

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

iii. **TIP Amendment #6 Public Comment Period: 08/29/2025-09/12/2025**

Mr. Mohr noted that the public comment period for Amendment #6 to the current Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which covers Federal Fiscal Years (FFYs) 2025-2028 (October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2028), is open August 29, 2025, through September 12, 2025. The FFY2025-FFY2028 TIP and amendment summary can be viewed at www.wampo.org/transportation-improvement-program.

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

Kim Negrete, 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 volunteers who spend a short period of time counting pedestrians and bicycle riders at designated locations. Additionally, automatic counting equipment is also being deployed at nine (9) locations to aid with data collection this year. The 2025 count is taking place on Wednesday, September 10, Thursday, September 11, and Saturday, September 13.

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

Ms. Negrete 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 at least sixty (60) school-specific SRTS plans in the region. So far, fifty-four

(54) schools have confirmed their participation. Various public-engagement and data-collection efforts are planned for Fall 2025. A parent/caregiver survey has been distributed, and participating schools are conducting a Student Travel Tally this week to provide data on how students arrive at and depart from school. WAMPO is working with consultants, school contacts, local government staff, and other partners to schedule walk audits at each participating school this fall; additional volunteers to conduct the walk audits are still needed. WAMPO staff will attend upcoming community events to engage with the public and share information about SRTS. TPB members are requested to share any events that may be good opportunities for WAMPO staff to attend to encourage engagement.

vi. Title VI Annual Report

Markey Jonas, WAMPO, stated that WAMPO fully complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, and related statutes and regulations in all programs and activities. As a subrecipient of federal transportation funding, WAMPO demonstrates Title VI compliance through the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT). WAMPO's 2025 Title VI Report was completed on August 26, 2025, and demonstrates WAMPO's efforts to create and maintain a transparent and accessible planning process by integrating Title VI principles into the transportation planning process. To date, no Title VI complaints have ever been received by WAMPO.

vii. MTP 2050 Public Engagement Round 5

Ms. Jonas explained that public engagement for Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050 (MTP 2050) is divided into five rounds, with the purpose of the fifth round being to present the approved plan to the public. Following the approval of MTP 2050 Amendment 1 by the Transportation Policy Body on August 12, 2025, WAMPO staff are beginning the fifth round of public engagement for MTP 2050. Engagement activities may include presentations at public meetings, attending community pop-up events, and social media advertisements to encourage ongoing use of the plan. WAMPO strives to act as a regional forum for transportation information and transportation decision-making; ongoing discussion of MTP 2050 following initial adoption will ensure the plan remains relevant. Please let WAMPO staff know if you would like more information about the MTP or would like to request WAMPO to attend or present at an upcoming event.

viii. Upcoming 2026 UPWP Public Comment Period

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. The draft 2026 UPWP will be available for public comment September 12-October 12, 2025.

D. Consent Agenda

i. Updated Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Roster

Ms. Jonas 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 roster includes the recommended appointment of Kelly

Broxterman as the Wichita Transit Representative, with Lily Cherry as designated alternate. The TPB was asked to decide whether to approve the updated TAC roster reflecting this appointment.

Discussion: None.

Action: Approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. (14-0)²

Motion: George Liebe

Second: J.V. Johnston

3. Public Comment Opportunity

No comments.

4. Action

A. Project Evaluation Methodology & Scoring Criteria Revisions

Mr. Mohr 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” that were approved by the Transportation Policy Body (TPB) on October 12, 2021. Scores are then provided to the WAMPO 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, on which the TPB is asked to take action.

Discussion: None.

Action: Approve the proposed revised Project Evaluation Methodology & Scoring Criteria, as presented. (14-0)

Motion: Jim Benage

Second: Pat Stivers

5. Discussion/Updates

A. Regional Connections Presentation: Andover

Jolene Graham, Assistant City Administrator, Jennifer McCausland, City Administrator, and Les Mangus, Community Development Director, highlighted the City of Andover’s rapid growth, strong schools, and safe, community-oriented environment as part of WAMPO’s “Regional Connections” presentation series. They provided an overview of Andover’s history and current profile, noting that the city has grown from under 200 residents at incorporation in 1957 to nearly 16,000 today, and emphasized the city’s long-standing partnerships with KDOT, Butler County, and WAMPO on US-54/Kellogg corridor management and related transportation improvements, including US-54 expansion and improvements, backage roads, and new north-south connections. The Heritage

² One (1) voting TPB member left the meeting before the votes to approve the Consent Agenda and Action Item, and one (1) voting TPB member did not arrive until after the votes to approve the Consent Agenda and Action Item.

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mixed-use development was showcased as a key project integrating housing, retail, and public art, while recent investments in parks, trails, and the Capitol Federal Amphitheater were noted as enhancing quality of life. The presentation underscored Andover's commitment to safe neighborhoods, regional connectivity, and continued economic and community development.

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

B. Employment Sectors: Transportation

Mr. Mohr shared that the WAMPO region is home to a varied and vibrant economy. As a part of WAMPO's mission to serve and inform its stakeholders, staff have developed a series of presentations on seven major sectors of the local economy. This presentation focused on the transportation and logistics sector in the WAMPO region.

The transportation and logistics sector includes core transportation sectors, such as rail, trucking, and freight support, as well as logistics industries like warehousing, petroleum and chemical distribution, and logistics consulting services. Within the WAMPO region, there are approximately 900 establishments supporting more than 12,000 regional jobs in this sector. Mr. Mohr shared details about the largest such establishments in the WAMPO region and comparisons of transportation-sector employment and wage trends in peer metropolitan areas.

WAMPO Transportation Sector Report – <https://bit.ly/TransportationEmploymentSector>

C. KDOT 2025 Local Consult

J.B. Wilson, KDOT, 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 expansion and modernization projects in each region. This process helps strengthen local partnerships, identify the KDOT programs that matter most to communities, and gather feedback on how KDOT can improve delivery. The format is the same across the state, but each meeting will focus heavily on the needs of the specific region in which it is held. The Wichita Metro Local Consult will be held on Wednesday, October 8, 2025, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM, at the Eugene M. Hughes Metropolitan Complex. More information is available at <https://www.ksdot.gov/about/news-and-events/events-and-notices/local-consult>.

Chad Parasa, WAMPO, shared the importance of WAMPO and the TPB for coordinating regional priorities and introduced the South Central Kansas Transportation Coalition, which convenes private sector businesses and local governments to advocate for funding and policies to address regionally significant transportation infrastructure needs.

Brett Letkowski, South Central Kansas Transportation Coalition Chair, provided some background about the Coalition, explained that the Local Consult is an opportunity to discuss projects to add to KDOT's development pipeline, and shared the list of projects identified by the Coalition as priorities.

South Central Kansas Transportation Coalition

Regionally Significant Infrastructure Projects

Top Priority: 1 Construction funding for E. Kellogg Phase 2 (1/2 Mile East of 159th St. to Prairie Creek Road)		
2 Construction funding for K-96 Hillside to Kellogg		
KDOT Map ID	Development Pipeline	Construction Pipeline
N/A	Tier 1:	US-50 & Meridian Interchange
N/A		K-254 at Webb and Rock Roads in Sedgwick County
N/A		US-50 & I-135 Interchange
715		West Kellogg 111th to 1/2 Mile West of 135th St
N/A	Tier 2:	
732		
N/A		
N/A		
N/A		
N/A		
N/A		
N/A		

Discussion:

Becky Tuttle asked if the Coalition's guidance is to first mention the top two priorities on the list before moving on to the projects listed under Tier 1, Tier 2, etc. Mr. Letkowski explained that the top priorities listed are for the construction pipeline, whereas the focus at the Local Consult will be to advocate for projects for the development pipeline.

Marcy Aycock said that the K254 Corridor Development Association will send details about their priority project "placeholders" soon.

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.

Mike Moriarty, KDOT, shared that KDOT has hired a new Assistant Director of Planning.

Mr. Wilson, KDOT Wichita Metro, noted that KDOT/WAMPO Behavioral Safety Grant applications are due by September 12, 2025, and provided construction updates in the region.

7. Other Business

None.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 3:53 PM.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at 3:00 PM.