



Meeting Summary

Safety & Health Committee Meeting Summary

Wednesday, May 04, 2022, @ 9:30 AM

Online Meeting via GoToMeeting

Meeting Duration: 75 minutes

Members in Attendance:

Mark Borst

Jane Byrnes

Nina Rasmussen

Dan Squires

Jenny Kramer

Kristi Wilson

Raven Alexander

Jolene Graham

James Wagner

Alan Kailer

Kim Neufeld

Jack Brown

Other Attendees:

Chad Parasa, WAMPO Director

Ashley Bryers, WAMPO

Nicholas Flanders, WAMPO

Emily Thon, WAMPO

Dora Gallo, WAMPO

Mark Kruep, WAMPO

1. Welcome

Ashley Bryers began the meeting by introducing new WAMPO staff that recently joined. The new staff are, Mark Kruep, GIS Analyst/Transportation Planner, Dora Gallo, Transportation Planner, and Emily Thon, Transportation Planning Intern. Ms. Bryers also introduced the new Safety and Health Committee Chair, Jack Brown.

Jack Brown introduced himself and his health department background. He also said the Meeting Summary was for informational reasons, not an action item.

2. February 2, 2022 Meeting Summary

There were no changes necessary.

3. Data Review

A. 2019 & 2020 Crash Maps/5-Yr Rolling Average Table

Mark Kruep, WAMPO, presented the 2019 & 2020 crash maps and the 5-year rolling average table. The crash data that was collected for 2021 should be available in July of 2022. Mr. Kruep said the data shows that the WAMPO region Bike and Ped fatalities and serious injuries are trending upwards.

B. Comparing Crashes

Dora Gallo, expanded on Mr. Kruep's data with comparing Crashes to the different regions in the United States, WAMPO versus Kansas, versus National data. Compared to other MPO's of the same population, total crashes happen more in the WAMPO area than any other MPO. When it comes to Performance measures of the MPO's of similar size to WAMPO, fatalities, serious injuries, and non-motorized fatalities & serious injuries, were comparable in that it was similar.

Questions arose and created a discussion over what the committee would like to see in future safety discussions, those include:

1. MAPS, show hot spots and where they exist
2. Environmental status
3. Is there a way to measure bike miles?
4. Data per vehicle per mile is important
5. Moving forward needs to be locations and reasons for the crash
6. Air quality
 - a. Particulates and debris in the air around highways, etc

C. Potential Safe Routes to School Planning Project

Ms. Bryers, WAMPO, presented information regarding the FFY 2023 – FFY 2026 TIP project. One of the projects selected was a Safe Routes to School Planning Assistance project worth \$250,000 for FFY 2024. This project would develop Safe Routes to Schools plans which identify routes and strategies to increase walking and biking to school. Once these plans are completed, municipalities can submit to WAMPO their projects to improve those identified routes (sidewalks, ADA ramps, Bikeways, Rail, etc.) through the TIP Call for Projects process.

4. Open Discussion

A video was shown depicting speed prioritized roads versus safety. View that video [HERE](#).

There was no other discussion.

5. Adjournment at 10:45 am.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 3, 2022, at 9:30 AM.