



Meeting Minutes

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 23rd, 2023, @ 10:00 AM

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

Meeting Duration: 73 minutes

Voting Members in Attendance		
Burt Ussery, <i>TAC Chair</i> Raven Alexander, <i>Wichita Transit</i> Mike Armour, <i>Wichita</i> Jack Brown, <i>Public Health</i> Danielle Gabor, <i>SCAC</i> Jolene Graham, <i>Economist</i> Mary Hunt, <i>Urban Land Use Planning</i>	Gary Janzen, <i>Wichita</i> Shawn Mellies, <i>Wichita</i> Lynn Packer, <i>Sedgwick County</i> Tia Raamot, <i>Regional Pathways</i> Laura Rainwater, <i>REAP</i> Nina Rasmussen, <i>Air Quality</i> Justin Shore, <i>SCAC</i> Allison Smith, <i>KDOT</i>	Dan Squires, <i>SCAC</i> Alternates: Moumita Kundu, <i>MAPD (non-voting)</i> Mike Longshaw, <i>KDOT</i>
Other Attendees		
Tami Alexander, <i>KDOT</i> Ashley Bryers, <i>WAMPO</i> Cecelie Cochran, <i>FHWA</i> Ronald Colbert, <i>Valley Center</i> Slade Engstrom, <i>TranSystems</i> Nick Flanders, <i>WAMPO</i> Dora Gallo, <i>WAMPO</i> Nate Hinkel, <i>Wichita Transit</i>	Alicia Hunter, <i>WAMPO</i> Russ Kessler, <i>Haysville</i> Alan Kailer, <i>Bike Walk Wichita</i> Alex Lane, <i>Derby</i> Brett Letkowski, <i>TranSystems</i> ThaiBinh Mursch, <i>MAPD</i> Chad Parasa, <i>WAMPO</i> Marcela Quintanilla, <i>WAMPO</i>	Brad Shores, <i>JEO</i> Eva Steinman-Daetwiler, <i>FTA</i> Brent Thomas, <i>Garver</i> Emily Thon, <i>WAMPO</i> Tyler Voth, <i>WSP</i> James Wagner, <i>Wichita</i> Matt Williams, <i>PEC</i> Kristen Zimmerman, <i>PEC</i>

1. Chair Burt Ussery called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM.

2. Regular Business

A. Approval of January 23, 2023, Agenda

Discussion: None

Action: Approve January 10, 2023, agenda, as proposed (16-0).¹

Motion: Chair Ussery

Second: Mike Armour

B. Approval of December 13th, 2022, Meeting Minutes

Discussion: None

Action: Approve November 28, 2022, meeting minutes, as proposed (16-0).

Motion: Gary Janzen

Second: Mike Armour

¹ One TAC member did not arrive until after the votes to approve the January 2023 agenda and November 2022 minutes had occurred, but was present for all subsequent votes.

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C. Director's Report

i. MTP 2050 Development Phases

ii. 2023 APBP Webinar Series

Members of the public are welcome to view the 2023 Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP) webinar series at the WAMPO offices (Conference Room 203, Ronald Reagan Building, 271 W 3rd St., Wichita, KS 67202). The webinars are 2:00-3:00 PM on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Please RSVP your attendance by emailing wampo@wampo.org.

Information about each session can be found at <https://www.wampo.org/bicycle-pedestrian>.

iii. Sidewalk Mileage per Jurisdiction

WAMPO staff developed a map layer containing all sidewalks, crosswalks, and paved trails in the WAMPO Region. From that map layer, total miles of sidewalks in each WAMPO jurisdiction were calculated. If TAC members or jurisdiction staff find that these totals are inaccurate, they are asked to inform WAMPO staff, so that the necessary corrections can be made.

Jurisdiction	Sidewalk Length in Miles		
Andale	3.14	Kechi	3.70
Andover	40.77	Maize	14.80
Bel Aire	23.63	Mount Hope	3.94
Bentley	0.18	Mulvane	21.84
Cheney	7.62	Park City	5.64
Clearwater	5.61	Rose Hill	6.32
Colwich	4.33	Sedgwick **	0.10
Derby	114.78	Unincorporated	67.45
Garden Plain	1.73	Valley Center	15.42
Goddard	12.83	Viola	1.28
Haysville	12.56	Wichita	1,244.38
		Total	1,612.04

The full sidewalk map is available to the public on ArcGIS Online through the following link: <https://wampo.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/basic/index.html?appid=cecccfb34bfe4ddb86e6fcf2cae4b1bc>

iv. United Community Transit Coalition Meeting

Ashley Bryers presented that WAMPO is working with local transit providers to coordinate better through issues that are a constant in transportation. This meeting is in-person at 271 W. 3rd Street, Ste. 203, Wichita, KS, on February 16, 2:00-3:30 PM.

3. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

4. Action

A. FFY2023 – FFY2026 TIP Amendment 2

Amendment #2 to the WAMPO FFY2023–FFY2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a regularly scheduled amendment and would maintain the fiscal constraint of the FFY2023–FFY2026 TIP. It is the second scheduled amendment for this TIP, adding one new project, removing three existing projects, and modifying eight projects. Notice is also provided of administrative adjustments to an additional 54 projects, which do not require approval by the TAC or TPB.

The Public Comment period for Amendment #2 opened on January 7, 2023, and ran through January 22, 2023. On January 9, 2023, KDOT staff requested that the entry for the project “WICHway Video Wall” be corrected to not show a KDOT Project I.D., as it has not yet been assigned one; within the same day, WAMPO staff made this requested correction in the project information available for public comment. To date, no other public comments have been received. The FFY2023–FFY2026 TIP took effect on October 1, 2022, and may be found at <https://www.wampo.org/transportation-improvement-program>.

Discussion:

Gary Janzen asked if the WAMPO-suballocated funding increases in Amendment 2 utilize all of the funds projected to be left over at the end of FFY2023 after accounting for the additional funding provided under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Ashley Bryers and Nick Flanders confirmed that, yes, they do.

Gary Janzen requested that, on future occasions when TIP amendments are presented to the TAC and TPB, a table be provided of resulting WAMPO-suballocated funding by project and projected year-end balances for the four-year TIP period.

Action: Approve FFY2023–FFY2026 TIP Amendment 2, as proposed (17-0).

Motion: Dan Squires

Second: Gary Janzen

5. Discussion/Updates

A. TIP Reasonable Progress Policy

WAMPO staff invited the TAC to discuss proposed revisions to the Reasonable Progress Policy for projects programmed in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to receive WAMPO-suballocated federal funds in the current Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) or that received such funds in a past FFY but are not yet complete. Following input from the TAC and TPB, the Reasonable Progress Policy would be updated via regularly scheduled Amendment #3 to the WAMPO FFY2023-FFY2026 TIP.

Page 25 of the WAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Policy (Appendix I of the FFY2023-FFY2026 TIP, https://www.wampo.org/files/ugd/bbf89d_c7e7c7a3c2f84a65b576af44e844ab75.pdf) establishes the Reasonable Progress Policy. The policy includes two primary provisions:

- » Projects programmed to receive WAMPO-suballocated funding that are scheduled to start in the current FFY or that have started but not finished (including projects that started in prior FFYs) are supposed to have progress reports at least every two months.
- » If a project programmed to be obligated during the current FFY is not obligated by March 31st, the TPB has the option, following an opportunity for the project sponsor to present on the project's status to the TPB, to remove unobligated WAMPO-suballocated funding from the project.

Following input from the TAC on November 28, 2022, and correspondence with KDOT staff, WAMPO staff drafted proposed, revised text for the Reasonable Progress Policy. The proposed, revised text would remove the provision that not obligating by March 31st is grounds for defunding a project. Instead, current-FFY projects that have not yet obligated by May 31st will be given an opportunity to provide a status update and potentially request more time to obligate, without the threat of removing funds that are already programmed. WAMPO staff recommend keeping the provision calling for bimonthly progress reports and have begun collecting information for those progress reports from project sponsors to present at the February 27, 2023, TAC meeting.

Discussion:

Chair Ussery asked if project sponsors would need to give verbal progress reports to the TAC and TPB every two months. Nick Flanders clarified that WAMPO staff would collect information from project sponsors ahead of those meetings and then present it as part of the Director's Report.

Chair Ussery asked if the TAC members who represent jurisdictions that sponsor projects receiving WAMPO-suballocated funds think providing such update information to WAMPO bimonthly is a reasonable ask. Dan Squires responded in the affirmative.

B. Carbon Reduction Program process

WAMPO staff are preparing project-selection criteria for the programming of funding under the new Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), to be considered and voted on by the TAC and TPB in the coming months. Once criteria have been approved, a Call for Projects will be issued. It is anticipated that the first round of selected projects (for FFY2022-FFY2024 CRP funds, estimated at about \$3.6 million) will be incorporated into the Kansas State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) in November 2023, after which they may begin obligating and letting.

When the WAMPO Project Selection Committee (PSC) meets to recommend projects to the TAC and TPB for CRP funding, WAMPO staff will provide them with nonbinding scores for each project, based on approved selection criteria. Although WAMPO already has approved project-selection criteria for suballocated funding (see Appendix H of the FFY2023-FFY2026 TIP: <https://www.wampo.org/transportation-improvement-program>), those criteria were written before the creation of the CRP, which has different federal guidance on what qualifies a project for funding under it than the STBG, CMAQ, and TA programs (<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/crp.cfm>). Therefore, WAMPO staff are preparing a modified version of the current project-selection criteria, approved by the TPB on October 12, 2021, considering the stated CO₂-emission-reduction mission of the CRP and omitting ineligible project types.

Discussion:

Gary Janzen asked whether CRP funds from multiple FFYs could be used on the same project. Nick Flanders, WAMPO, and Allison Smith, KDOT, responded that they could.

Chair Ussery asked if the timeline for approving project-selection criteria and opening the Call for Projects could be moved up.

Mike Armour asked about the timing of the development of KDOT's Carbon Reduction Strategy and how it relates to the schedule for WAMPO's CRP project-selection process. Allison Smith responded that KDOT is starting to develop the Carbon Reduction Strategy, which is due to be submitted to the FHWA by 11/15/2023, and that the development of the Strategy will include public participation opportunities. WAMPO may select projects for CRP funding prior to the completion of the state Carbon Reduction Strategy, provided that the selections are consistent with FHWA guidance.

C. 2021 Crash Maps & Rolling Average Table

WAMPO staff have updated the 5-year rolling crash average and crash maps with 2021 crash data. In consultation with KDOT, WAMPO staff have reviewed all reported fatal and serious-injury crashes in the WAMPO region from 2017 to 2021. Staff developed maps showing the total reported number of fatal and serious-injury crashes for motorized and nonmotorized crashes. Nonmotorized crashes are crashes that involve a pedestrian or bicycle rider. In addition to these maps, staff developed tables highlighting the 5-year rolling average for fatal and serious-injury crashes in the WAMPO region and in unincorporated Sedgwick County.

WAMPO						5-Year Rolling Average
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2017-2021
Motorized Crashes						
# of Fatal Injuries	35	40	40	41	49	41
# of Serious Injuries	100	99	164	216	233	162.4
Non-Motorized Crashes						
# of Fatal Injuries	9	11	5	6	13	8.8
# of Serious Injuries	16	13	35	36	33	26.6
Unincorporated Sedgwick County						5-Year Rolling Average
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2017-2021
Motorized Crashes						
# of Fatal Injuries	14	29	11	15	9	15.6
# of Serious Injuries	20	23	25	38	36	28.4
Non-Motorized Crashes						
# of Fatal Injuries	1	0	1	1	1	0.8
# of Serious Injuries	0	1	1	1	2	1.0

D. Electric Vehicles

Tami Alexander (KDOT) presented on Charge Up Kansas. The Charge Up Kansas NEVI Plan has been approved and is set to receive \$39.5 million total over the next five years under the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program. The plan provides KDOT federal funds to help build a high-powered EV charging network across the state.

E. City of Wichita RAISE Grant Application

James Wagner, Wichita and Brent Thomas, Garvey, presented on a City of Wichita application for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant, under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The application is for a study/planning for aesthetic, pavement, connectivity, alignment, sustainability, and economic development improvements to the area around West Kellogg Avenue and Eisenhower Airport Parkway.

Gary Janzen asked if WAMPO could provide a formal letter of support for the project. Mr. Parasa said yes it could be brought before the TPB.

6. Committee & Partnership Updates

A. Active Transportation Committee

Next meeting will take place on March 1st, 2023.

B. Safety & Health Committee

Next meeting will take place on February 1st, 2023. The meeting agenda has not yet been sent, but there will be a discussion of the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan.

C. Wichita Transit

Nate Hinkel, Wichita Transit, provided information on a new extension to Route 12 in northwest Wichita, the February 2023 rollout of smart cards as a fare-payment method, the upcoming, required implementation of Wichita's Safety Systems Management Plan for the public transit and aviation systems, and the RFP for a system-redesign study. Transit ridership was up in 2022 (just over one million rides).

In response to a question about it, Raven Alexander, Wichita Transit, said that Wichita State University is expected to reach out to the Haysville Hustle about transit service in that area.

7. Other Business

Gary Janzen asked about the timing of project selections for the FFY2025-FFY2028 TIP. WAMPO Executive Director Chad Parasa confirmed that this will be done a little earlier than usual to coincide with the development of the 2050 MTP.

Chair Ussery announced that, following the 2/14/2023 TPB meeting, Russ Kessler from Haysville will likely take over as TAC Chair after the elections occurring at TPB.

8. Meeting adjourned at 11:14 AM

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, February 27th, 2023, at 10:00 AM.