



# Meeting Minutes

Transportation Policy Body (TPB) Meeting Minutes  
 Tuesday, June 11, 2024, @ 3:00 PM  
 Hybrid Meeting: *Online & 271 W. 3rd St, Rm. 203, Wichita, KS 67202*  
 Meeting Duration: *81 minutes*

Voting Members in Attendance		
Becky Tuttle, <i>TPB Chair</i> Ryan Baty, <i>Sedgwick County</i> Jim Benage, <i>Bel Aire</i> David Dennis, <i>Sedgwick County</i> Nick Engle, <i>Derby</i> Dalton Glasscock, <i>Wichita</i> Mike Hoheisel, <i>Wichita</i> Jim Howell, <i>Sedgwick County</i>	J.V. Johnston, <i>Wichita</i> George Liebe, <i>Goddard</i> Pete Meitzner, <i>Sedgwick County</i> Terry Somers, <i>SCAC</i> Nick Squires, <i>KDOT</i> Jet Truman, <i>Valley Center</i> Dan Woydziak, <i>Butler County</i>	<b>Alternates</b> Will Black, <i>Haysville (voting)</i> Nick Gregory, <i>Maize (voting)</i> Ted Henry, <i>Bel Aire (non-voting)</i> Jennifer McCausland, <i>Andover (voting)</i> Warren Porter, <i>Rose Hill (voting)</i> J.B. Wilson, <i>KDOT (non-voting)</i>
Other Attendees		
Raven Alexander, <i>Wichita Transit</i> Dylan Carroll, <i>Andover</i> Craig Compton, <i>CEDBR</i> Chaitanya Dodda, <i>WAMPO</i> Evan Hathaway, <i>Hite, Fanning &amp; Honeyman L.L.P.</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> Lynn Packer, <i>Sedgwick County</i> Chad Parasa, <i>WAMPO</i> Kelly Rundell, <i>Hite, Fanning &amp; Honeyman L.L.P.</i>	Riley Schmitz, <i>Wichita</i> Allison Smith, <i>KDOT</i> Dan Squires, <i>Derby</i> Kyle Thomas, <i>WAMPO</i> Bill Troe, <i>SRF</i> Tyler Voth, <i>WSP</i> Mitch Young, <i>Maize</i>

**1. Chair Becky Tuttle called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM.**

**2. Regular Business**

**A. Approval of the June 11, 2024, Agenda**

**Discussion:** None.

**Action:** Approve the June 11, 2024, agenda, as presented. (18-0)<sup>1</sup>

**Motion:** Jim Benage

**Second:** Dan Woydziak

**B. Approval of the May 14, 2024, Meeting Minutes**

**Discussion:** None.

**Action:** Approve the May 14, 2024, meeting minutes, as presented. (17-0)<sup>2</sup>

**Motion:** Dan Woydziak

**Second:** Terry Somers

<sup>1</sup> One (1) voting TPB member did not arrive until after the votes to approve the June 2024 agenda and May 2024 minutes.

<sup>2</sup> One (1) voting TPB member abstained from the vote to approve the May 2024 minutes.

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## 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](mailto:wampo@wampo.org).

### ii. K-96 Improvements Project: Status in WAMPO TIP

Mr. Mohr shared the status of the K-96 Improvements Project in the WAMPO FFY2023-FFY2026 Transportation Improvement Project (TIP), as a follow-up to the update given by the K-96 project team at the previous meeting. TIP project details can be viewed at [www.wampo.org/transportation-improvement-program](http://www.wampo.org/transportation-improvement-program).

### iii. Quarterly Transit Update: Ridership Numbers

Mr. Mohr presented WAMPO-region public-transit ridership numbers as a quarterly transit update to the TPB. There are several government-provided transit services within the WAMPO region, including Wichita Transit, Derby Dash, Haysville Hustle, Sedgwick County Transportation, and Butler County Transit. Haysville Hustle began operations in November 2020, so ridership information prior to then is not available. Butler County Transit numbers include ridership for the entire county.

Transit Provider	Annual Ridership					
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Wichita Transit	1,181,807	1,373,944	759,330	768,717	1,011,541	1,269,050
Derby Dash	11,013	10,394	7,098	9,289	8,142	7,799
Haysville Hustle	-	-	31	2,192	3,316	2,993
Sedgwick County Transportation	9,789	11,016	9,692	10,666	9,352	9,564
Butler County Transit	18,422	19,307	17,107	18,681	16,677	18,710

### iv. Safety Updates

Kim Neufeld, WAMPO, shared that WAMPO places safety at the forefront of transportation planning and provided an update on recent safety-related initiatives, including the KDOT Transportation Safety Conference in April 2024 and the ICT Safe: A Regional Transportation Coalition meeting in May 2024, and gave more details about the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Request for Proposals.

Ms. Neufeld also announced that the Behavioral Safety Office of the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) and WAMPO are jointly conducting a Call for Projects for Behavioral Safety Grants in the WAMPO region. These are reimbursement grants and construction projects are not eligible. Funding for the grants comes from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and will be administered by KDOT. The total amount available for all projects in 2024 is \$50,000. Grant applications need to address the concerns of ICT Safe, the Drive to Zero Coalition, the WAMPO Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP), and/or the Kansas Strategic Highway Safety Plan. The application deadline is June 30, 2024. The grant guidelines, scoring rubric, and application can be downloaded from [www.wampo.org/safety](http://www.wampo.org/safety).

**v. Heartland Flyer Extension Update**

Markey Jonas, WAMPO, 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 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/](http://www.ksdot.gov/passrail/).

A policymaker summit and reception are scheduled for Monday, June 17, 2024, in Oklahoma City as officials look ahead to expanding passenger rail service to Kansas, and on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, a press conference will be held at the Oklahoma City Amtrak station at 8:00 AM, before the departure of the Heartland Flyer for Fort Worth, TX.

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

Ms. Jonas announced that WAMPO is conducting the third round of public engagement for 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 paper surveys. Attendees were requested to help extend WAMPO's reach by reposting the survey link on social media or mentioning the survey in upcoming communications, and to please reach out to Ms. Jonas ([markey.jonas@wampo.org](mailto:markey.jonas@wampo.org)) with any engagement ideas or to invite WAMPO to attend an event. The MTP 2050 Round 3 Survey is available at [www.wampo.org/mtp2050](http://www.wampo.org/mtp2050).

**vii. FFY2025-FFY2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Public Comment Period: June 12-July 11, 2024**

Ms. Jonas shared that the public comment period for the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Federal Fiscal Years (FFYs) 2025-2028, is June 12, 2024, through July 11, 2024. Public comments received during this 30-day period will be reported to and considered by 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](http://www.wampo.org/transportation-improvement-program).

## D. Consent Agenda

### i. Regional Asset Inventory Cancellation of Agreement

Mr. Mohr explained that, in 2019, WAMPO and the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) entered into an agreement concerning the use of Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds on the WAMPO-sponsored project “Regional Asset Inventory”. After initiating efforts to explore the project’s feasibility, WAMPO and its governing body decided to prioritize other initiatives, leading to the cancellation of staff efforts to complete the project. Consequently, all funds awarded to the project were deobligated and reprogrammed to other projects. Although all funds for this project were deobligated in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2020, the agreement with KDOT still exists. KDOT has requested the cancellation of this agreement.

#### **Discussion:**

Chair Tuttle asked if the cancellation of the agreement was a formality, and Mr. Mohr confirmed that it is only needed to close out the legal agreement.

Jim Benage asked if there is another avenue for developing a regional asset inventory. Mr. Mohr said that it is something that could be explored again if it is deemed necessary or helpful in the future.

Allison Smith explained that the funds originally programmed for this project were deobligated and readded to WAMPO’s available suballocated funding in 2020.

**Action:** Approve the Regional Asset Inventory Cancellation of Agreement, as presented. (19-0)

**Motion:** George Liebe

**Second:** Terry Somers

## 3. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

## 4. Action

### A. FFY2025-FFY2028 TIP: Project Selection Committee (PSC) WAMPO-Suballocated Funding Recommendations

Mr. Mohr explained that from September 15, 2023, through February 2, 2024, WAMPO held a combined Call for Projects for Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050 (MTP 2050) and the FFY2025-FFY2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Submissions during that period led to a list of scored, candidate projects that were considered by the Project Selection Committee (PSC) at meetings in April-May 2024 for recommendations to the TAC and TPB on which projects to award FFY2025-FFY2028 WAMPO-suballocated funding. PSC-selected projects include several new FFY2027-FFY2028 projects, as well as funding increases for several projects that already have some WAMPO-suballocated funding in the FFY2023-2026 TIP, but are currently at less than the maximum of 80% federal funding. The TPB was asked to approve the PSC-recommended FFY2025-FFY2028 funding awards.

**Project Selection Committee (PSC) Recommended New/Increased Funding: FFY2025-FFY2028 Projects**

WAMPO I.D.	Lead Agency	Project Title	FFY(s)	Funding Program(s)	Amt. Added	New % Fed. Funding
R-19-17*	Wichita	West St., I-235-MacArthur	2024, 2025	TA, CMAQ, STBG	\$80,001	80.00%
40-510*	Wichita	17th St N, I-135 to Hillside	2025	TA, STBG	\$72,413	80.00%
40-537*	Butler County	SW Butler Rd Improvements from SW 170th St to SW 155th St	2025, 2026	TA, STBG	\$282,019	80.00%
40-056*	Wichita	Wichita Intelligent Transportation System - E 21st St N	2025, 2026	CMAQ, STBG	\$126,723	80.00%
40-540*	Derby	Rock Road Corridor Improvements	2026	TA, STBG	\$1,121,082	80.00%
40-522*	Wichita	Redbud Path, Woodlawn to K-96	2025, 2026, 2027, 2028	TA, CMAQ, CRP, STBG	\$4,867,966	61.04%
MB-25-001	Bel Aire	Bel Aire Bike Ped Trail Phase 1	2027	TA	\$778,400	80.00%
MB-25-007	Haysville	Meridian - Saddle Brook Multiuse Trail	2027	TA	\$673,941	80.00%
TM-25-001	Wichita	ITS - 21st St and Maize to Downtown	2027, 2028	CMAQ	\$2,832,000	80.00%
MB-25-006	Butler County & Sedgwick County	W Rosewood/E 63rd St. S. Multi-use Path	2028	TA, CRP	\$2,573,600	80.00%
MB-25-005	Butler County	SW Butler Rd Multi-use Path at SW 150th St.	2028	CMAQ	\$1,062,672	78.72%
BR-25-002	Sedgwick County	B533: Bridge on Seneca between 63rd and 71st St South	2027	STBG	\$1,238,997	68.72%
RM-25-008	Haysville	Meridian Street (79th St to Grand Ave)	2027	STBG	\$4,589,020	68.72%
RM-25-022	Park City	85th Street and Broadway Roundabout	2027	STBG	\$581,183	68.72%
40-015	Bel Aire	45th Oliver to Woodlawn	2027, 2028	STBG	\$7,527,266	68.72%
RM-25-038	Wichita	127th St E, 13th to Douglas	2028	STBG	\$5,960,547	68.72%
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$34,367,830</b>	

\*Project already has some WAMPO-suballocated funding (less than 80% Federal maximum)

**Discussion:** None.

**Action:** Approve the PSC’s project selections for WAMPO-suballocated funding in FFY2025-FFY2028, as presented. (19-0)

**Motion:** Dan Woydziak

**Second:** Nick Engle

**B. FFY2023-FFY2026 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #8**

Mr. Mohr asked the TPB to take action on proposed Amendment #8 to the WAMPO FFY2023-FFY2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Amendment #8 is a regularly scheduled amendment for which the Public Comment period was held May 3 through May 17, 2024; no comments were received. TIP Amendment #8 adds eight (8) new projects and modifies seven (7) projects. There are also administrative adjustments to two (2) additional projects, which do not require approval.

Mr. Mohr listed the projects modified/added, discussed the changes in local, state, and federal funding, and explained the Federal requirements met by TIP Amendment #8: it is consistent with the current Metropolitan Transportation Plan, *REIMAGINED MOVE 2040*, and is fiscally constrained. The financial impact is an additional cost of \$13.7 million. Following approval by the TPB, the amendment will be sent to the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) to be included in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for review and consideration by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Federal approval is expected in July 2024.

FFY2023-FFY2026 TIP Amendment #8 Summary – <https://bit.ly/TIP-Amendment-8-Summary>

**Discussion:** None.

**Action:** Approve FFY2023-FFY2028 TIP Amendment #8, as presented. (19-0)

**Motion:** Nick Engle

**Second:** Dan Woydziak

## 5. Discussion/Updates

### A. Population Projections

Mr. Mohr 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.

Jonathan Norris, CEDBR, presented details about the methodology that was developed to more accurately project population forecasts for the WAMPO region. The new methodology was applied to project WAMPO-region population growth and the first draft of the revised projections was presented to the TPB 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 county-level 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 current employment and of the first draft of the population forecasts, showing strong growth in most incorporated areas. The overall WAMPO region is expected to grow by 14.5% by 2050, exceeding the statewide growth rate. Next steps involve collecting detailed building-permit data from communities to further refine the projections and ensure they reflect actual development investments.

#### **Discussion:**

Chair Tuttle asked if the table included in the agenda packet was the most recent. Mr. Norris shared that the table is the first draft of the projections and that the next draft will include building permit data to further refine the numbers.

Jennifer McCausland shared concerns that the 2025 population projection for Andover is lower than the 2023 Census estimate and expressed appreciation for the ongoing work.

Nick Gregory asked about the percentage calculation for building permits and employment projections. Mr. Norris said that the distribution was worked on internally by the CEDBR team, using their expertise and understanding of how growth is reflected and the factors that create a more realistic estimate.

Will Black asked if current or ongoing building construction will be considered, and Mr. Norris said that it would depend on the reasoning given for why it should be factored in but that it is a possibility.

George Liebe asked if school district growth had been considered in the projections, sharing that the school district has a major impact on Goddard's population. Mr. Norris shared that they looked at the influence of school districts on other growth patterns in certain areas, historical trends, and how school districts attract certain age cohorts and demographics but found that it did not have a significant effect overall, but that individual jurisdictions can provide feedback if they feel otherwise.

## **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. Key themes included strong public support for enhancing transit services, particularly for seniors and individuals with disabilities, and the importance of community engagement in determining specific service needs. The discussion emphasized the necessity of local funding to support additional services and the critical role of marketing existing transit options to increase public awareness. 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. The potential for partnerships with employers to support transit services was underscored, with examples from other regions illustrating successful collaborations. Attendees were asked to review and provide feedback on the proposed transit-service alternate concepts.

Regional Transit Implementation Plan webpage - [www.wampo.org/regional-transit](http://www.wampo.org/regional-transit)

## **6. Committee & Partnership Updates**

Chair Tuttle announced that the next meeting of the Executive Committee will be at 11:00 AM on August 15, 2024, in the MAPD Conference Room in the Ronald Reagan Building (271 W 3<sup>rd</sup> St. N, Room 237, Wichita, KS 67202). It will be an open meeting; anyone is welcome to attend.

J.B. Wilson, KDOT Wichita Metro, shared that construction on the ramp from southbound I-135 to westbound US-54 has been completed and that for the next phase of the project, the ramp from northbound I-135 to westbound US-54 will be closed until August 2024. There are upcoming single-lane maintenance rehabilitation closures including on northbound I-135 from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> Street and the East 45<sup>th</sup> Street bridge over I-135.

## **7. Other Business**

None.

## **8. The meeting was adjourned at 4:22 PM.**

**The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 3:00 PM.**