



Meeting Minutes

Transportation Policy Body (TPB) Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 8th, 2023, @ 3:00 PM

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

Meeting Duration: 70 minutes

Voting Members in Attendance		
Becky Tuttle, TPB Chair	Michael Hoheisel, <i>Wichita</i>	Burt Ussery, <i>Clearwater</i>
Jim Benage, <i>Bel Aire</i>	Tom Jones, <i>Park City</i>	Alternates:
Ronald Colbert, <i>Valley Center</i>	Mike Moriarty, <i>KDOT</i>	William Black, <i>Haysville (voting)</i>
David Dennis, <i>Sedgwick County</i>	Terry Somers, <i>SCAC</i>	Richard Lamunyon, <i>Maize (voting)</i>
Bryan Frye, <i>Wichita</i>	Nick Squires, <i>KDOT</i>	
Jack Hezlep, <i>Derby</i>	Troy Tabor, <i>Andover</i>	
Other Attendees		
Ashley Bryers, <i>WAMPO</i>	Nathaniel Hinkel, <i>Wichita Transit</i>	David Schwartz, <i>KDOT</i>
Brent Clark, <i>Valley Center</i>	Gary Janzen, <i>Wichita</i>	Allison Smith, <i>KDOT</i>
Dylan Cossaart, <i>WAMPO</i>	Alan Kailer, <i>Bike Walk Wichita</i>	Dan Squires, <i>Derby</i>
Hope Dale	Peter Mohr, <i>WAMPO</i>	Tyler Voth, <i>WSP</i>
Chariah Daniels, <i>Wichita</i>	Lynn Packer, <i>Sedgwick County</i>	James Wagner, <i>Wichita</i>
Katie Dawes, <i>REAP</i>	Julian Pando, <i>WAMPO</i>	Jim Weber, <i>JEO</i>
Steve Degenhardt, <i>Wichita</i>	Chad Parasa, <i>WAMPO</i>	
Nick Flanders, <i>WAMPO</i>	Kelly Rundell, <i>Hite, Fanning & Honeyman LLP</i>	
Paul Gunzelman, <i>Wichita</i>	Paul Schiffelbein, <i>MAPD</i>	
Tom Hein, <i>KDOT</i>		

1. Chair Becky Tuttle called the meeting to order at 03:00 PM.

2. Regular Business

A. Approval of August 8, 2023, Agenda

Discussion: None

Action: Approve August 8, 2023, agenda, as proposed (13-0).¹

¹ Two (2) members arrived after the approval of the August 8, 2023, agenda and July 11, 2023, minutes.

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Motion: Bryan Frye

Second: Richard LaMunyon

B. Approval of July 11, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Discussion: None

Action: Approve July 11, 2023, meeting minutes, as proposed (13-0).

Motion: Bryan Frye

Second: Jack Hezlep

C. Director's Report

i. Comprehensive Safety Action Plan Update

Ashley Bryers provided an update on the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan. The draft Implementation Plan was discussed at the August 2nd Safety and Health Committee meeting. The Transportation Safety Technical Advisors (TSTA) will discuss the draft Implementation Plan on August 29. There will be a 30-day public comment period in August/September. Following that, the CSAP will be brought before the TPB for approval consideration. The consultants will soon begin working on Safe Streets Visualization and developing a Vision Zero Toolkit.

ii. Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update

Ms. Bryers stated the first phase of public engagement ended on July 31st. 832 surveys were completed. A survey-results report will be brought to the TPB in September. The call for projects will open on September 15, 2023, and close on January 5, 2024.

iii. Electric Vehicle Plan Update

Ms. Bryers said the Electric Vehicle Plan survey will be open until August 31. Currently, 430 completed surveys have been received. Future discussions of the Steering Committee will include potential locations for charging stations. A survey question asks respondents their thoughts regarding the placement of chargers, so public input will be considered in this part of the planning process.

iv. Intelligent Transportation Systems Update

Peter Mohr reported that WAMPO is in the early stages of developing the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) plan. The purpose of the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) plan is to illustrate and document regional integration so that planning and deployment can take place in an organized and coordinated fashion. WAMPO will be developing a steering committee soon.

v. Innovation Presentations

Chad Parasa spoke about WAMPO staff's attendance at the KDOT Innovative Technology Summit, on August 1, 2023, in Salina, KS.

vi. Safe Routes to School Planning

Ms. Bryers said WAMPO has suballocated funding to write Safe Routes to School (SRTS) plans. Staff are currently brainstorming how to best coordinate the development of these plans. More information will be shared soon.

vii. PSC Action on July 25, 2023

Mr. Mohr updated the TPB that, on July 14, 2023, WAMPO staff were notified of an opportunity to receive “flexed” FHWA funding from KDOT’s annual August Redistribution. On July 20, 2023, KDOT staff confirmed that, if a tight timeline could be adhered to, WAMPO could program up to \$5,000,000 from the FFY2023 August Redistribution to FFY2023 projects that have not yet obligated. This left very few projects eligible to receive the funds and only left enough time to program the funds via administrative adjustments, as opposed to a formal TIP amendment.

A short-notice meeting of the PSC was convened July 25th, with six of the seven members in attendance. The PSC recommended increasing funding on the only two eligible non-FTA projects as follows:

Lead Agency	Project	Adjustment	Additional Adjustment
Valley Center	Meridian, from Ford (77th St. N.) to Seward (69th St. N.) and Main to 5th St. (85th St. N.)	Add \$824,180 of federal funding in FFY2023 (for 80% federal funding)	
Wichita Public Works	West St., Harry to Pawnee	Add \$911,545 of federal funding in FFY2023 (for 80% federal funding)	Move up \$1,565,162 AC conversion of STBG funds from FFY2025 to FFY2025

The remainder of the funds was put toward the Delano Transit Center FTA project:

Lead Agency	Project	Adjustment
Wichita Transit	Delano Transit Center	Add \$1,699,133 of federal funding in FFY2023

These funding changes were enacted through administrative adjustments 3.15 (July 25, 2023) and 3.16 (August 2, 2023).

viii. Federal Certification Review Report

Mr. Parasa reported that WAMPO recently completed its quadrennial Certification Review with the FHWA and FTA. The results of that Certification Review were positive and did not include any required corrective actions.

3. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

4. Action

A. FFY2023-FFY2026 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #4

Peter Mohr presented the 4th Amendment to the WAMPO FFY2023-FFY2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). It is a regularly scheduled amendment. It added nine (9) new projects (one of which was added during the Public Comment period on July 11, 2023) and modified seven (7) projects. Mr. Mohr also spoke about sixteen (16) other projects that have had administrative adjustments since the approval of Amendment #3, which do not require approval by the TAC or TPB (one of which was added during the Amendment #4 Public Comment period on July 11, 2023, and two of which were performed following the close of the Amendment #4 Public Comment period, on July 25, 2023). The Public Comment period for Amendment #4 opened on June 30, 2023, and ran through July 14, 2023.

On July 11, 2023, at the request of City of Wichita staff, one new project was added to Amendment #4, titled “Reconnecting Communities Study: 21st Street Corridor from I-135 to Broadway, Wichita, KS”. Also, on July 11, 2023, at the request of City of Haysville staff, an administrative adjustment was added to push back the project “Seneca & 63rd Street Bike Ped Pathway” from FFY2023 to FFY2024 to accommodate a new anticipated obligation date. On July 25, 2023, on the advice of the WAMPO Project Selection Committee (PSC), an administrative adjustment was performed on the cost and funding sources of the Wichita Transit Project “Delano Transit Center”. Then, on August 2, 2023, also on the advice of the PSC, similar administrative adjustments were performed on the Wichita project “West St., Harry to Pawnee” and the Valley Center project “Meridian, from Ford (77th St. N.) to Seward (69th St. N.) and Main to 5th (85th St. N.)”.

Federal regulations require that the TIP be “fiscally constrained,” meaning that there are enough projected revenues to cover the costs of the projects listed in the TIP. After accounting for the proposed changes, the TIP is fiscally constrained for the period FFY2023-FFY2026.

The changes in local, state, and federal project funding contained in this amendment and these administrative adjustments are as follows:

WAMPO ID	LEAD AGENCY	PROJECT TITLE	Change in Local Funding	Change in State Funding	Change in Federal Funding	Change in Overall Funding
40-540	Derby	Rock Road Corridor Improvements	\$1,253,812	\$0	\$0	\$1,253,812
R-19-07	Valley Center	Meridian, from Ford (77th St. N.) to Seward (69th St. N.) and Main to 5th (85th St. N.)	(\$572,382)	\$0	\$824,180	\$251,798
P-23-04	City of Wichita	Reconnecting Communities Study: 21st Street Corridor from I-135 to Broadway, Wichita, KS [New Project]	\$250,000	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$1,250,000
B-22-02	KDOT	Bridge #305 on I-135 and Bridge #302 on US-54 ramp in Sedgwick County	\$0	\$3,000	\$27,104	\$30,104
B-23-07	KDOT	I-135: Bridge #046 located 4.46 miles north of I-235 [New Project]	\$0	\$74,700	\$672,700	\$747,400
B-23-08	KDOT	K-96: Bridge #271 and #272 (Maize Road) located 15.5 miles east of the Reno/Sedgwick county line [New Project]	\$0	\$725,100	\$2,896,400	\$3,621,500
B-23-09	KDOT	I-135: Bridge #299 located at junction I-135/U.S. 54/Kellogg Avenue [New Project]	\$0	\$949,000	\$8,541,000	\$9,490,000
B-23-10	KDOT	I-135: Bridge #048 (85th Street) located 5.44 miles North of I-235 in Park City [New Project]	\$0	\$355,200	\$0	\$355,200
B-23-11	KDOT	I-135: Bridges #304 and #306 and US-54: Bridge #303 at the I-135 and US-54 Interchange in Wichita [New Project]	\$0	\$330,000	\$1,320,000	\$1,650,000
B-23-12	KDOT	US-54: Bridge #118 (on S 343rd Street W over US-54) located 3.03 miles East of K-251 [New Project]	\$0	\$417,600	\$0	\$417,600
B-23-13	KDOT	US-54: Bridges #331, #334, and #336 at the US-54 and Eisenhower Airport Parkway Interchange in Wichita [New Project]	\$0	\$2,060,500	\$0	\$2,060,500
B-23-14	KDOT	I-135: Bridge #049 located 7.46 miles north of junction I-235/I-135 [New Project]	\$0	\$205,600	\$1,851,000	\$2,056,600
T-19-01	Wichita Transit	FTA 5310 Program - Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities	\$717,421	\$0	\$1,515,186	\$2,232,607
40-570*	Wichita Transit	Delano Transit Center	\$490,279	\$0	\$1,699,113	\$2,189,392
R-19-16*	Wichita	West St., Harry to Pawnee	\$3,620,967	\$0	\$911,545	\$4,532,512
B-21-01*	KDOT	Redeck Bridge #113 on US-54 in Sedgwick County	\$0	\$0	\$180	\$180
B-23-02*	KDOT	Repair Bridges #143 & #317 on US-54 in Sedgwick County	\$0	\$12,600	\$52,000	\$64,600
B-23-03*	KDOT	I-235: Bridge #320 located 0.81 Miles East of West Street	\$0	\$15,500	\$0	\$15,500
B-23-04*	KDOT	US-54: Bridge #132 located 0.2 Miles East of Hoover Road	\$0	\$22,200	\$0	\$22,200
B-23-05*	KDOT	I-135: Bridge #036 located 0.42 Miles North of I-235	\$0	\$70,000	\$0	\$70,000
ITS-21-01*	KDOT	Install Fiber along US-54 in Sedgwick County	\$0	\$153,000	\$0	\$153,000
R-21-06*	KDOT	K-96 in Sedgwick County: Upgrade from 4-Lane to 6-Lane	\$0	\$832,700	\$3,328,700	\$4,161,400
Total			\$5,760,097	\$6,226,700	\$24,639,108	\$36,625,905

* Administrative Adjustment

Among other changes, Amendment #4 and the administrative adjustments accompanying it also change the mixture of WAMPO-suballocated federal funding programs used on six (6) projects (relative to when Amendment #3 to the FFY2023-FFY2026 TIP was approved on April 11, 2023), without changing the overall amount of WAMPO-suballocated federal funding:

Adjustments to WAMPO-Suballocated Funding (Overall WAMPO-Suballocated Funding on Each Project Is Unchanged)

Lead Agency	Project Title	Changes in WAMPO-Suballocated Funds				
		STBG	CMAQ	TA	TA (STBG uses)	Total
Kechi	Oliver and Kechi Rd. Intersection	-\$162,240	--	\$162,240	--	--
Derby	Nelson Drive Realignment	-\$177,184	-\$160,828	\$338,012	--	--
Wichita	17th St N, I-135 to Hillside	-\$140,000	--	\$140,000	--	--
Wichita	Douglas, Seneca to Meridian	\$237,014	--	\$328,000	-\$565,014	--
Wichita	West St., I-235-MacArthur	-\$129,600	--	\$129,600	--	--
Butler County	SW Butler Rd Improvements from SW 170th St to SW 155th St	--	--	\$71,093	-\$71,093	--
Total		-\$372,010	-\$160,828	\$1,168,945	-\$636,107	--

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Discussion: None.

Action: Approve FFY2023-FFY2026 TIP Amendment #4, as presented. (15-0).

Motion: Troy Tabor

Second: Jack Hezlap

B. 2023 Transit Safety Targets

Ashley Bryers said this is the last of the Federally required Performance Measures for the TPB to discuss this year. MPOs are required to set performance measures for roadway safety (PM1), pavement and bridge condition (PM2), system performance and freight movement (PM3), transit asset management (TAM), and transit safety.

Ms. Bryers said that Wichita Transit staff selected to utilize the 2022 Transit safety targets in 2023, as well, on December 29, 2022, because there have not been any more changes to their routes, ridership, or equipment. Wichita Transit provided these targets to WAMPO on June 16, 2023. WAMPO has 180 days to decide whether to adopt the targets. The targets are shown below.

Mode of Transit Service	Fatalities	Fatalities/ 100k VRM**	Bus Driver Injuries	Bus Patron Injuries	Facility Injuries	Injuries /100k VRM**	Safety Events	Safety Events/ 100k VRM**	VRM** /Major System Failure
Fixed route	0	0				0.05	39	1.84	4,117
Paratransit	0	0				0.00	9	1.40	78,600
Micro-transit*									
Vanpool*									

*Transit modes are currently under pilot contracts for potential development but not utilized.

**VRM = Vehicle Revenue Miles

The TAC recommended approval of the 2023 Transit Safety Targets for the WAMPO region at their July 24th meeting.

Discussion: None.

Action: Approve the 2023 Transit Safety Targets for the WAMPO region, as presented. (15-0).

Motion: Bryan Frye

Second: Jack Hezlap

5. Discussion/Updates

A. Projects Not Yet Obligated

Nick Flanders provided an overview of WAMPO's Reasonable Progress Policy, which requires sponsors of projects programmed to receive WAMPO-suballocated funding in the current FFY that are not yet obligated to present their statuses to the TAC at their first meeting after May 31 and to the TPB at their first meeting after that. The FFY2023 projects affected by this requirement include one Haysville project, one Wichita project, and one Valley Center project. The Haysville and Wichita projects were discussed at the July TPB Meeting.

Brent Clark, City of Valley Center, reported that the project "Meridian, from Ford (77th St. N.) to Seward (69th St. N.) and Main to 5th (85th St. N.)" is projected to be obligated in September 2023, within FFY2023.

Discussion: None.

B. 2024 UPWP Planning

Mr. Parasa explained WAMPO's funding is based on a reimbursement process with KDOT. WAMPO submits a billing packet to KDOT to receive 80% of the expenses in federal funds.

Ms. Bryers provided updates about the 2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), WAMPO's budget. She described the planning activities WAMPO will undertake through the end of 2023 and during 2024. Ms. Bryers reported that the UPWP accounts for staff time that will mostly be occupied by the development of the next Metropolitan Transportation Plan, MTP 2050, and other activities included in the UPWP. The draft UPWP will be reviewed by the TPB at their November meeting for approval. View the tasks in the staff report – <https://bit.ly/Potential-2024-UPWP-Tasks>.

Discussion: Chair Tuttle said she is happy to hear WAMPO will be working with the Health Department on food access and the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). She is aware of numerous food access studies and would be happy to connect WAMPO with the resources/staff.

C. KDOT Safety Corridor Pilot Program – I-135 Safety Corridor Newton to Park City

David Schwartz of the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) shared a presentation about the I-135 Safety Corridor Pilot update. He described the schedule and planning efforts KDOT uses to promote the safety corridor program. The program kicked off in February 2023, and increased enforcement will begin in September 2023. The Safety Corridor Pilot program is a five-year initiative. Information about the pilot program is available at <https://bit.ly/KDOT-Safety-Corridor-Pilot-Program>.

Discussion: David Dennis said he was glad to see this presentation, as he had heard of the Safety Corridors on the news but didn't know where any of them were located. He mentioned Sedgwick County would be happy to coordinate, including with EMS. Also, Sedgwick County is part of the "Quad County Organization" and could share information.

6. Committee & Partnership Updates

A. Executive Committee

Chair Tuttle said the last Executive Committee meeting was on August 3rd. The next meeting is on November 2nd.

B. Transit Spotlight: Wichita Transit

Nathaniel Hinkel reported that the Wichita Transit system redesign is still ongoing. The Q Line's summer schedule ends on Saturday and transportation for students resumes. Some trips will be routed to some industrial areas found to have demand. Fare-free service will be provided on Douglas Avenue on Route 24. Route 26 service will be added at 47th and Clifton. Recipients of SNAP benefits will qualify for free transportation to the Farmer's Market on Saturdays, to address food deserts.

Ridership is up 28% over last year. There were over 30,000 free rides for veterans. Q Line ridership was up over the summer.

Next week, Wichita Transit will host a transit summit at the Hyatt Hotel.

C. Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT)

Mike Moriarty reported on two current corridor studies, on K254 and K15. A study on the Canal Route is upcoming and an RFP was released on August 8, 2023.

D. Wichita Metro Division, KDOT

Tom Hein provided notice of current and upcoming construction-related closures around the North Junction. He also provided information on two new KDOT construction projects in the WAMPO area in August 2023. One is on K96, on the east side of town, for an asphalt overlay meant to maintain the highway until its planned rebuilding. The other project is the repair of the US54 bridge over the M.S. Mitch Mitchell floodway, which necessitates lane closures.

E. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

None.

7. Other Business

None.

8. Meeting adjourned at 4:10 PM

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 3:00 PM.

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