



Meeting Summary
Transportation Policy Body (TPB) Meeting Summary
Tuesday, March 9th @ 3:00 PM
Online Meeting

Meeting Duration: 60 minutes

Members in Attendance:

Dan Woydziak, Butler Co.
David Dennis, Chair, Sedgwick Co.
Troy Tabor, Andover/TAC Chair
Jack Hezlep, Derby
Bruce Armstrong, Haysville
Mike Moriarty, KDOT
Brent Terstriep, KDOT

Brent Clark, Valley Center
Anne Stephens, Bel Aire
Tom Hein, KDOT
Becky Tuttle, Vice Chair, Wichita
Ronald Colbert, Valley Center
Bryan Frye, Wichita
Cindy Claycomb, Wichita

Jim Howell, Sedgwick Co.
Donna Clasen, Maize
Richard LaMunyon, Maize
Robert Layton, Wichita
Micah Scoggan, Goddard
Cory Davis, KDOT
Pete Meitzner, Sedgwick County

Other Attendees:

Chad Parasa, WAMPO Director
Michelle Styles, WAMPO Staff
Patty Sykes, WAMPO Staff
Brad Shores, JEO
Alan Kailer, BWV
Jane Byrnes, League of Women Voters

Gary Janzen, City of Wichita
Rene Hart, KDOT
Kelly Rundell, Hite, Fanning &
Honeyman LLP
Kurt Yowell, MKEC
Raven Alexander, Wichita Transit

Matt Messina, KDOT
Brett Letkowski, TranSystems
Kristen Zimmerman, PEC
Jolene Graham, Maize
Paul Leekers

1. Mr. Dennis called the meeting to order at 2:59 PM.

2. Regular Business

A. Approval of March 9, 2021 Agenda

Discussion: None

Action: Moved to approve agenda as presented. Motion passed (21-0).

Motion: D. Dennis

Second: J. Hezlep

B. Approval of February 9, 2021 Minutes

Discussion: None

Action: Moved to approve minutes with corrections. Motion passed (21-0).

Motion: D. Dennis

Second: J. Hezlep

C. Director's Report

i. Overview

Chad Parasa presented an overview of how a member of WAMPO would measure the rewards of joining MPO. This rewarding experience of joining MPO is measured in three outcomes: (1) Connected with regional goals, (2) Shared resources, and (3) the Unity of all the governmental entities. WAMPO staff is requesting individual jurisdictions within the WAMPO region to share & present their land-use and transportation growth, during our next upcoming TPB meetings. And also to share & present how the jurisdiction envisions to tie its "Growth Patterns" & "Transportation Projects Improvements" regionally and beyond.

Chad also requested that item C. "Monthly Activity Report – UPWP" in the consent agenda be removed, because staff is planning to present quarterly report on "UPWP Activity Report".

3. Consent Agenda

- A. WAMPO-TranSystems – Travel Demand Model Contract Extension
- B. TIP Funding Suballocated Programs Management Procedures Management Procedures
- C. Monthly Activity Report - UPWP

Discussion: None

Action: Moved to remove item C. “Monthly Activity Report – UPWP” from consent agenda. Motion passed (21-0).

Motion: D. Dennis

Second: A. Stephens

Discussion: None

Action: Moved to approve the consent agenda items A. & B., as proposed. Motion passed (21-0).

Motion: D. Dennis

Second: B. Tuttle

4. Public Comment Opportunity –

Mrs. Byrnes proposed that a citizen to serve on the TPB board. D. Dennis stated that he will present this idea to Ms. Rundell and discuss it in the next Executive Committee meeting.

5. New Business

A. Action: Transportation Policy Body (TPB) Bylaw Amendments

Ms. Rundell presented a few of the revisions that WAMPO staff and the Executive committee made to the TPB Bylaws that were amended on March 12, 2019. These changes include the following:

- Immediate past TPB Chair serve on the Executive Committee
- Members serving on the Executive Committee that are not Chair or Vice Chair, would be called “Members at Large”
- TAC Chair serves on the Executive Committee
- If a member of the Executive Committee is absent from a meeting, their alternate can serve in their place
- All members of the Executive Committee may serve up to 2 terms in any position. Each term is one year.

Action: Moved to approve Executive Committee bylaws as proposed. Motion passed (21-0).

Motion: D. Dennis

Second: B. Tuttle

B. **Action: Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Bylaw Amendments**

Ms. Rundell presented a few of the revisions that WAMPO staff and the Executive committee made to the TAC Bylaws that were amended in August 8, 2017.

- The TAC committee has been renamed as the Technical Advisory Committee
- TAC Chair will be voted on in February, same as TPB officers
- Chair may serve a maximum of two consecutive 1 year terms
- A TPB Board member will be appointed as a TAC Committee member
- WAMPO Director, who serves as TAC Secretary, is not a voting member

Action: Moved to approve TAC bylaws as proposed. Motion passed (21-0).

Motion: D. Dennis

Second: B. Tuttle

C. **Action: WAMPO Committee Members**

Elections of officers took place at February 9 TPB Meeting. TPB Chair, TPB Vice Chair and TAC Chair were elected.

TPB Chair completed appointing members of the WAMPO Executive Committee, as follows.

1. Commissioner David Dennis (TPB Chair)
2. Council Member Becky Tuttle (TPB Vice Chair)
3. Council Member Troy Tabor (TAC Chair)
4. Council Member Jack Hezlep
5. Mayor Bruce Armstrong
6. Commissioner Dan Woydziak (Immediate Past Chair)

Action: Moved to approve the WAMPO Executive Committee as proposed. Motion passed (21-0).

Motion: D. Dennis

Second: J. Hezlep

Tom Hein is appointed as TAC Committee member as a WAMPO Representative

Action: Moved to approve the 'TAC Committee member as a WAMPO Representative' as proposed.

Motion passed (21-0).

Motion: D. Dennis

Second: A. Stephens

D. **Update: City of Maize' Land-use & Transportation Growth and its plans to connect with the Region**

Mr. LaMunyon gave a presentation on the Maize community. Currently Maize is 10 square miles, and is projected to grow to as large as 28 miles. Maize's current population sits at approximately 5,000

residents, and will most likely grow substantially in the next few years due to construction and growth. Approximately 12,500 people commute daily in and out of Maize. People are able to commute comfortably due to Maize's access to main highways and the master bike and pedestrian system that connects to Wichita's regional system. Maize has over 7,800 students enrolled in its 10 schools that are within the region, 3 more are under construction. In a number of recent years, Maize has also become a popular commercial destination for overseas businesses, due in large part to its close proximity to a major highway and railroad.

A. Committee Reports/Updates

A. Executive Committee, David Dennis

Mr. Dennis reminded the board that an evaluation for Chad Parasa, WAMPO Director, is currently being done and if anyone has anything to add to his evaluation, please reach out.

B. Regional Freight Committee, Karyn Page

The next meeting for WAMPO Freight Committee is on March 31st.

C. Safety & Health Committee, Chad Parasa

The next meeting for WAMPO Safety & Health Committee is on May 19th.

D. Active Transportation Committee, Alan Kailer

The next meeting for WAMPO Active Transportation Committee is on June 2nd. Mr. Kailer mentioned that the committee is reviewing all jurisdictions active transportation plans. Last Tuesday, the committee heard from two presenters on Derby and Wichita's current active transportation plans.

E. Kansas Department of Transportation update, Tom Hein and Mike Moriarty

Mr. Hein updated the board on the Gold Project. In February, KDOT opened up for bids. Work on this project will begin in April. For more information you may visit www.135gold.com for a weekly update, or please contact Tom Hein.

Mr. Moriarty shared that KDOT is currently looking for a new GIS Manager. Please reach out to Mike Moriarty for additional information on the job opportunity or if you have a referral. M. Moriarty also mentioned that he would be in touch with the Kansas Turnpike Authority (KTA) regarding an update to the TPB on the Northwest Bypass Study. TranSystems, KTA and KDOT are in the process of drafting a tech memo that will be available later this Spring.

F. Federal Highway Administration update, Rick Backlund

Mr. Backlund provided a few FHWA personnel updates. Going forward, the new administration will be focusing on core areas such as: safety, recovery from COVID, economic development, climate change, racial equity and how influences transportation and transportation decision making. R. Backlund updated the TPB on the status of the COVID Relief Fund. The \$1.9 Trillion bill will soon be on the President's desk. More news will be issued at a later date. Covid Relief Legislation that was passed on December 27th, known as CRRSAA was shared with KDOT and WAMPO and will be available soon.

B. Other Business –

Ms. Clasen inquired an update on WAMPO's 2020 Audit. Chad Parasa reported to Ms. Clasen that WAMPO staff are working diligently to prepare for the field visit scheduled by Auditors team during the week of April 12. During this field visit, Auditors team will meet with WAMPO staff and review financial reports that are compiled by staff. Following these tasks in April, TPB should have a report on 2020 audit.

Councilmember Tuttle advised to provide an update on CRRSAA funds (Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act). Chad Parasa reported to TPB members that CRRSAA funds can be used on eligible transportation projects, the same way as the TIP projects become eligible for federal funds through a competitive selection process. Very similar to STP (Surface Transportation Program) funds in TIP projects. These eligible transportation projects should first be in the regional long range metropolitan transportation plan (MTP). Staff realized jurisdictions need time to see cost estimates and schedule of projects, how much portion of the total cost of the project can potentially be utilized by available federal funds. A call for projects will be sent out to local jurisdictions to identify which of the MTP projects are shovel ready, and the schedule of the projects will be determined through the call for projects. The schedule for projects solicitation or 'call for projects' will be determined by staff by working with local jurisdictions in the next months ahead. The updates will be provided accordingly.

C. Meeting adjourned at 3:59 PM.

Next Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 13th, 2020 at 3:00 PM.