



Meeting Minutes

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 22, 2024, @ 10:00 AM

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

Meeting Duration: 65 minutes

Voting Members in Attendance		
Russ Kessler, <i>TAC Chair</i> Raven Alexander, <i>Wichita Transit</i> Brent Clark, <i>Freight Movement</i> Craig Crossette, <i>Regional Pathways</i> Duane Flug, <i>KDOT</i> Danielle Gabor, <i>SCAC</i>	Jolene Graham, <i>Economist</i> Mary Hunt, <i>Urban Land Use Planning & Development Trends</i> Gary Janzen, <i>Wichita</i> Les Mangus, <i>Butler/Sumner Counties</i> Shawn Mellies, <i>Wichita</i>	Lynn Packer, <i>Sedgwick County</i> Justin Shore, <i>SCAC</i> Alternates Mike Armour, <i>Wichita (voting)</i> Emily Jensen, <i>CTD #9 (voting)</i>
Other Attendees		
Javier Ahumada, <i>FHWA</i> Kaylee Bates, <i>WAMPO</i> Craig Compton, <i>CEDBR</i> Dylan Cossaart, <i>WAMPO</i> Steve Degenhardt, <i>Wichita</i> Chaitanya Dodda, <i>WAMPO</i> Grant Ellis, <i>MAPD</i> Nick Flanders, <i>WAMPO</i> Dora Gallo, <i>WAMPO</i>	James Gamez, <i>Nelson\Nygaard</i> Markey Jonas, <i>WAMPO</i> Alan Kailer, <i>Bike Walk Wichita</i> Sruthi Kesa, <i>WAMPO</i> Brett Letkowski, <i>TranSystems</i> Mohamed Moawad, <i>MAPD</i> Peter Mohr, <i>WAMPO</i> ThaiBinh Mursch, <i>MAPD</i> Kim Neufeld, <i>WAMPO</i>	Jonathan Norris, <i>CEDBR</i> Chad Parasa, <i>WAMPO</i> Will Sharp, <i>FHWA</i> Kyle Thomas, <i>WAMPO</i> Zara Thomas, <i>WAMPO</i> Bill Troe, <i>SRF</i> Tyler Voth, <i>WSP</i> James Wagner, <i>Wichita</i> Sam Wright, <i>Nelson\Nygaard</i>

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

2. Regular Business

A. Approval of July 22, 2024, Agenda

Discussion: None.

Action: Approve the July 22, 2024, agenda, as proposed. (13-0)¹

Motion: Shawn Mellies

Second: Jolene Graham

B. Approval of June 24, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Discussion: None.

Action: Approve the June 24, 2024, meeting minutes, as proposed. (13-0)

Motion: Jolene Graham

Second: Brent Clark

¹ Two (2) voting TAC members did not arrive until after the votes to approve the July 2024 agenda and June 2024 minutes. WAMPO provides meeting minutes that are not verbatim. TAC and TPB meetings are recorded and hosted on YouTube [@WAMPO Kansas](https://www.youtube.com/@WAMPO_Kansas). To request assistance accessing meeting recordings call – (316) 779-1313 or email – wampo@wampo.org.

C. Director's Report

i. MTP 2050 Sections on WAMPO Website

Dora Gallo, WAMPO, shared that WAMPO is developing long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050 (MTP 2050), which will guide the region's transportation infrastructure investments and policies over the next quarter century. As WAMPO works towards completing a draft of the full plan, draft chapters and appendices will be posted on the WAMPO website for public review. This approach ensures transparency and allows community members, stakeholders, and policymakers to review and provide input on the proposed strategies and projects. By making the information readily available, WAMPO is fostering an inclusive planning process that seeks to incorporate diverse perspectives and insights, ultimately leading to a more robust and effective transportation plan for the future.

MTP 2050 webpage, with draft sections uploaded as available - www.wampo.org/mtp2050

ii. Annual Bicycle and Pedestrian Count

Ms. Gallo explained that every year, WAMPO coordinates an annual count of bicycle and pedestrian activity across the region. The data collected during this count help to estimate the number of people who bicycle, walk, and run, and the locations where they do so. To gather this information, WAMPO relies on a team of volunteers to spend a short period of time counting pedestrians and bicycle riders at designated locations. The 2024 dates and times available to volunteer are Wednesday, September 11, 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM and/or 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM; Thursday, September 12, 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM and/or 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM; and Saturday, September 14, 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM. For more information and volunteer registration, please visit www.wampo.org/bicycle-pedestrian.

Discussion:

Justin Shore asked if graphics or social media posts are available to advertise for the bicycle and pedestrian count. Ms. Gallo said that more information and volunteer recruitment materials will be sent out soon. Chair Kessler asked if automatic bicycle and pedestrian counters will be involved in the count this year. Ms. Gallo said that they will not be ready by the count dates but that they will be acquired and placed in the field later this year.

iii. MTP 2050 Public Engagement Round 3

Markey Jonas, WAMPO, shared that the third round of public engagement for Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050 (MTP 2050) was conducted from May 20 through June 30, 2024. A survey was available online and WAMPO staff attended community events to engage with the public and collect responses to the survey on paper. A total of 474 surveys were received and results are being analyzed. TAC members were thanked for their participation in the survey and for helping extend WAMPO's reach.

iv. **Video: KTA Cashless Tolling**

Ms. Jonas announced that the Kansas Turnpike Authority (KTA) has rolled out cashless tolling operations and shared a video with more details about cashless tolling. Throughout the summer, KTA staff are hosting pop-up events and giving out free KTAGs. For more information, please visit <https://driveks.com>.

KTA Trips vs Transactions Video - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pMbdA_fvSjU

v. **Requests for Proposals (RFPs)**

Peter Mohr, WAMPO, informed the TAC that WAMPO has issued or is preparing to issue several Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for consultants to help with the following projects: developing an Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) architecture for the region; phase-2 updating of the Travel Demand Model (TDM); Safe Routes to School (SRTS) planning assistance; preparing an application for a Safe Streets Roads for All (SS4A) implementation grant in 2025; financial and single audit services; and the procurement of automatic bicycle/pedestrian counters. WAMPO staff anticipate three or four contracts resulting from these RFPs to be consent-agenda items for TPB approval on August 13, 2024.

Discussion: Mr. Shore asked if the automatic bicycle and pedestrian counters will be permanent installations. Mr. Mohr explained that they are mobile counters and can be moved to different locations.

3. **Public Comments**

None.

4. **Action**

A. **FFY2025-FFY2028 Transportation Improvement Program**

Mr. Mohr explained that the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is an ongoing program of priority, agreed-upon projects, programs, and initiatives that the greater Wichita region has committed either to continue or to start in the near future. Projects in the TIP help to implement WAMPO's long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The TIP programs, or assigns, funding to specific highway, road, bridge, public transit, bicycle, pedestrian, and other transportation projects. It includes all transportation projects in the region receiving federal funding, whether WAMPO-suballocated or non-suballocated (through either the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) or Wichita Transit), as well as other projects that are not programmed to receive federal funding but are regionally significant. Transportation projects in the WAMPO region are required to be in the TIP to access federal funding. The current TIP covers projects that are expected to start, continue, or end during Federal Fiscal Years (FFYs, October 1-September 30) 2023-2026. Because, for both practical and legal reasons, TIPs need to be updated regularly, it is proposed that WAMPO adopt a new TIP covering FFYs 2025 through 2028.

Mr. Mohr presented details about the proposed new TIP, including a map and table of FFY2025-FFY2028 projects, performance measures, a fiscal-constraint analysis, project costs by project type, and an environmental justice (EJ) analysis. The public comment period was held from June

12 through July 11, 2024; no comments were received. The TAC was asked to make a recommendation to the TPB on the proposed WAMPO FFY2025-FFY2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Draft FFY2025-FFY2028 TIP and Appendices – <https://bit.ly/Draft-FFY2025-FFY2028TIP>

Discussion: None.

Action: Recommend the TPB approve the FFY2025-FFY2028 Transportation Improvement Program, as presented. (15-0)

Motion: Justin Shore

Second: Lynn Packer

B. FFY2025-FFY2028 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #1

Mr. Mohr asked the TAC to make a recommendation to the TPB on proposed Amendment #1 to the WAMPO FFY2025-FFY2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Amendment #1 is a special TIP amendment, enacting time-sensitive project changes/additions, and would maintain the fiscal constraint of the FFY2025-FFY2028 TIP, provided that the TPB adopts the FFY2025-FFY2028 TIP on August 13, 2024, prior to voting on Amendment #1. The Public Comment period for Amendment #1 opened on July 19, 2024, and will run through August 2, 2024. No public comments have been received to date. TIP Amendment #1 adds two (2) new projects, removes one (1) project and modifies one (1) project. There are also administrative adjustments to four (4) additional projects, which do not require approval.

Mr. Mohr listed the projects modified/added/removed, discussed the changes in local, state, and federal funding, and explained the federal requirements met by TIP Amendment #1: it is consistent with the current Metropolitan Transportation Plan, *REIMAGINED MOVE 2040*, and is fiscally constrained. The financial impact is an additional cost of \$3.45 million. Following approval by the TPB, the amendment will be sent to the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) to be included in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for review and consideration by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Federal approval is expected in September 2024.

FFY2025-FFY2028 TIP Amendment #1 Summary – <https://bit.ly/2025-2028TIP-Draft-Amend-1-Summary>

Discussion: Chair Kessler expressed appreciation for WAMPO staff working to prepare the amendment within the short time period.

Action: Recommend the TPB approve FFY2025-FFY2028 TIP Amendment #1, as presented. (15-0)

Motion: Gary Janzen

Second: Brent Clark

C. Population Projections

Jonathan Norris, CEDBR, explained that, in collaboration with Wichita State University’s Center for Economic Development and Business Research (CEDBR), WAMPO recently developed population projections to the year 2050, incorporating projections calculated by/for WAMPO’s individual member jurisdictions. Though this approach provided a more inclusive representation of the assumptions employed by WAMPO member jurisdictions to reflect their individual circumstances, subsequent feedback has indicated that these projections may not accurately capture the internal growth patterns of the metropolitan area and may exceed reasonable expectations for the future regional population. To address this feedback, WAMPO staff and consultants have worked together to develop a new methodology for creating projections, the details of which were presented. The new methodology was applied to project WAMPO-region population growth. Mr. Norris presented the proposed population projections to the TAC.

Key components of the new model include community net migration, employment forecasts, and building permits. Mr. Norris explained that this approach allows for dynamic projections at the community level, constrained by overall regional forecasts. The revised model also adjusts the weighting of migration and employment factors to stabilize estimates and reduce volatility and incorporates building-permit data to further refine the projections to ensure they reflect actual development investments.

Mr. Mohr asked the TAC to make a recommendation to the TPB on the draft population projections for the WAMPO region.

Population Forecast							
City	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045	2050
Andale	941	972	1,006	1,058	1,110	1,170	1,212
Andover	14,892	16,193	17,519	19,170	21,064	22,883	24,652
Bel Aire	8,262	8,995	9,822	10,787	11,788	12,951	14,118
Bentley	560	601	636	671	726	778	832
Cheney	2,181	2,164	2,171	2,232	2,292	2,377	2,431
Clearwater	2,653	2,680	2,710	2,821	2,973	3,103	3,233
Colwich	1,455	1,495	1,523	1,574	1,615	1,667	1,713
Derby	25,625	27,446	29,409	31,828	34,322	37,049	39,921
Eastborough	756	742	716	695	685	675	674
Garden Plain	948	973	997	1,040	1,088	1,137	1,186
Goddard	5,084	6,007	7,025	8,238	9,591	10,929	12,288
Haysville	11,262	11,609	11,952	12,473	13,072	13,657	14,240
Kechi	2,217	2,392	2,560	2,740	2,916	3,101	3,333
Maize	5,735	7,010	8,382	9,969	11,743	13,519	15,308
Mount Hope	806	793	797	803	805	827	849
Mulvane	6,286	6,522	6,813	7,171	7,615	8,025	8,436
Park City	8,333	9,264	10,160	11,138	12,156	13,252	14,387
Rose Hill	4,185	4,332	4,474	4,652	4,863	5,057	5,228
Sedgwick	1,603	1,606	1,615	1,641	1,672	1,683	1,689
Valley Center	7,340	7,538	7,713	8,044	8,450	8,811	9,215
Viola	115	114	113	108	102	99	98
Wichita	397,532	409,293	421,185	433,363	444,719	455,339	468,437
Unincorporated	46,072	44,815	43,336	40,562	37,872	34,776	31,986
WAMPO Region	554,843	573,555	592,634	612,775	633,238	652,864	675,466

Discussion: None.

Action: Recommend the TPB approve the population projections, as presented. (15-0)

Motion: Jolene Graham

Second: Brent Clark

5. Discussion/Updates

A. 2025 UPWP Planning

Mr. Parasa explained that the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) outlines WAMPO's transportation planning activities and tasks it will undertake throughout the year. A UPWP describes how the federal planning funds allocated to WAMPO (in the form of Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) funds) will be used and what planning activities WAMPO staff and consultants will undertake each year. A new UPWP is produced each year.

Ms. Jonas shared that WAMPO staff met with planning partner staff from KDOT, the FHWA, and Wichita Transit to discuss potential planning activities for 2025, based on work done in 2024 and core planning document update cycles and presented WAMPO's potential 2025 priority planning tasks and sought input on whether there are any other tasks that should be included for 2025.

B. Regional Transit Implementation Plan Update

Bill Troe, SRF, gave an update on the Regional Transit Implementation Plan, focusing on the need for input from each jurisdiction regarding the service alternative concepts. Representatives were asked to review a recent email from WAMPO, seeking community perspectives on various transit alternatives. The importance of discussing these alternatives within communities was emphasized, with a focus on identifying which ones are supported and which do not apply to their needs. The feedback is crucial for developing an efficient transit system and governance structure for the region. Mr. Troe offered to assist jurisdictions in reviewing the alternatives and encouraged them to contact BTroe@srfconsulting.com with any questions or to schedule a session for further discussion.

Regional Transit Implementation Plan webpage - www.wampo.org/regional-transit

C. Wichita Transit Network Plan Update

James Gamez, Nelson\Nygaard, explained the Wichita Transit Network Plan timeline and progress, sharing that the project team is currently developing growth scenarios. The presentation included ridership patterns, transit hot spots, a comparison between service investments in Wichita and peer cities, onboard rider-survey results, and stakeholder input priorities. The data and public input were used to inform the development of short-range service concepts. Potential future expansion options and next steps were presented.

Discussion: Gary Janzen shared that Penny Feist has been named Director of Wichita Transit.

6. Committee & Partnership Updates

None.

7. Other Business

None.

8. Meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 26, 2024, at 10:00 AM.

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