



Meeting Minutes

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 24, 2024, @ 10:00 AM

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

Meeting Duration: *41 minutes*

Voting Members in Attendance		
Russ Kessler, <i>TAC Chair</i> Marcy Aycocock, <i>REAP</i> Jack Brown, <i>Public Health</i> Brent Clark, <i>Freight Movement</i> Craig Crosse, <i>Regional Pathways</i> Duane Flug, <i>KDOT</i> Danielle Gabor, <i>SCAC</i>	Jolene Graham, <i>Economist</i> Paul Gunzelman, <i>Wichita</i> Les Mangus, <i>Butler/Sumner Counties</i> Shawn Mellies, <i>Wichita</i> Lizeth Ortega, <i>Air Quality</i> Lynn Packer, <i>Sedgwick County</i> Allison Smith, <i>KDOT</i>	Alternates Moumita Kundu, <i>Urban Land Use Planning & Development Trends (voting)</i>
Other Attendees		
Javier Ahumada, <i>FHWA</i> Kaylee Bates, <i>WAMPO</i> Craig Compton, <i>CEDBR</i> Dylan Cossaart, <i>WAMPO</i> Chaitanya Dodda, <i>WAMPO</i> Nick Flanders, <i>WAMPO</i> Dora Gallo, <i>WAMPO</i> Angeline Johnson, <i>GWP</i>	Markey Jonas, <i>WAMPO</i> Alan Kailer, <i>Bike Walk Wichita</i> Peter Mohr, <i>WAMPO</i> ThaiBinh Mursch, <i>MAPD</i> Kim Neufeld, <i>WAMPO</i> Jonathan Norris, <i>CEDBR</i> Chad Parasa, <i>WAMPO</i> Tia Raamot, <i>Sedgwick County</i>	Riley Schmitz, <i>Wichita</i> Kyle Thomas, <i>WAMPO</i> Zara Thomas, <i>WAMPO</i> Bill Troe, <i>SRF</i> Tyler Voth, <i>WSP</i> James Wagner, <i>Wichita</i>

1. Chair Russ Kessler called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM.

2. Regular Business

A. Approval of June 24, 2024, Agenda

Discussion: None.

Action: Approve the June 24, 2024, agenda, as proposed. (14-0)¹

Motion: Paul Gunzelman

Second: Brent Clark

B. Approval of May 20, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Discussion: None.

Action: Approve the May 20, 2024, meeting minutes, as proposed. (14-0)

Motion: Lynn Packer

Second: Allison Smith

¹ One (1) voting TAC member did not arrive until after the votes to approve the June 2024 agenda and May 2024 minutes. WAMPO provides meeting minutes that are not verbatim. TAC and TPB meetings are recorded and hosted on YouTube [@WAMPO Kansas](#). To request assistance accessing meeting recordings call – (316) 779-1313 or email – wampo@wampo.org.

C. Director's Report

i. Requests for Proposals (RFPs)

Peter Mohr, WAMPO, announced that WAMPO has issued or is preparing to issue several Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for consultants to assist with the region's Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) architecture, Travel Demand Model (TDM) update (phase 2), Safe Routes to School (SRTS) planning assistance, and a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) implementation-grant application (in 2025). Active Requests for Proposals can be viewed at <https://www.wampo.org/wampo-is-hiring> and RFP submissions can be emailed to wampo@wampo.org.

ii. Bimonthly TIP Project Statuses

Mr. Mohr explained that the WAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) 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 June 2024 was shared.

June 2024 TIP Project Statuses - <https://bit.ly/June2024-TIP-Project-Statuses>

Discussion:

Shawn Mellies asked what the WICHway Video Wall project entails. Mr. Mohr shared that it is a large set of displays for the WICHway Traffic Management Center. More information about the project is listed in the TIP.

iii. Wichita Bicycle Master Plan Update

Kim Neufeld, WAMPO, shared that the City of Wichita is developing a new bicycle plan, which will update the 2013 Wichita Bicycle Master Plan. It is expected to be completed by Fall 2024 and will establish a new vision and goals for bicycling in Wichita. The plan will include a city-wide bicycle network, priority locations for bicycle infrastructure improvements, bicycle parking improvements, programs and policies to support bicycling, an action plan and funding strategies, and conceptual bicycle improvements for several priority locations. To learn more or provide input, visit www.wichitabicycleplan.com.

iv. MTP 2050 Public Engagement Round 3: May 20-June 30, 2024

Markey Jonas, WAMPO, announced that WAMPO is conducting the third round of public engagement for Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050 (MTP 2050), May 20 through June 30, 2024. A survey is available online and WAMPO staff are attending community events to engage with the public and collect responses to the survey on paper. Attendees were requested to help extend WAMPO's reach by reposting the survey link on social media or mentioning the survey in upcoming communications. The MTP 2050 Round 3 Survey is available at www.wampo.org/mtp2050.

v. Heartland Flyer Extension Update

Ms. Jonas shared that in December 2023, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) selected the Heartland Flyer Extension between Oklahoma City, OK and Newton, KS (through Wichita, KS) as a possible future intercity passenger rail route in the Corridor Identification and Development Program. The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) is anticipated to complete a Service Development Plan (SDP) in June 2024. Whereas the KDOT Eisenhower Legacy Transportation (IKE) program and federal matching funds could pay for planning and construction, legislative action would be required to pay for the operation of the Heartland Flyer Extension. For more information, visit www.ksdot.gov/passrail/.

vi. Amtrak Long-Distance Service Study Update

Chad Parasa, WAMPO, explained that routes longer than 750 miles are part of the Amtrak long-distance service study, and anything shorter would be included in the Corridor Identification and Development Program. Mr. Parasa provided a handout with more information for TAC members to review.

Long-Distance Service Study Overview - <https://bit.ly/Long-Distance-Service-Study-Overview>

3. Public Comments

None.

4. Action

No Action Items were presented for TAC recommendation.

5. Discussion/Updates

A. FFY2025-FFY2028 TIP Public Comment Period

Mr. Mohr presented details about the draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Federal Fiscal Years (FFYs) 2025-2028, which is available for public comment June 12, 2024, through July 11, 2024. Public comments received during this 30-day period will be reported to and considered by the WAMPO Technical Advisory Committee for a recommendation on July 22, 2024, and to the WAMPO Transportation Policy Body, which will decide whether to revise the document prior to final approval on August 13, 2024. For more information and to view the draft document and executive summary, please visit www.wampo.org/transportation-improvement-program.

B. Regional Transit Implementation Plan Update

Bill Troe, SRF, provided an overview of the progress of the Regional Transit Implementation Plan, following the second round of public meetings on June 5, 2024. Detailed service alternatives, such as vanpools, fixed-route transit, and demand-response service, were presented, grouped into themes that align with the study's goals: improving commutes, supporting regional travel, and facilitating suburban employment growth. The presentation also highlighted the importance of planning for future transit needs and discussed various models for managing transit services, balancing cost-effectiveness with local control. Attendees were asked to review the proposed transit-service alternate concepts. The next step of the study is to determine which jurisdictions have an interest, either as an operator or as a service partner, for each of the service concepts.

Regional Transit Implementation Plan webpage - www.wampo.org/regional-transit

Discussion:

Chair Kessler asked if the project team is seeking direct feedback from each jurisdiction. Mr. Troe said that an online questionnaire will be distributed to representatives from each jurisdiction to get a better understanding of which concepts are viable. Chair Kessler asked when the questionnaire is expected to be sent out and Ms. Jonas said that it would be within a day or two.

C. Population Projections

Jonathan Norris, CEDBR, explained that, in collaboration with Wichita State University’s Center for Economic Development and Business Research (CEDBR), WAMPO recently developed population projections to the year 2050, incorporating projections calculated by/for WAMPO’s individual member jurisdictions. Though this approach provided a more inclusive representation of the assumptions employed by WAMPO member jurisdictions to reflect their individual circumstances, subsequent feedback has indicated that these projections may not accurately capture the internal growth patterns of the metropolitan area and may exceed reasonable expectations for the future regional population. To address this feedback, WAMPO staff and consultants have worked together to develop a new methodology for creating projections, the details of which were presented. The new methodology was applied to project WAMPO-region population growth and the second draft of the revised projections, which incorporate building-permit data from 17 of 22 municipalities, was presented to the TAC for feedback.

Key components of the new model include community net migration, employment forecasts, and building permits. Mr. Norris explained that this approach allows for dynamic projections at the community level, constrained by overall regional forecasts. The revised model also adjusts the weighting of migration and employment factors to stabilize estimates and reduce volatility. The presentation included a review of the differences between the first and second drafts of the revised population forecasts, before and after incorporating building-permit data. Next steps include collecting building-permit data from remaining communities to further refine the projections and ensure they reflect actual development investments. The population projections will tentatively be presented to the TAC for a formal recommendation on July 22, 2024.

Discussion:

Chair Kessler asked if current building permits are being included in the projections. Mr. Norris shared that they are being incorporated for jurisdictions that requested it, due to their historical data not showing as much activity as the current- and future-permit information. Other communities in similar situations are encouraged to share that information, as well.

6. Committee & Partnership Updates

None.

7. Other Business

None.

8. Meeting adjourned at 10:42 AM

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, July 22, 2024, at 10:00 AM.

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