



# Meeting Minutes

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 22, 2023, @ 10:00 AM

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

Meeting Duration: 38 minutes

Voting Members in Attendance		
Russ Kessler, <i>TAC Chair</i> Jack Brown, <i>Public Health</i> Annette Graham, <i>Coordinated Transit District #9</i> Tom Hein, <i>KDOT</i> Les Mangus, <i>Butler/Sumner Counties</i> Shawn Mellies, <i>Wichita</i> Lizeth Ortega, <i>Air Quality</i>	Lynn Packer, <i>Sedgwick County</i> Tia Raamot, <i>Regional Pathways</i> Justin Shore, <i>SCAC</i> Allison Smith, <i>KDOT</i> Dan Squires, <i>SCAC</i>	<b>Alternates</b> Mike Armour, <i>Wichita (voting)</i> Tonja Howard, <i>Wichita Transit (voting)</i> Emily Jensen, <i>Coordinated Transit District #9 (non-voting)</i> Mike Longshaw, <i>KDOT (non-voting)</i> David Schwartz, <i>KDOT (non-voting)</i>
Other Attendees		
Ashley Bryers, <i>WAMPO</i> Brent Clark, <i>Valley Center</i> Dylan Cossaart, <i>WAMPO</i> Susan DeCourcy, <i>NHTSA</i> Slade Engstrom, <i>TranSystems</i> Nick Flanders, <i>WAMPO</i> Dora Gallo, <i>WAMPO</i> Alex Lane, <i>Derby</i>	Brett Letkowski, <i>TranSystems</i> Peter Mohr, <i>WAMPO</i> ThaiBinh Mursch, <i>MAPD</i> Ron Nuessen, <i>Benesch</i> Julian Pando, <i>WAMPO</i> Chad Parasa, <i>WAMPO</i> Marcela Quintanilla, <i>WAMPO</i> Kendra Schenk, <i>Burgess &amp; Niple</i>	Noel Schneider, <i>KDOT</i> Vanessa Spartan, <i>KDOT</i> Tyler Voth, <i>WSP</i> James Wagner, <i>Wichita</i> Jim Weber, <i>JEO</i> Maggie Wilcox, <i>KDOT</i>

**1. Chair Russ Kessler called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.**

**2. Regular Business**

**A. Approval of May 22, 2023, Agenda**

**Discussion:** None

**Action:** Approve May 22, 2023, agenda, as proposed (12-00).<sup>1</sup>

**Motion:** Chair Russ Kessler

**Second:** Shawn Mellies

<sup>1</sup> Two (2) voting TAC members (including one designated alternate of an absent TAC member) did not arrive until after the votes to approve the May 2023 agenda and April 2023 minutes had occurred.

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## B. Approval of April 24, 2023, Meeting Minutes

**Discussion:** None

**Action:** Approve April 24, 2023, meeting minutes, as proposed (12-00).

**Motion:** Chair Russ Kessler

**Second:** Lynn Packer

## C. Director's Report

### i. Electric Vehicle Plan Update

Dora Gallo, WAMPO, gave an update on the first Electric Vehicle Plan steering committee meeting, at which they discussed the purpose of the plan, current funding opportunities, committee roles, and current EV charging stations in the region. The steering committee participated in activities to brainstorm the vision and goals for the EV Plan and potential EV charging locations.

### ii. Project Selection Committee meeting for Carbon Reduction Program funding

Chad Parasa, WAMPO, said that there is a doodle poll that was sent to PSC members to schedule the next meeting.

## 3. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

## 4. Action

### A. 2023 UPWP Amendment 2

Ashley Bryers, WAMPO, said that a version of Amendment 2 to the 2023 WAMPO Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) was reviewed by the TAC in April but was not taken before the TPB for their approval because additional changes to the UPWP needed to be added to the amendment. The TAC is asked to make a recommendation on revised, proposed Amendment 2 to the 2023 UPWP to consolidate travel line items, adjust all staff line items to reflect actual hours worked, adjust the budget to accommodate anticipated expenditures based on planned work, add \$110,000 for "Consulting Services: Accounting Services" to the budget, and add the development of bicycle/pedestrian-facility maps for public use using the latest technology, such as mobile apps. The public comment period is 5/17/2023 through 6/1/2023. No public comments have been received to date.

**Discussion:** None

**Action:** Recommend the TPB approve 2023 UPWP Amendment 2, as presented (13-00).

**Motion:** Chair Russ Kessler

**Second:** Tia Raamot

## 5. Discussion/Updates

### A. KDOT Safe System Approach: Post-Crash Care

Vanessa Spartan, KDOT, and Susan DeCourcy, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, presented the TAC members with important crash information. They discussed the safe system approach and various initiatives and efforts aimed at improving road safety and emergency medical services. The safe system approach has been embraced by the transportation community as a way to address and mitigate the risks in our transportation system.

Ms. DeCourcy presented the mission of the NHTSA's Office of Emergency Medical Services, emphasizing the importance of emergency and trauma care in saving lives. She highlighted the significance of providing effective medical care to crash victims promptly. Ms. DeCourcy also mentioned that there has been a significant increase in funding for road safety in Kansas. The federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) has provided nearly \$14 billion in new funding for the country, representing a 50% increase compared to previous allocations. This increased funding aims to enhance road safety measures in the state.

Ms. Spartan discussed the Kansas Drive to Zero Coalition, which consists of 22 members, including federal and state agencies, the private sector, nonprofits, and representatives from the Kansas House and Senate. The coalition focuses on promoting road safety and reducing traffic fatalities in Kansas. She further highlighted recent studies undertaken by Kansas, such as the reassessment of emergency medical services and an ambulance service assessment. These studies aim to evaluate and improve the efficiency and quality of emergency medical services in the state. Currently, there is an ongoing study in rural Kansas that focuses on identifying the "golden hour," which refers to the critical time immediately after a crash when prompt medical attention is crucial. This study aims to determine the optimal strategies for providing timely medical care in rural areas.

#### **Discussion:**

Chad Parasa said WAMPO staff would like to help and collaborate with the safe system approach. WAMPO is currently conducting a study on the safe system approach for its Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP), exploring how everyone in the state can come together to coordinate efforts in channeling the message. Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant applications are due July 10<sup>th</sup>.

Justin Shore asked if KDOT tracks first-responder-only facilities in addition to ambulance facilities. Ms. Spartan responded that that is not something they have studied yet.

Jack Brown asked if there are standards for optimal response time to a crash. A response was sent to Mr. Brown and the entire TAC membership after the meeting.

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

Kendra Schenk, Burgess & Niple, and Slade Engstrom, TranSystems, presented on the project and 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.

Last week, at the 3<sup>rd</sup> TSTA meeting, committee members reviewed a few intersections within walking distance from WAMPO's offices. WAMPO will be applying for a demonstration grant to pilot programs, while an implementation grant would require the CSAP to be completed. The TSTA has chosen to pursue the demonstration-grant option as the plan won't be completed in time to pursue an Implementation grant in July. To ensure success, they are planning to engage the public and identify areas in need of safety improvements. The consultant will conduct a community needs assessment, collaborate with local community organizations, hold public meetings, and gather input from residents to pinpoint specific locations that require attention.

**Discussion:** Mr. Parasa said that the next CSAP meetings will be in coordination with cities and KDOT. There is a safety workshop and open house at Bike Walk Wichita on June 8<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-6:00 PM.

## C. MTP 2050 Update – Survey and Milestones

Ms. Bryers mentioned that WAMPO is currently conducting a survey and attending different pop-up events for public engagement. Ms. Bryers said that the MTP 2050 Call for Projects will open on September 15, 2023 (during the meeting Ms. Bryers misspoke and corrected herself in the Other Business section).

**Discussion:** None

## 6. Committee & Partnership Updates

### A. Active Transportation Committee

Jack Brown updated the TAC members that the plan is on hold off on the next ATC meeting until the completion of the Wichita Bike Master Plan.

Next meeting is Wednesday, September 6, 2023, at 9:30 AM.

### B. Safety & Health Committee

Next meeting is Wednesday, August 2, 2023, at 9:30 AM.

### C. Executive Committee

Next meeting is Thursday, August 3, 2023, at 11:00 AM.

#### **D. Economic Development & Transportation Committee**

Mr. Parasa said the next meeting will be Monday, June 12, at 10:00 AM. The efforts for the economic development and transportation study will be essential to see the effects economic development and transportation have on one another. The next steps are to create socioeconomic forecasts.

#### **E. United Community Transit Coalition**

Ms. Bryers presented that the second-ever meeting of the UCTC was held and she looks forward to future coordination between transit providers. The next meeting will be on August 17, 2023, at 2:00 PM.

#### **7. Other Business**

None.

#### **8. Meeting adjourned at 10:51 AM**

**The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 26, 2023, at 10:00 AM.**