



# Meeting Minutes

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 24, 2025 @ 10:00 AM

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

Meeting Duration: *86 minutes*

<b>Voting Members in Attendance</b>		
Dan Woydziak, <i>TAC Chair</i> Jack Brown, <i>Public Heath</i> Brent Clark, <i>Freight Movement</i> Duane Flug, <i>KDOT</i> Danielle Gabor, <i>SCAC</i> Jolene Graham, <i>Economist</i> Paul Gunzelman, <i>Wichita</i>	Tonja Howard, <i>Wichita Transit</i> Moumita Kundu, <i>Urban Land Use Planning &amp; Development Trends</i> Les Mangus, <i>Butler/Sumner Counties</i> Shawn Mellies, <i>Wichita</i> Lynn Packer, <i>Sedgwick County</i> Justin Shore, <i>SCAC</i>	Allison Smith, <i>KDOT</i> Dan Squires, <i>SCAC</i>  <b>Alternates</b> Steve Degenhardt, <i>Wichita (voting)</i> Emily Jensen, <i>CTD #9 (voting)</i> David Schwartz, <i>KDOT (non-voting)</i>
<b>Other Attendees</b>		
Jared Austin, <i>FTA</i> Penny Feist, <i>Wichita Transit</i> Nick Flanders, <i>WAMPO</i> Dora Gallo, <i>WAMPO</i> Angeline Johnson, <i>Greater Wichita Partnership</i>	Markey Jonas, <i>WAMPO</i> Alan Kailer, <i>Bike Walk Wichita</i> Sruthi Kesa, <i>WAMPO</i> Brett Letkowski, <i>TranSystems</i> Mohamed Moawad, <i>MAPD</i> Peter Mohr, <i>WAMPO</i>	Kim Negrete, <i>WAMPO</i> Chad Parasa, <i>WAMPO</i> Riley Schmitz, <i>JEO</i> Kyle Thomas, <i>WAMPO</i> Bill Troe, <i>SRF</i> Tyler Voth, <i>WSP</i>

**1. Chair Dan Woydziak called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.**

**2. Regular Business**

**A. Approval of February 24, 2025, Agenda**

**Discussion:** None.

**Action:** Approve the February 24, 2025, agenda, as proposed. (16-0)<sup>1</sup>

**Motion:** Brent Clark

**Second:** Lynn Packer

**B. Approval of January 25, 2025, Meeting Minutes**

**Discussion:** None.

**Action:** Approve the January 25, 2025, meeting minutes, as proposed. (16-0)

**Motion:** Paul Gunzelman

**Second:** Lynn Packer

<sup>1</sup> One (1) voting TAC member did not arrive until after the votes to approve the February 2025 agenda and January 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](mailto:wampo@wampo.org).

## 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 February 2025 was shared.

February 2025 TIP Project Statuses – <https://bit.ly/February2025-TIP-Project-Statuses>

### ii. FFY2025-FFY2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 4 Public Comment Period Open 02/28/2025-03/14/2025

Mr. Mohr noted the upcoming Public Comment period for Amendment 4 to the current Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which covers Federal Fiscal Years (FFYs) 2025-2028 (October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2028). The 15-day Public Comment period is from February 28, 2025, through March 14, 2025. The FFY2025-FFY2028 TIP and amendment schedule can be viewed at [www.wampo.org/transportation-improvement-program](http://www.wampo.org/transportation-improvement-program).

### iii. ITS Architecture Update

Mr. Mohr explained that WAMPO is actively updating the regional Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) architecture, as required by federal guidelines. Progress has been made through a series of steering-committee meetings held in Fall 2024, and the development of draft deliverables is underway. A regional ITS architecture stakeholder meeting and a subsequent steering committee meeting were originally scheduled for the second half of February 2025, with the intention of garnering feedback on draft project materials. However, after careful consideration, to ensure such materials are polished and thorough, it was decided to postpone these meetings and take additional time to develop draft deliverables before sharing them. The meetings will be rescheduled for late Spring 2025.

Chad Parasa, WAMPO, encouraged jurisdictions to partake in the ITS-architecture update process and provide input and requests to help shape the final deliverable.

### iv. 2024 WAMPO-Region Transit Ridership

Markey Jonas, WAMPO, presented an update on the ridership numbers recorded in 2024 for each of the government-provided public transit services within the WAMPO region.

Transit Provider	Annual Ridership					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
<b>Wichita Transit</b>	1,373,944	759,330	768,717	1,011,541	1,269,050	1,130,690
<b>Derby Dash</b>	10,394	7,098	9,289	8,142	7,799	7,868
<b>Haysville Hustle</b>	-	31	2,192	3,316	2,993	3,361
<b>Sedgwick County Transportation</b>	11,016	9,692	10,666	9,352	9,564	5,828
<b>Butler County Transit</b>	19,307	17,107	18,681	16,677	18,710	15,274

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#### v. **Regional Connections Presentation Series**

Ms. Jonas announced that WAMPO is coordinating a series of presentations with the theme of “Regional Connections.” This initiative invites WAMPO jurisdictions to present local projects, policies, or programs to the Transportation Policy Body (TPB). The goal of this presentation series is to keep stakeholders informed about new and ongoing efforts and encourage an integrated approach to planning. The Regional Connections presentations will be scheduled regularly at TPB meetings. Please contact Ms. Jonas at [markey.jonas@wampo.org](mailto:markey.jonas@wampo.org) to reserve a time to present.

### 3. **Public Comment Opportunity**

No comments.

### 4. **Action**

#### A. **Regional Transit Implementation Plan**

Bill Troe, SRF, presented the final Regional Transit Implementation Plan draft, outlining its core goals: enhancing transit options commuting to/from Wichita; providing more transit opportunities for people in outlying communities to get to shopping, medical services, social visits, etc.; expanding employment opportunities in WAMPO communities outside Wichita – including for commuters from Wichita; and identifying funding needs and real opportunities that support the service options listed. The plan categorizes service recommendations into "short-term" and "aspirational" goals. Shorter-term recommendations, based on positive community feedback, focus on extending fixed-route transit services and increasing the availability of demand-response transit, with the understanding that local funding responsibility lies with the communities benefiting from these expansions. Aspirational goals, requiring further coordination and funding, encompass expanded demand-response service, vanpool programs, and partnerships with ride-sharing services. The presentation also addressed governance options, emphasizing the need to balance local control with cost-effectiveness, and explored various models, including interlocal agreements, joint powers agreements, and regional transit authorities. Mr. Troe clarified the distinctions between designated recipients, direct recipients, and subrecipients of FTA funding, as well as the funding responsibilities of both local and federal entities.

Mr. Mohr asked the TAC to vote on whether or not to recommend the TPB approve the Regional Transit Implementation Plan.

#### **Discussion:**

Brent Clark asked what the next steps are for the plan after it is approved.

Mr. Parasa explained that the plan presents service options and is a guide, but that next steps are up to each jurisdiction for how they want to use the plan and implement the options presented. The Regional Transit Implementation Plan is a framework for how transit service in the region could be done and provides examples, ideas, and regional transit service concepts.

**Action:** Recommend the TPB approve the Regional Transit Implementation Plan, as presented.  
(17-0)

**Motion:** Brent Clark

**Second:** Danielle Gabor

## 5. Discussion/Updates

### A. Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050 (MTP 2050) – Public Comment Period 03/08/2025 – 04/07/2025

Nick Flanders, WAMPO, announced that drafts of all chapters and appendices of long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050 (MTP 2050) have been posted to the WAMPO website and provided details about the plan development process and contents of the plan. The draft document has been reviewed by the Plan Advisory Committee (PAC), the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), and federal planning partners. The TPB approved releasing the draft plan for public comment at their meeting on February 11, 2025.

Mr. Flanders, Dora Gallo, WAMPO, and Mr. Mohr provided details about each chapter of the document, highlighting key points and summarizing the information within each. MTP 2050 is divided into seven (7) chapters: Plan Purpose & Development; Regional Trends; Existing Conditions; System Management; System Performance Report (discussing federal/regional performance measures (PMs)); Financial Plan (demonstrating how MTP 2050 is fiscally constrained); and Project Selection & List (containing the MTP 2050 fiscally constrained project list). MTP 2050 also has 14 appendices, 7 of which were presented on. Details about the remaining 7 appendices will be presented at the next TAC meeting, on March 24, 2025.

Ms. Jonas said that after comments received from the PAC, KDOT, and federal planning partners are addressed, there will be a 30-day public-comment period, March 8-April 7, 2025, followed by a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommendation and a Transportation Policy Body (TPB) vote on approval in April and May 2025, respectively. During the public-comment period, there will be a virtual public meeting and an open house to present the draft plan and collect public input. WAMPO is also seeking other opportunities to introduce the plan to the community during this time. Please reach out to Ms. Jonas at [markey.jonas@wampo.org](mailto:markey.jonas@wampo.org) to invite WAMPO to attend public meetings or events, or to suggest other outreach strategies.

MTP 2050 webpage, with all draft chapters and appendices uploaded – [www.wampo.org/mtp2050](http://www.wampo.org/mtp2050)

### B. Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) Updates

Kim Negrete, WAMPO, explained that the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) promotes the safety of all users of the transportation system. The plan was developed through a ten-month process and was approved by the Transportation Policy Body on December 12, 2023. The strategies outlined in the CSAP are being implemented and monitored by WAMPO staff, member jurisdictions, and community partners, including through the work of ICT Safe: A Regional Transportation Coalition. Since initial adoption, additional safety strategies have been identified and it has been noted that updates to the implementation timeline would improve the usability of

the document. The Transportation Safety Technical Advisors (TSTA) will meet on February 25, 2025, to consider updates to the CSAP and its implementation strategies, which will then be presented to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for a recommendation and to the Transportation Policy Body (TPB) for a vote on approval.

### **C. Employment Sectors: Healthcare**

Mr. Mohr shared that as part of WAMPO's mission to serve and inform its stakeholders, staff are developing a series of presentations on seven major sectors of the local economy. This presentation focused on the healthcare sector in the WAMPO region.

Healthcare is one of the largest economic sectors in the region, employing more than 30,000 people. Key players in the sector include Ascension Via Christi and Wesley Medical Center, along with numerous other healthcare providers. The presentation analyzed the distribution of healthcare establishments, emphasizing the concentration of specialized services in the metropolitan area. Employment trends, wage comparisons, and other factors likely to affect the future of the healthcare industry were mentioned.

WAMPO Healthcare Sector Report - [https://bit.ly/Healthcare\\_Sector](https://bit.ly/Healthcare_Sector)

### **D. Commuter Flows Report**

Mr. Mohr explained that the Commuter Flows Report describes how commuters flow between the 22 municipalities in the WAMPO region and is developed annually. The Commuter Flows Report compiles data about the locations of workers' primary (non-home) workplaces and residences, identifying for each municipality the number of workers who both live and work there, the number of workers who live there but work somewhere else, and the number of workers work there but live somewhere else. Together, these data provide an understanding of commuter flows, showing the interconnectedness of communities and the interchange of workers and services between areas. The 2024 report was updated with U.S. Census Bureau employment data from 2017-2021. The presentation included examples of commuter flows for the cities of Wichita, Derby, and Haysville. The report can be found on the WAMPO website at [www.wampo.org/commuter-flows](http://www.wampo.org/commuter-flows).

Mr. Mohr provided additional information about the data sources used.

## **6. Other Business**

Ms. Negrete shared that the 30th Annual KDOT Transportation Safety Conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Wichita on March 4-5, 2025, with pre-conference sessions for law enforcement on March 3, 2025. The KDOT Transportation Safety Conference is designed to share timely topics of interest and updated information from all facets of the transportation safety community. For more information and to register, please visit <https://hospitality.ku.edu/transportation-safety>.

## **7. Meeting adjourned at 11:26 AM**

**The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 24, 2025, at 10:00 AM.**