



Meeting Summary

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting Summary Monday, March 28, 2022 @ 10:00 AM Hybrid Meeting

Meeting Duration: 21 minutes

Members in Attendance:

Burt Ussery, TAC Chair
Mike Armour, Wichita
Stephen Banks, MAPD
Jolene Graham, Economist
Representative

Gary Janzen, Wichita
Dorsha Kirkey, Sedgwick County
Shawn Mellies, Wichita
Nina Rasmussen, Air Quality
Representative

Laura Rainwater, REAP
Dan Squires, SCAC
Jim Weber, Sedgwick Co.
Kristi Wilson, KDOT

Other Attendees:

Ashley Bryers, WAMPO
Steve Degenhardt, City of Wichita
Nick Flanders, WAMPO
Mike Hoheisel, Wichita

Alan Kailer, Bike Walk Wichita
Mark Kruep, WAMPO
ThaiBinh Ninh, MAPD
Lynn Packer, Sedgwick County

Chad Parasa, WAMPO
Tia Raamot, Wichita Transit
Kristen Zimmerman, PEC

1. Mr. Ussery called the meeting to order at 10:22 AM.¹

2. Regular Business

A. Approval of February 28, 2022 Agenda

Discussion: None

Action: Moved to approve agenda as presented. Motion passed (12-0).

Motion: Jim Weber

Second: Mike Armour

B. Approval of January 24, 2022 Minutes

Discussion: None

Action: Moved to approve minutes. Motion passed (12-0).

Motion: Dan Squires

Second: Gary Janzen

C. Director's Report

i. Overview

Chad Parasa reported WAMPO staff is reviewing and scoring over 30 submitted project requests, regardless of whether or not the project request is in the MTP or its Funding Menu, to be given equal consideration for selection by the TIP Project Selection Committee. This is being done in response to the March 8, 2022 TPB vote which revised exclusively the FFY2023-FFY2026 TIP selection process.

ii. FFY2023-FFY2026 TIP Update Development

Nick Flanders informed the Call for Projects for the FFY 2023-FFY2026 TIP was conducted February 9, 2022 to March 9, 2022. The Project Selection Committee will be meeting the afternoon of March 28, 2022, to consider and prioritize the over 30 project requests for WAMPO-sub allocated funding. During the Summer of 2022, WAMPO staff will develop and prepare the actual TIP document for a 30-day public comment period, then present the final TIP document to TAC and TPB for review and vote in the Summer/Fall 2022, with the goal of everything completed and authorized by October 1, 2022, which is the start of FFY 2023.

¹ Due to technical difficulties, the meeting was called to order later than normally scheduled.

iii. **Travel Demand Model RFP Update**

While working with Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) and federal partners, WAMPO staff realized the need to revise the timeline for the Travel Demand Model project itself. WAMPO is now coordinating with KDOT and federal partners to revise the timeline, while reassuring the RFP procurement guidelines are met. WAMPO anticipates it will take a couple of months to revise the timeline, and will keep the Committee informed of its progress.

3. **Public Comment Opportunity:** None

4. **New Business**

A. **Action: 2021-2024 TIP (Transportation Improvement Program), Amendment #6**

Mr. Flanders reported the Call for Changes of Amendment #6 took place during January 31, 2022 through February 11, 2022 and the Public Comment Period took place during February 26, 2022 through March 27, 2022 with no comments received. Amendment #6 requests for changes were accepted for eight submitted projects. One project concerns a contact update and does not require formal action. The remaining seven projects require formal action – two projects contain significant modifications, and five projects are new projects. Information regarding these projects can be found on <https://www.wampo.org/transportation-improvement-program>, as well as pages 11-25 of the meeting packet. WAMPO is requesting the Committee to vote on a recommendation to send to TPB for its review and consideration at its April 12, 2022 meeting.

The project submissions which require formal action are:

Project #	Project Name	Change	Type of Formal Action change
1	Bridge #132 on US-54 in Sedgwick County (2022, 2027) (KDOT)	Add new KDOT project to the TIP, \$1,396,464.00	New Project
2	Bridge #305 on I-135 in Sedgwick County (2022, 2027) (KDOT)	Add new KDOT project to the TIP, \$864,996.00	New Project
3	Bridge #094 & #095 on I-235 in Sedgwick County (2022, 2027) (KDOT)	Add new KDOT project to the TIP, \$657,391.00	New Project
4	K-42 in Sedgwick County (2020, 2023, 2025) (KDOT)	Add Construction and Construction Engineering phases; add Conversion Payback year for KDOT-STBG Advance Construction spending already programmed; edit scope; update contact information; large increase (2,146%, \$12,877,200.00) in the cost estimate, from state and KDOT-STBG funds.	Significant Modification
5	I-235, I-135, K-254 & K-96 Interchange-Gold Project-Wichita (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022) (KDOT)	Remove Advance Construction arrangement from NHPP funds used for Preliminary Engineering; change Construction Engineering funding to come entirely from state funds and not NHPP funds; edit scope; increase (17%, \$19,954,000.00) in the cost estimate, from state and NHPP funds.	Significant Modification

Projects #6 and #7 both relate to the same overall new project from KDOT, which has been divided between the two projects:

6	Discovery Phase for US-54 (E. Kellogg Ave) in Sedgwick/Butler Counties (2022) (KDOT)	Add new KDOT project to the TIP, requesting \$1,050,000.00 for discovery phase of project, to change that portion of US-54 to a separated graded freeway from its current surface level arrangement with regular intersections with cross-streets	New project
7	US-54 (E. Kellogg Ave) in Sedgwick/Butler Counties (2022, 2028) (KDOT)	Add new KDOT project to the TIP, requesting \$34,750,000 for preliminary engineering in 2022, with advance construction for payback year in 2028. The construction phase of this project has not yet been added to this project at this time.	New project

The project submitted by the City of Maize – Academy Avenue Improvements from Maize road to Maize City Park - is an administrative adjustment, updating the Administrative Contact’s e-mail address and the Engineering contact. This project does not require formal action.

These eight projects have undergone the Public Comment Review Period and no comments were received to date, which meets with the Metropolitan Transportation Plan requirements. Consistent with federal regulations, the Amendment #6 submitted project are fiscally constrained and the total financial impact of \$71,550,051.00 does not include any new WAMPO-suballocated funds.

Mr. Flanders then noted KDOT recently submitted an additional administrative adjustment on a separate, different project into this Amendment #6 project submissions. WAMPO did not have time to incorporate this recent submission, but will probably incorporated it into the TIP Amendment #7.

Action: Motion to approve all of the 2021-2024 TIP Amendment #6 project submissions, as recommended by WAMPO staff, and send to TPB with recommendation for its approval. Motion Passed. (12-0).

Motion: Mr. Janzen

Second: Mr. Armour

B. **Update: Federal Roadway Functional Classification Maps**

Mr. Flanders reported recommended changes have been received in response to his request for revisions to the Federal Roadway Functional Classification Maps discussed at the February 28, 2022. Also, a notice will soon be sent to jurisdictions, reminding all recommendations and changes need to be delivered to WAMPO prior to the April 12, 2022 TPB meeting so revised maps can be coordinated with KDOT staff to be included in the final map presented for approval at a later meeting.

The WAMPO staff is currently reviewing and incorporating these changes to have the revisions completed in time for review by TPB at its April 12, 2022 meeting, and Mr. Flanders noted the maps contained in today’s meeting packet do not contain revisions.

5. Committee & Partnership/Updates

A. Safety & Health Committee

Mr. Parasa stated Dr. Ablah will be stepping down from her position as Chair for the Safety & Health Committee, and the Committee is looking for a new Chair. The next Safety & Health Committee Meeting is scheduled for May 4, at 9:30 a.m. The agenda and meeting link will be distributed.

B. Active Transportation Committee

Alan Kailer reported the Active Transportation Committee met on March 3, 2022, with a presentation by Jolene Graham, Deputy City Administrator for the City of Maize, regarding Maize's Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan. The next Active Transportation Committee Meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2022, at 9:30 a.m., and will be continuing presentations from the different communities on what they are doing. He requests that any communities would like to be involved and want to share its community plans, to contact Chad Parasa and they will schedule a date for a presentation with the Committee.

6. Other Business - None

7. Meeting adjourned at 10:43 AM.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 25, 2022 at 10:00 AM.