



Meeting Minutes

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 23, 2023, @ 10:00 AM

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

Meeting Duration: 86 minutes

| Voting Members in Attendance | | |
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| Russ Kessler, <i>TAC Chair</i> Raven Alexander, <i>Wichita Transit</i> Jack Brown, <i>Public Health</i> Paul Gunzelman, <i>Wichita</i> Tom Hein, <i>KDOT</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> Lizeth Ortega, <i>Air Quality</i> Lynn Packer, <i>Sedgwick County</i> Allison Smith, <i>KDOT</i> Dan Squires, <i>SCAC</i> | Alternates Tonja Howard, <i>Wichita Transit (non-voting)</i> Emily Jensen, <i>CTD #9 (voting)</i> Mike Longshaw, <i>KDOT (non-voting)</i> |
| Other Attendees | | |
| Maria Cantrell, <i>Burgess & Niple</i> Dylan Cossaart, <i>WAMPO</i> Srilekha Dodda, <i>WAMPO</i> Slade Engstrom, <i>TranSystems</i> Nick Flanders, <i>WAMPO</i> Markey Jonas, <i>WAMPO</i> Alan Kailer, <i>Bike Walk Wichita</i> | Alex Lane, <i>Derby</i> Dani Lasher, <i>WAMPO</i> Brett Letkowski, <i>TranSystems</i> Peter Mohr, <i>WAMPO</i> Daniel Nguyen, <i>FTA</i> Ron Nuessen, <i>Benesch</i> Chad Parasa, <i>WAMPO</i> | Marcela Quintanilla, <i>WAMPO</i> Kendra Schenk, <i>Burgess & Niple</i> Paul Schiffelbein, <i>MAPD</i> Tyler Voth, <i>WSP</i> Jessica Warren, <i>WAMPO</i> Rich Wood, <i>KSN</i> |

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

2. Regular Business

A. Approval of October 23, 2023, Agenda

Discussion: None

Action: Approve October 23, 2023, agenda, as proposed (10-0).¹

Motion: Chair Kessler

Second: Dan Squires

B. Approval of September 25, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Discussion: None

Action: Approve September 25, 2023, meeting minutes, as proposed (10-0).

¹ Four (4) voting TAC members did not arrive until after the votes to approve the October 2023 agenda and September 2023 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.

Motion: Chair Kessler

Second: Dan Squires

C. Director’s Report

i. MTP/TIP Call for Projects – 9/15/23 – 1/5/24

Chad Parasa, WAMPO, announced that a combined Call for Projects for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050 (MTP 2050) and the FFY2025-FFY2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is open from September 15, 2023, through January 5, 2024.

ii. FFY2024 TIP Projects Status Update

Mr. Parasa explained that the WAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Policy includes a Reasonable Progress Policy, under which projects receiving WAMPO suballocated funding in the current Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) or that received it in a past FFY but are not completed are to have bimonthly progress reports to the TAC/TPB.

| WAMPO I.D. | Lead Agency | Project Title | FFY(s) in Which Programmed in TIP to Receive WAMPO-Suballocated Funds | WAMPO-Suballocated Funds Programmed in TIP in FFY2024 or Earlier | WAMPO-Suballocated Funding Program(s) | Funds Obligated | WAMPO-suballocated Funds in TIP Not Obligated | From Project Sponsors | | | |
|------------|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---------------------------------------|-----------------|---|-----------------------------|----------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | | | | | Anticipated Obligation Date | Anticipated Let Date | Progress Towards Using all Obligated Funds | Anticipated Project Completion Date |
| 40-538 | Haysville | Seneca & 63rd Street Bike Ped Pathway | 2024 | \$756,652.00 | TA | \$0.00 | \$756,652.00 | December 2023 | January 2024 | N/A | Summer 2024 |
| P-23-03 | WAMPO | Safe Routes to School Planning Assistance | 2024 | \$200,000.00 | TA | \$0.00 | \$200,000.00 | TBD | TBD | N/A | TBD |
| 40-545 | KDOT | WICHway Video Wall | 2024 | \$400,000.00 | CMAQ | \$0.00 | \$400,000.00 | TBD | TBD | N/A | TBD |
| 40-541 | Derby | Nelson Drive Realignment | 2024 | \$6,799,131.00 | STBG, CMAQ, TA | \$0.00 | \$6,799,131.00 | January 2024 | April 2024 | N/A | July 2025 |
| INT-19-01 | Kechi | Oliver and Kechi Rd. Intersection | 2024 | \$2,433,853.00 | STBG, TA | \$0.00 | \$2,433,853.00 | June 2024 | July 2024 | N/A | Spring 2025 |
| BP-23-02 | Bel Aire | 53rd Street, Oliver to Woodlawn Multi-Use Path | 2024 | \$292,242.00 | CRP | \$0.00 | \$292,242.00 | TBD | TBD | N/A | TBD |
| T-23-02 | Wichita | Multimodal Facility (MMF) | 2024 | \$1,000,000.00 | CRP | \$0.00 | \$1,000,000.00 | TBD | TBD | N/A | TBD |
| R-19-17 | Wichita | West St., I-235-MacArthur | 2024 | \$2,776,712.00 | STBG, CMAQ, TA, TA-STBG | \$0.00 | \$2,776,712.00 | September 2024 | October 2024 | N/A | Fall 2025 |
| R-19-16 | Wichita | West St., Harry to Pawnee | 2023 | \$8,518,589.00 | STBG, TA, TA-STBG | \$8,518,589.00 | \$0.00 | N/A | October 2023 | No funds spent yet. | End of 2025 |
| R-19-07 | Valley Center | Meridian, from Ford (77th St. N.) to Seward (69th St. N.) and Main to 5th (85th St. N.) | 2023 | \$7,373,315.00 | STBG, TA | \$7,373,315.00 | \$0.00 | N/A | October 2023 | No funds spent yet. | June 2025 |
| 40-508 | Sedgwick County | Zoo Boulevard Bridge over M.S. Mitch Mitchell Floodway | 2023 | \$2,195,582.00 | HIP, STBG | \$2,195,582.00 | \$0.00 | N/A | N/A | Construction began September 11, 2023. | July 2024 |
| 40-509 | Wichita Transit | Wichita Transit Network Redesign Plan | 2023 | \$262,135.00 | STBG | \$262,135.00 | \$0.00 | N/A | N/A | August 2023. | April 2025 |
| R-19-05 | Andover | 159th St. East, from US-54/400 to Central Ave. | 2022 | \$4,485,000.00 | STBG | \$4,485,000.00 | \$0.00 | N/A | N/A | Construction started 1/9/2023. | December 2023 |
| 40-525 | Wichita Transit | Wichita Bicycle Master Plan Update | 2022 | \$366,988.00 | TA | \$366,988.00 | \$0.00 | N/A | N/A | March 2023. | September 2024 |
| T-19-05 | Wichita Transit | Wichita Transit Replacement Paratransit Vehicles | 2021, 2022 | \$1,493,472.00 | STBG | \$1,493,472.00 | \$0.00 | N/A | N/A | October 2023. | December 2024 |
| R-17-02 | Bel Aire | Woodlawn: 45th St to 37th St. N | 2021 | \$5,579,150.00 | HIP, STBG | \$5,579,150.00 | \$0.00 | N/A | N/A | 94% paid out. | Awaiting information. |
| 40-544 | Sedgwick County Dept. of Aging | Sedgwick County Transportation Comprehensive Operations and Technology Feasibility Study and Implementation | 2021 | \$178,252.00 | CMAQ | \$178,252.00 | \$0.00 | N/A | N/A | Contract pending Board of County Commissioners approval. | February 2024 |
| R-19-09 | Wichita | Pawnee, Webb to Greenwich | 2021 | \$3,593,000.00 | STBG | \$2,509,033.64 | \$1,083,966.36 | N/A | N/A | \$2,420,919 of obligated funds spent so far. Complete except for landscape acceptance. | October 2023 |
| R-17-01 | Butler County | SW Butler Rd/SW 150th St Intersection | 2020 | \$5,600,000.00 | HIP, STBG | \$4,169,813.61 | \$1,430,186.39 | N/A | N/A | Close to project finalization. | Summer 2023 |

iii. MTP 2050 Update

Mr. Parasa shared that the first round of public engagement for Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050 (MTP 2050) was successfully completed over the summer of 2023, and with over 800 respondents. WAMPO’s second round of public engagement will begin on December 1, 2023, and will continue through February 29, 2024. This round of engagement will gather input on long-range planning scenarios and allow the public to

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choose between different future growth and transportation options. The results from the first round of MTP 2050 public engagement can be viewed at <https://www.wampo.org/mtp2050>.

iv. Automatic Bike/Ped Counters

Mr. Parasa said that WAMPO has conducted manual bicycle and pedestrian counts for 12 years, facing challenges like volunteer shortages and weather-related data gaps. WAMPO is exploring advanced technology solutions including big data analytics and camera-based systems to improve data-collection accuracy. WAMPO staff plan to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for advanced counting technology and select a vendor based on the requirements of accuracy, data integration, and scalability.

v. Kansas Mobility Week – 11/5/23 -11/11/23

Jessica Warren, WAMPO, presented on Kansas’s annual statewide Mobility Week, November 5-11, 2023. Kansas Mobility Week is a celebration of making smart, efficient, and safe multimodal public transportation choices. During Kansas Mobility Week, cities, counties, and transportation partner agencies host events to promote transportation choices, highlight transportation achievements, and roll out new initiatives or policies. The statewide event includes a selfie challenge, wherein participants post photos of themselves using public transit on social media with the hashtag #KansasRides2023.

Kansas Mobility Week website - <https://ksrides.org/mobility-week/>

vi. Staff Updates

Mr. Parasa spoke on recent staff updates, introducing new staff members Dani Lasher, Public Outreach Planner, and Markey Jonas, Administrative Assistant.

vii. SRTS Planning Assistance

Mr. Parasa shared that, following advice from the Transportation Policy Body Chair, WAMPO is exploring to see how to include more schools in the region in Safe Routes to School (SRTS) planning. WAMPO staff, in coordination with member jurisdictions and KDOT, are researching how to best find additional funds for a more comprehensive SRTS planning effort.

3. Public Comments

Alan Kailer, Bike Walk Wichita, shared his thoughts on the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP), saying it is a great plan, and staff has done a good job creating it, but it doesn't quite say that safety is a priority. Mr. Kailer stated that, ultimately, what is important is not what is said in the plan but what is done in the project-selection process and emphasized the need to prioritize safety in the selection of projects for funding going forward.

Gary Janzen responded by asking if there was already funding at WAMPO set aside for CSAP projects, or if the CSAP would have to be in place before applying for Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) implementation grants. Mr. Parasa confirmed that the intent of the CSAP is to qualify to apply for SS4A implementation grants; WAMPO, in conjunction with member jurisdictions, will put together an implementation-grant application as soon as the next Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is released.

4. Action

A. Comprehensive Safety Action Plan Approval

Peter Mohr, WAMPO, asked the TAC to review and recommend for approval the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP). The CSAP was developed through a 10-month process and was available for public comment from September 19 through October 19, 2023. Three public comments were received. In addition, based on input from the public, WAMPO staff recommends that the CSAP be prefaced with a policy statement stating safety is a priority in transportation planning and the project selection process.

Draft Comprehensive Safety Action Plan - <https://bit.ly/DraftCSAPPlan>

Public Comments to Date - <https://bit.ly/DraftCSAPPublicComment>

Discussion: Mr. Janzen asked if the TAC had seen more information or details of the CSAP at a previous meeting. Mr. Mohr shared that the CSAP has been mentioned as an agenda item in the past but due to the depth of the document (113 pages), there has not been a thorough presentation of the plan. Allison Smith stated that she would like to see a presentation prior to voting. Mr. Janzen and Jack Brown agreed.

Action: Table the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan and the Safety Policy Statement vote until the TAC meeting on November 27, 2023 (14-0).

Motion: Allison Smith

Second: Gary Janzen

B. Urban Area Boundary

Mr. Mohr explained that every ten years MPOs need to adopt an Urban Area Boundary (UAB) that encompasses the corresponding Census Urban Area resulting from the latest decennial U.S. Census. There are a few locations where the 2020 Wichita Census Urban Area is not entirely within the current WAMPO UAB, meaning the WAMPO UAB needs to be updated. WAMPO staff, in consultation with KDOT staff and the WAMPO TAC and TPB, have developed a proposed new UAB. Nick Flanders, WAMPO, shared the process of developing a new UAB and the steps WAMPO followed to reach the proposed UAB, including adjustments made following the October 10, 2023, TPB meeting. The TAC was asked to make a formal recommendation on the proposed new UAB to the TPB, which will consider it for approval at their November 14, 2023, meeting.

2023 WAMPO Proposed Urban Area Boundary Map - https://bit.ly/Proposed_UAB_10-16-23

2023 WAMPO Proposed Urban Area Boundary Metes-And-Bounds Description - <https://bit.ly/UAB-Metes-And-Bounds>

Discussion: Lynn Packer asked if the included southeast quadrant of the proposed UAB, between Derby and Rose Hill, which is not yet very developed, fits the guidelines to be considered an urban area. Mr. Flanders said that WAMPO consulted with KDOT staff who said it was acceptable to include.

Action: Recommend the TPB approve the proposed new Urban Area Boundary, as presented (14-0).

Motion: Chair Kessler

Second: Gary Janzen

C. 2024 Unified Planning Work Program Approval

Mr. Mohr and Mr. Parasa asked the TAC to make a recommendation to the TPB on the proposed 2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), which is WAMPO's primary budgeting document for planning activities in 2024. The 2024 UPWP was available for public comment from September 9 through October 9, 2023; no public comments were received. Mr. Parasa shared some of the planning priorities and activities included in the proposed UPWP, noting that the budget is similar to that of the 2023 UPWP. The TAC's recommendations will be presented to the Transportation Policy Body on November 14, 2023.

Draft 2024 Unified Planning Work Program - https://bit.ly/Draft_2024_UPWP

Discussion: None

Action: Recommend the TPB approve the 2024 Unified Planning Work Program, as presented (14-0).

Motion: Chair Kessler

Second: Dan Squires

5. Discussion/Updates

A. Employment Sectors

Mr. Mohr discussed how the WAMPO region is home to a diverse and vibrant economy. As a part of WAMPO's mission to serve and inform its stakeholders, staff are developing a series of reports on seven different sectors that comprise the local economy. As the second in a series of presentations, this report focused on WAMPO's Advanced Manufacturing industry. Mr. Parasa added that this data plays a role in the development of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

Key Employers in the WAMPO Area by Sector -

https://bit.ly/Economic_Development_Reportby_Sector

Discussion: Chair Kessler commended the amount of work that went into the employment sector reports.

B. Demographic and Socioeconomic Forecasts

Mr. Mohr presented that through collaboration between WAMPO staff and the Center for Economic Development and Business Research (CEDBR), an in-depth analysis of the region's demographics and socioeconomics was conducted and forecasts were created. Since population and economics drive demand on transportation infrastructure, these analyses are critical for informed planning of future transportation projects. Mr. Mohr gave further information on the extent of the demographic classifications, which are organized by ESRI Tapestry Segmentations and Life Modes, which describe specific characteristics of demographic groups. A side-by-side comparison between WAMPO and Eastborough was presented as an example. Mr. Parasa explained how this information plays into WAMPO data and plan development, sharing that it is part of the long range Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

WAMPO Demographic and Socioeconomic Reports – <https://bit.ly/Demographic-and-Socioeconomic-Reports>

Government Vitality Index Report – <https://bit.ly/Government-Vitality-Index-report>

Business Dynamism Index Report – <https://bit.ly/Business-Dynamism-Index-report>

Healthy, Wealthy, and Wise Index Report – <https://bit.ly/Healthy-Wealthy-Wise-index-report>

Labor Mobility Report – <https://bit.ly/Labor-Mobility-report>

Housing Report – <https://bit.ly/Housing-report>

Discussion: Chair Kessler noted the size of the document and Mr. Mohr said that it is also broken down by jurisdiction on the WAMPO website.

C. Vision Zero

Maria Cantrell, Burgess & Niple, spoke on the WAMPO collaboration with Burgess & Niple (B&N) consultants and stated how WAMPO staff have developed a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP), designed to promote the safety of all users of the transportation system. As a further extension of this collaboration, the consultants are developing a Vision Zero toolkit for the WAMPO region. Vision Zero sets forth broad goals aimed at eliminating traffic-related deaths and severe injuries. Ms. Cantrell shared numerous traffic safety statistics and explained the differences between this approach and the traditional approach to traffic safety, as well as the factors that play a role in the application of Vision Zero.

Vision Zero Network – <https://visionzeronetwork.org/>

FHWA Safety – <https://highways.dot.gov/safety>

Discussion: Mr. Parasa gave more context on Vision Zero, saying that the City of Wichita and the City of Derby have each had the goal of developing a Vision Zero framework that could set an example for various other cities. Gary Janzen asked if there is data available from other cities showing which countermeasures are most effective. Ms. Cantrell replied that cities can participate in organizations like the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO), which is a great resource for asking specific questions, and that cities also share data showing the countermeasures that were most effective for them.

NYC DOT Safety Treatment Evaluation - <https://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/downloads/pdf/safety-treatment-evaluation-2005-2018.pdf>

FHWA Proven Safety Countermeasures - <https://highways.dot.gov/safety/proven-safety-countermeasures>

6. Committee & Partnership Updates

None.

7. Other Business

None.

8. Meeting adjourned at 11:26 AM

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, November 27, 2023, at 10:00 AM.