



# Meeting Minutes

## Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 27, 2025 @ 10:00 AM

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

Meeting Duration: 44 minutes

Voting Members in Attendance		
Russ Kessler, <i>TAC Chair</i> Marcy Aycock, <i>REAP</i> Jack Brown, <i>Public Health</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> Paul Gunzelman, <i>Wichita</i> Tonja Howard, <i>Wichita Transit</i> Les Mangus, <i>Butler/Sumner Counties</i> Shawn Mellies, <i>Wichita</i> Lynn Packer, <i>Sedgwick County</i> Dan Squires, <i>SCAC</i>	<b>Alternates</b> Steve Degenhardt, <i>Wichita (voting)</i> Emily Jensen, <i>CTD #9 (voting)</i> Moumita Kundu, <i>Urban Land Use Planning &amp; Development Trends (voting)</i> David Schwartz, <i>KDOT (voting)</i> James Wagner, <i>Wichita (non-voting)</i>
Other Attendees		
Jared Austin, <i>FTA</i> Matt Baker, <i>JEO</i> Georgie Carter, <i>Haysville</i> Guillermo Chamorro, <i>Sedgwick County</i> Nick Flanders, <i>WAMPO</i> Dora Gallo, <i>WAMPO</i>	Markey Jonas, <i>WAMPO</i> Sruthi Kesa, <i>WAMPO</i> Brett Letkowski, <i>TranSystems</i> Kristen McDaniel, <i>Haysville</i> Mohamed Moawad, <i>MAPD</i> Peter Mohr, <i>WAMPO</i> Kim Negrete, <i>WAMPO</i>	Chad Parasa, <i>WAMPO</i> Tia Raamot, <i>Sedgwick County</i> Pimnara Rodkul, <i>Wichita Transit</i> Kaylee Sands, <i>FTA</i> Will Sharp, <i>FHWA</i> Kyle Thomas, <i>WAMPO</i> Tyler Voth, <i>WSP</i>

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

**2. Regular Business**

**A. Approval of January 27, 2025, Agenda**

**Discussion:** None.

**Action:** Approve the January 27, 2025, agenda, as proposed. (13-0)<sup>1</sup>

**Motion:** Danielle Gabor

**Second:** Brent Clark

**B. Approval of November 25, 2024, Meeting Minutes**

**Discussion:** None.

**Action:** Approve the November 25, 2024, meeting minutes, as proposed. (15-0)<sup>2</sup>

**Motion:** Lynn Packer

**Second:** Paul Gunzelman

<sup>1</sup> Five (5) voting TAC members did not arrive until after the vote to approve the January 2025 TAC agenda.

<sup>2</sup> Three (3) voting TAC members did not arrive until after the vote to approve the November 2024 TAC minutes.

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## C. Director's Report

### i. Bimonthly TIP Project Statuses

Peter Mohr, WAMPO, explained that the WAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Policy includes a Reasonable Progress Policy, under which projects programmed to receive WAMPO-suballocated funding that are scheduled to start in the current Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) or that have started but not finished (including projects that started in prior FFYs) are to have progress reports every two months. The TIP Project Statuses report for January 2025 was shared.

January 2025 TIP Project Statuses – <https://bit.ly/January2025-TIP-Project-Statuses>

### ii. ITS Steering Committee and Stakeholder Meetings

Matt Baker, JEO, shared that WAMPO is updating the regional Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) architecture, as required by federal guidelines to occur every five years. The last comprehensive update was completed in 2006. Progress has been made through a series of Steering Committee meetings held in Fall 2024 and draft reports, including an ITS strategic deployment plan, are underway. A regional stakeholder meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2025, and a Steering Committee meeting will be held on February 24, 2025.

Chad Parasa, WAMPO, encouraged TAC members to participate in the ITS architecture update process to ensure the final product supports the needs of the region.

### iii. Projects Obligated in FFY2024

Mr. Mohr explained that before a transportation project can use federal funds, the funds need to be “obligated.” Each year, MPOs are required to submit an Annual Listing of Obligated Projects (ALOP) for the previous Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) to their respective state DOTs and the federal government. Depending on a project's schedule and estimated costs, the federal funds it is to receive might not be obligated all at once, but divided between multiple occasions, not necessarily all within the same FFY, up to a total of no more than the amount programmed in the TIP/STIP. If a project is canceled or is completed at a lower cost than anticipated, some or all of the federal funds that were obligated on the project may be “deobligated.” After deobligation, the agency that awarded the funds to the project (e.g., WAMPO, KDOT, Wichita Transit) may award the deobligated funds to another qualifying project.

In FFY2024, thirty-three (33) transportation projects in the WAMPO region had federal funding obligations or deobligations, totaling a little more than \$30 million. The presentation provided details about the FFY2024 ALOP.

WAMPO FFY2024 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects – <https://bit.ly/FFY2024-ALOP>

#### iv. **Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Planning Update**

Kim Negrete, WAMPO, shared that WAMPO is embarking on an extensive planning process to develop Safe Routes to School (SRTS) plans across the region. In November 2024, the TPB approved a contract between WAMPO and SRF Consulting Group, Inc., for regional Safe Routes to School planning assistance during November 2024-December 2026, for an amount not to exceed \$500,000.

WAMPO staff and consultants are currently developing outreach materials and data-collection strategies and building contacts at interested schools. Deliverables over the two-year project include, among other things, the development of at least sixty (60) school-specific SRTS plans and aiding WAMPO member jurisdictions, school districts, and individual schools in identifying champions and funding opportunities to support ongoing safety efforts benefiting students walking/rolling/bicycling to/from K-12 schools.

Scope of Services from Safe Routes to School Planning Assistance Contract with SRF Consulting Group – <https://bit.ly/SRTS-Contract-Scope>

#### **Discussion:**

Craig Crossette asked if city staff who are not on the TAC could serve on the SRTS steering committee. Ms. Negrete responded that all interested parties are welcomed to participate.

#### v. **Grant Opportunities**

Markey Jonas, WAMPO, expressed that part of WAMPO's mission is to inform stakeholders about transportation-related matters, then provided details about three grant opportunities. The Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program provides grants for surface transportation infrastructure projects with significant local or regional impact. RAISE applications are due by January 30, 2025. The Technology Transfer (T2) Program has \$5 million in FTA Public Transportation Innovation Program funding available to promote the deployment of successful transit innovation research findings. T2 applications are due February 11, 2025. Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Program provides grants on a competitive basis for projects that seek to strengthen surface transportation to be more resilient to natural hazards through support of planning activities and community and infrastructure resilience improvements. PROTECT applications are due February 24, 2025.

RAISE Grant Program - <https://bit.ly/RAISE-Grant>

Technology Transfer (T2) Program - <https://bit.ly/FTA-T2-Program>

PROTECT Grant Program - <https://bit.ly/PROTECT-Grant>

### 3. **Public Comments**

None.

## 4. Action

### A. FFY2025-FFY2028 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #3

Mr. Mohr asked the TAC to make a recommendation to the TPB on proposed Amendment #3 to the WAMPO FFY2025-FFY2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Amendment #3 is a regularly scheduled TIP amendment and would maintain the fiscal constraint of the FFY2025-FFY2028 TIP. The Public Comment period for Amendment #3 opened on January 3, 2025, and ran through January 17, 2025. No public comments were received. TIP Amendment #3 adds seven (7) new projects and modifies four (4) projects. There are administrative adjustments to seven (7) additional projects, which do not require approval.

Mr. Mohr listed the projects modified/added, discussed the changes in local, state, and federal funding, and explained the federal requirements met by TIP Amendment #3: it is consistent with the current Metropolitan Transportation Plan, *REIMAGINED MOVE 2040*, and is fiscally constrained. The financial impact is an additional cost of \$42.6 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 March 2025.

FFY2025-FFY2028 TIP Amendment #3 Summary – <https://bit.ly/2025-2028TIP-Proposed-Amendment-3>

**Discussion:** Paul Gunzelman asked for clarification regarding the details of one of the modified projects, which Mr. Mohr provided.

**Action:** Recommend the TPB approve FFY2025-FFY2028 TIP Amendment #3, as presented. (18-0)

**Motion:** Brent Clark

**Second:** Lynn Packer

### B. Support KDOT Federal Performance Measure Targets

Mr. Mohr explained that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) jointly issued a Planning Rule that establishes various performance measures to assess roadway safety (PM1), pavement and bridge condition (PM2), system performance and freight movement (PM3), transit asset management (TAM), and transit safety. For these performance measures, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) are required to either set their own targets or support the targets set by their respective state DOTs. In 2024, WAMPO chose to support KDOT in achieving its federal performance-measure targets. Mr. Mohr shared the 2025 KDOT targets. The TAC was asked to make a recommendation to the TPB on whether to support KDOT's 2025 federal performance-measure targets.

**Discussion:** None.

**Action:** Recommend the TPB approve supporting KDOT's 2025 federal performance-measure targets, as presented. (18-0)

**Motion:** Marcy Aycock

**Second:** Danielle Gabor

## 5. Discussion/Updates

### A. Draft Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050 (MTP 2050) – To Be Released for Public Comment Period

Nick Flanders, WAMPO, announced that drafts of all chapters and appendices of long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050 (MTP 2050) have been posted to the WAMPO website and provided an update on the development progress of and next steps for MTP 2050. The draft document is currently under review by the Plan Advisory Committee (PAC), the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), and federal planning partners. The TPB will be asked to release the draft plan for public comment at their next meeting, on February 11, 2025.

Ms. Jonas said that after any comments resulting from the PAC/KDOT/federal review are addressed, there will be a 30-day public-comment period in March-April 2025, followed by a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommendation and a Transportation Policy Body (TPB) vote on approval in April and May 2025, respectively. During the public-comment period, there will be an open house to present the draft plan and collect public input. WAMPO is also seeking other opportunities to introduce the plan to the community during this time. Please reach out to Ms. Jonas at [markey.jonas@wampo.org](mailto:markey.jonas@wampo.org) to invite WAMPO to attend public meetings or events, or to suggest other outreach strategies.

MTP 2050 Webpage, with All Draft Chapters and Appendices Uploaded – [www.wampo.org/mtp2050](http://www.wampo.org/mtp2050)

### B. Complete Streets

Dora Gallo, WAMPO, explained that Complete Streets is a policy and design approach ensuring streets are safe and accessible for all users, fostering active transportation, safety, and sustainability. Nationwide, initiatives have improved infrastructure with features like bike lanes and transit-friendly corridors. In the Wichita metropolitan area, efforts focus on retrofitting roadways and integrating Complete Streets into planning. WAMPO is exploring the development of a toolbox to guide local stakeholders in adopting these principles, supporting safer and more inclusive transportation networks.

Mr. Parasa said that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) encourages Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to conduct Complete Streets planning.

### C. Transit Update: Haysville Hustle

Kristen McDaniel, City of Haysville, presented about the Haysville Hustle, which provides a demand-response transit service within Haysville's area of influence.

Haysville Hustle Presentation Slides - <https://bit.ly/Haysville-Hustle-Slides>

### 6. Committee & Partnership Updates

None.

### 7. Other Business

Ms. Negrete shared that the 30th Annual KDOT Transportation Safety Conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Wichita on March 4-5, 2025, with pre-conference sessions for law enforcement on March 3, 2025. The annual Transportation Safety Conference is designed to share timely topics of interest and updated information from all facets of the transportation safety community. For more information and to register, please visit <https://hospitality.ku.edu/transportation-safety>.

Mr. Parasa announced that elections for the next TPB Chair, TPB Vice-Chair, and TAC Chair will be held at the TPB meeting on February 11, 2025, and thanked Chair Kessler for his service as TAC Chair.

### 8. Meeting adjourned at 10:44 AM

**The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, February 24, 2025, at 10:00 AM.**