



Meeting Minutes

Transportation Policy Body (TPB) Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 9, 2023, @ 3:00 PM

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

Meeting Duration: 92 minutes

Voting Members in Attendance		
Becky Tuttle, <i>TPB Chair</i> Jim Benage, <i>Bel Aire</i> Ronald Colbert, <i>Valley Center</i> David Dennis, <i>Sedgwick County</i> Bryan Frye, <i>Wichita</i> Jack Hezlep, <i>Derby</i> Jim Howell, <i>Sedgwick County</i>	Mike Hoheisel, <i>Wichita</i> Tom Jones, <i>Park City</i> Pete Meitzner, <i>Sedgwick County</i> Mike Moriarty, <i>KDOT</i> Terry Somers, <i>SCAC</i> Nick Squires, <i>KDOT</i> Troy Tabor, <i>Andover</i>	Alternates: William Black, <i>Haysville</i> Brent Clark, <i>Valley Center (non-voting)</i> Richard LaMunyon, <i>Maize</i> Warren Porter, <i>Rose Hill</i>
Other Attendees		
Ashley Bryers, <i>WAMPO</i> Cecelie Cochran, <i>FHWA</i> Dylan Cossaart, <i>WAMPO</i> Andrew Crane, <i>Guiding Paws ICT</i> Steven Cross, <i>KDOT</i> Slade Engstrom, <i>TranSystems</i> Nick Flanders, <i>WAMPO</i> Dora Gallo, <i>WAMPO</i> Michael Gerber, <i>FORVIS</i> Erin Grushon, <i>Burgess & Niple</i> Sasha Haehn, <i>JEO</i>	Evan Hathaway, <i>Hite, Fanning & Honeyman LLP</i> Nathaniel Hinkel, <i>Wichita Transit</i> Gary Janzen, <i>Wichita</i> Emily Jensen, <i>Sedgwick County</i> Ty Lasher, <i>Bel Aire</i> Mike Longshaw, <i>KDOT</i> Mike Malone, <i>JEO</i> Matt McDonald, <i>FHWA</i> Peter Mohr, <i>WAMPO</i> Lynn Packer, <i>Sedgwick County</i>	Chad Parasa, <i>WAMPO</i> Paul Ricotta, <i>Caliper</i> Kelly Rundell, <i>Hite, Fanning & Honeyman LLP</i> Kendra Schenk, <i>Burgess & Niple</i> Paul Schiffelbein, <i>MAPD</i> Allison Smith, <i>KDOT</i> Eva Steinman, <i>FTA</i> Tyler Voth, <i>WSP</i> James Wagner, <i>Wichita</i>

1. **Chair Becky Tuttle called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM.**
2. **Regular Business**
 - A. **Approval of May 9, 2023, Agenda**
Discussion: None

Action: Approve May 9, 2023, agenda with the modification of moving up the agenda item “Innovation & Innovative Projects in the Greater Wichita Area – Bel Aire Integra” to immediately after “CSAP Update – Crash Causes, Next Steps, and SS4A Grant Application” (15-0).¹

Motion: Chair Becky Tuttle

Second: Jack Hezlep

B. Approval of April 11, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Discussion: None

Action: Approve April 11, 2023, meeting minutes, as proposed (15-0).

Motion: David Dennis

Second: Jack Hezlep

C. Director’s Report

i. FFY2023 TIP Project Status Update

Chad Parasa, WAMPO Director, mentioned there is a list of project statuses in the agenda packet.

ii. Federal Certification Review: May 10 – 12, 2023

Ashley Bryers, WAMPO, announced that WAMPO is up for Federal Certification Review. There is an open house planned for May 11, 2023, from 4:30 – 6:30 PM at the Advanced Learning Library. A short presentation will be shown at 4:30 PM and again at 5:30 PM.

She requested if anyone has questions, comments, or feedback to contact Eva Steinman, from FTA, at 816.329.3931 or eva.steinman@dot.gov or Cecelie Cochran, from FHWA, at 785.273.2636 or Cecelie.cochran@dot.gov.

iii. Manual Bike/Pedestrian Counts – Coming soon!

Dora Gallo, WAMPO, shared that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Count dates will be September 13, 14, and 16th.

iv. Electric Vehicle Charging Grant Opportunity

A handout was provided about a grant opportunity through the BIL.

v. Electric Vehicle Plan Update

Ms. Gallo shared that the first meeting occurred last week. Many grant/funding questions arose. There was a lot of discussion on the types of chargers that will be needed in coordination with the NEVI plan. The committee also discussed the possible locations that will require EV infrastructure.

Commissioner David Dennis commented that there are a lot of questions still to be answered. He mentioned that there is fire-department training to be considered and the costs for the new infrastructure, especially level 3 chargers.

vi. K-254 Study

¹ Two (2) members arrived after the approval of the May 9, 2023, agenda and the April 11, 2023, minutes. Ronald Colbert was at this meeting alongside his designated alternate, so the alternate did not have a vote.

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Mr. Parasa mentioned there was a kickoff meeting at the end of April. The study team is going to look at how the future of K-254 can be expanded and what are the safety measures that can be addressed on the corridor.

3. Public Comments

Andrew Crane, Guiding Paws ICT, commented that public transportation connectivity needs to be improved with more routes, drivers, and infrastructure. How can transit be at a 1% sales tax? Wichita will be adding their new transit building but what can the board do to improve so that other smaller cities have the same amenities.

Action

A. 2022 Audit Report Final Version

Michael Gerber, FORVIS, LLP, led the 2022 Audit. Final Independent Auditor's Report and Financial Statements are available.

Independent Auditor's Report & Financial Statements – https://bit.ly/Audit_Report_Draft_FS

Management Letter – Results of the 2022 Financial Statement Audit, & Communications Regarding Audit Strategy & Approach - https://bit.ly/Audit_Report_Draft

Discussion: Chair Tuttle thanked the board and WAMPO staff for their efforts.

Action: Received and Filed (17-0).

Motion: Tom Jones

Second: Jack Hezlep

4. Discussion/Updates

A. CSAP Update – Crash Causes, Next Steps, and SS4A Grant Application

Slade Engstrom and Kendra Schenk, consultants on the project, provided a status report on the development of the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP), including crash causes, plan milestones, and the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant application process.

Discussion: Chair Tuttle asked if the crash data would be utilized in any way. Kendra Schenk answered with the presentation. Mr. Parasa mentioned that the information that was presented was initially to determine the causes of crashes to improve safety. July 10th is the deadline for the grant application. WAMPO is pursuing a demonstration grant and looking for projects.

B. Innovation & Innovative Projects in the Greater Wichita Area – Bel Aire Integra

Ty Lasher, City Manager of Bel Aire, spoke about the city of Bel Aire which is a young city that is growing. Integra selected Bel Aire for its \$1.8 billion semiconductor facility. Integra was awarded over \$490 million in state incentives for 2023. Integra will need federal CHIPS funding to move forward. Integra will benefit the region, providing hundreds of jobs.

Discussion: Bryan Frye asked for clarification on the divider in the middle of the location Integra will be at on a map that Mr. Lasher presented. Mr. Lasher clarified that the dividing road is a road

that is in talks of being platted to separate two developments. Mr. Frye asked if the future development will be commercial or residential. Mr. Lasher said that the development is zoned for industrial. South of the development will all be residential.

C. TDM Update – Accomplishments and Upcoming Activities

Mike Malone and Sasha Haehn, JEO, gave the TPB a project update and status report on the updating of the WAMPO Travel Demand Model. The model will help the region understand how well transportation projects will serve the transportation needs of the region now and in the future. Thus far, they have done community engagement by making a project webpage and fact sheet. Additionally, have made model updates by generating trips, transportation network updates, adding household travel survey data, and traffic assignments.

Discussion: Mr. Parasa mentioned that the jurisdictions and WAMPO want the TDM to represent the region correctly.

D. MTP 2050 Update – Survey and Milestones

Ashley Bryers, WAMPO, announced to the TPB that WAMPO staff and the PEC consulting team partners will embark on the first round of public engagement for MTP 2050 from May through July 2023. A survey will be available soon. Staff will attend events across the region to distribute the survey and provide information to the public. Their first event will be the Wichita Flea Market on Saturday. Approximately eight stakeholder meetings will be held with specific groups to obtain input for the planning process.

Discussion: Chair Tuttle asked what is needed by WAMPO to attend different events. Ms. Bryers mentioned that WAMPO needs a space to place a table with materials. She will email TPB members additional information.

E. East Kellogg Project Update

Steven Cross, KDOT, provided an update on the project to upgrade US-54/400/Kellogg Avenue in eastern Sedgwick County and western Butler County, between K96 and Prairie Creek Road. It will change from four lanes to six lanes and become a limited-access freeway.

The NEPA boundary is divided into two phases. Phase 1 includes interchanges with K96, 143rd St., and 159th St. For the NEPA environmental assessment process, Phase 1 of the project received a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) in January 2023.

Originally KDOT planned to deliver the project using an alternative delivery method called progressive-design-build. KDOT has changed its approach and will deliver the project using the traditional design-bid-build method, on an accelerated schedule. The goal is to begin construction in the summer of 2025 and to maintain traffic through the corridor during construction. KDOT selected the consulting firm TranSystems to complete the final design work. It will take about two years to finalize the design, purchase rights-of-way, and coordinate utility relocations.

The next steps include communication with property owners along the corridor, continuing the design work, continuing utility coordination, coordination with local agencies, right-of-way appraisal work, and meetings with property owners in late summer/early fall.

Discussion: Chair Tuttle would like to attend any public engagement activities.

5. Committee & Partnership Updates

A. Executive Committee

Chair Tuttle announced that the Executive Committee met last week, and the next Executive Committee meeting will be on August 3rd, 2023, at 11:00 AM. Anyone can join or participate in this meeting; they do not have to be a member.

B. Transit Spotlight: Wichita Transit

Nate Hinkel spoke on the Wichita Transit ridership report thus far in the year. There will be an extension of the Q-Line for the summer for the museum area. There will also be free rides for all students age 18 and under to ride transit by providing a school ID. Mr. Hinkel also mentioned an upcoming Request for Proposals for a system redesign study that will look at possible improvement to the Wichita Transit system and the budgets that those improvements would require, potentially including asking the Wichita City Council to vote on whether or not to hold a public referendum that would determine whether or to create a new sales tax dedicated to public transit uses.

C. Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT)

Mike Moriarty announced that the legislative session ended. The Local Consult will occur on October 18 at the WSU Hughes Metropolitan Complex. Further, Mr. Moriarty mentioned that KDOT uses TDM to score projects.

D. Wichita Metro Division, KDOT

Nick Squires gave an update on the North Junction flyover. Currently, there is a ribbon-cutting ceremony planned on May 31st and lanes are to be open in June.

E. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

No report.

6. Other Business

Emily Jensen asked if anyone saw the study that was released ranking Kansas as the 4th deadliest state for distracting driving (<https://www.kake.com/story/48869314/study-ranks-kansas-as-the-4th-deadliest-state-for-distracted-driving>).

Mr. Frye noted an error on April 11, 2023, TPB meeting minutes: They showed the meeting as having been called to order by David Dennis when it was actually called to order by Becky Tuttle. Staff said they would correct this mistake before the minutes were published online.

7. Meeting adjourned at 4:33 PM.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 3:00 PM.