

# Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting Summary Monday, January 24, 2022 @ 10:00 AM Hybrid Meeting

Meeting Duration: 61 minutes

### Members in Attendance:

Troy Tabor, TAC Chair Elizabeth Ablah, Public Health

Representative

Raven Alexander, Wichita Transit

Mike Armour, Wichita

Jack Brown, Regional Pathways

Representative

Brent Clark, Valley Center

Tom Hein, KDOT

Mary Hunt, Urban Land Use Planning

Representative

Gary Janzen, Wichita

Les Mangus, Butler/Sumner Co. Shawn Mellies, Wichita

Nina Rasmussen, Air Quality

Representative

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

Alt:

Tonja Howard, Wichita Transit

#### Other Attendees:

Greg Allison, MKEC
Ashley Bryers, WAMPO
Cecelie Cochran, FHWA
Ron Colbert, Valley Center
Nick Flanders, WAMPO
Mike Hoheisel, Wichita
Theresa House, WAMPO
Alan Kailer, Bike Walk Wichita

Mark Kruep, WAMPO
Brett Letkowski, TranSystems
Matt Messina, KDOT
ThaiBinh Ninh, MAPD
Lynn Packer, Sedgwick Co.
Chad Parasa, WAMPO
Tia Raamot, Wichita Transit
Brad Shores, JEO

Eva Steinman, FTA
Patty Sykes, WAMPO
Burt Ussery, Clearwater
Tyler Voth, WSP
James Wagner, Wichita
Kristen Zimmerman, PEC

### 1. Mr. Tabor called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM.

#### 2. Regular Business

## A. Approval of January 24, 2022 Agenda

Discussion: None

Action: Moved to approve agenda as presented. Motion passed (16-0).

Motion: Dan Squires Second: Tom Hein

### B. Approval of November 22, 2021 Minutes

Discussion: None

Action: Moved to approve minutes. Motion passed (16-0).

Motion: Tom Hein

Second: Raven Alexander

## C. Director's Report

i. Overview

## ii. New Staff Introductions

New WAMPO staff members were introduced: Ashley Bryers – Transportation Planning Manager; Mark Kruep – Data Analyst/Transportation Planner; Theresa House – Administrative Assistant

### iii. <u>TIP Amendment Updates</u>

On December 14, 2021, the TPB approved Amendments 5 and 5.5, without modification, as recommended by the TAC. The timeline for Amendment 6 is as follows:

Call for Changes	01/31/2022 – 02/11/2022
Public Comment period	02/26/2022 – 03/27/2022
TAC recommendation	03/28/2022
TPB approval	04/12/2022

Concurrently, work on the 2023-2026 TIP will begin:

Call for Projects	02/08/2022 - 03/08/2022	
Staff review & Project Section Committee meetings	Spring 2022	
Document development & Public Comment period	Summer 2022	
TAC recommendation	Summer/Fall 2022	
Deadline for TPB Approval	October 1, 2022	

## 3. Public Comment Opportunity - None

#### 4. New Business

### A. Update: Active Transportation Facilities in the Region

Alan Kailer, Active Transportation Committee (ATC) co-chair, presented on bicycle and pedestrian planning in the WAMPO region. Currently, approximately 2/3 of communities in the region have adopted plans addressing bicycle and pedestrian facilities, including longer-range routes connecting different communities. Many of these plans are available through the WAMPO website. Also, KDOT has adopted a revised statewide Active Transportation Plan, which will soon be publicly available; the revised Plan will include a toolkit for communities that are looking to adopt their own plans.

## ATC goals:

- Inventory existing active-transportation facilities
- Review the connectivity of existing facilities and prioritize improvements
- Review regional communities' plans
- Update existing WAMPO Regional Pathway System Plan or adopt new plan
- Consider both proposed facility routes and policies affecting active transportation

#### ATC timeline:

Information gathering, mapping, identifying needs	2021-2022
Draft report and recommendations	2022-2023
Complete report and recommendations	2023

About 1/3 of the communities in the WAMPO region have made presentations to the ATC on their active transportation plans, most of which focused on connecting neighborhoods to resources and amenities. Other communities in the region are encouraged to also make such presentations.

#### B. Update: Travel Demand Model and Its Applications

Chad Parasa and Nick Flanders presented on the WAMPO Travel Demand Model (TDM), which forecasts future travel patterns by various modes throughout the metropolitan area. It is a tool that MPOs are required to maintain and which member jurisdictions may use for various transportation planning tasks. Examples were presented of requests for TDM outputs and the data provided in response to those requests. TDM updates are an ongoing effort by WAMPO staff and member jurisdictions.

## C. <u>Discussion: Safety Plan Development</u>

Elizabeth Ablah, Safety & Health Committee Chair, discussed the purpose of the committee and summarized the topics discussed at its meetings to date. The committee works to identify and strategize feasible options to improve the safety and health of the region and its communities. The committee began meeting in February of 2021 and plans to conclude its work in November of 2023.

Ashley Bryers and Chad Parasa presented on federally-required safety Performance Measures, measuring fatalities and serious injuries from crashes. Ways of improving transportation safety include design solutions, enforcement solutions, and education and awareness solutions. Different stakeholders will play

different roles in implementing these solutions, and WAMPO's role will be to coordinate planning efforts and allocate resources.

## 5. Committee & Partnership/Updates

## A. Safety & Health Committee

The next Safety & Health Committee Meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. The agenda and meeting link will be distributed.

## **B.** Active Transportation Committee

The next Active Transportation Committee Meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. The agenda and meeting link will be distributed.

#### 6. Other Business

This is the last TAC meeting that will be chaired by Mr. Tabor. A new TAC chair is scheduled to be elected by the TPB on February 8, 2022, who will chair the February 2022 TAC meeting.

## 7. Meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, February 28, 2022 at 10:00 AM.