



Meeting Minutes

Transportation Policy Body (TPB) Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 13, 2023, @ 3:00 PM

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

Meeting Duration: *64 Minutes*

Voting Members in Attendance		
Becky Tuttle, <i>TPB Chair</i>	Tom Jones, <i>Park City</i>	Alternates: William Black, <i>Haysville (voting)</i> Richard LaMunyon, <i>Maize (voting)</i> Kamme Sroufe, <i>Kechi (voting)</i> Anne Stephens, <i>Bel Aire (voting)</i>
Ronald Colbert, <i>Valley Center</i>	Pete Meitzner, <i>Sedgwick County</i>	
David Dennis, <i>Sedgwick County</i>	Mike Moriarty, <i>KDOT</i>	
Bryan Frye, <i>Wichita</i>	Terry Somers, <i>SCAC</i>	
Mike Hoheisel, <i>Wichita</i>	Nick Squires, <i>KDOT</i>	
Jim Howell, <i>Sedgwick County</i>	Troy Tabor, <i>Andover</i>	
Other Attendees		
Ashley Bryers, <i>WAMPO</i>	Jessica Hutton, <i>WAMPO</i>	Kendra Schenk, <i>Burgess & Niple</i>
Craig Compton, <i>WSU</i>	Gary Janzen, <i>Wichita</i>	Paul Schiffelbein, <i>MAPD</i>
Dylan Cossaart, <i>WAMPO</i>	Emily Jensen, <i>Sedgwick County</i>	Allison Smith, <i>KDOT</i>
Susan DeCourcy, <i>NHTSA</i>	Alan Kailer, <i>Bike Walk Wichita</i>	Vanessa Spartan, <i>KDOT</i>
Nick Flanders, <i>WAMPO</i>	Brett Letkowski, <i>TranSystems</i>	Dan Squires, <i>Derby</i>
Jenny Foster-Farquhar, <i>Derby</i>	Peter Mohr, <i>WAMPO</i>	Tyler Voth, <i>WSP</i>
Dora Gallo, <i>WAMPO</i>	Lynn Packer, <i>Sedgwick County</i>	James Wagner, <i>Wichita</i>
Paul Gunzelman, <i>City of Wichita</i>	Julian Pando, <i>WAMPO</i>	
Evan Hathaway, <i>Hite, Fanning & Honeyman, LLP</i>	Chad Parasa, <i>WAMPO</i>	
Tom Hein, <i>KDOT</i>	Kelly Rundell, <i>Hite, Fanning & Honeyman LLP</i>	

1. Chair Becky Tuttle called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM.

2. Regular Business

A. Approval of June 13, 2023, Agenda

Discussion: None

Action: Approve June 13, 2023 (14-0).¹

Motion: Troy Tabor

Second: Tom Jones

B. Approval of May 9, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Discussion: None

Action: Approve May 9, 2023, meeting minutes, as proposed (14-0).

Motion: Anne Stephens

Second: Tom Jones

C. Director's Report

i. Comprehensive Safety Action Plan and Open House Update

Ashley Bryers said WAMPO and a consultant team are developing a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) for the region. In support of that effort, they are putting together a Planning and Demonstration grant application for the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary grant program, due on July 10, 2023. A related Transportation Safety Committee/public workshop will be held on June 8, 2023.

Chad Parasa provided an overview of the CSAP open house.

ii. Projects Submitted for Carbon Reduction Program Funding

Chad Parasa said on May 1, 2023, WAMPO concluded a Call for Projects for Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funds totaling approximately \$3.9 million. Six projects were submitted for possible funding from Wichita, Maize, Bel Aire, Valley Center, and Sedgwick County. The Project Selection Committee (PSC) met to consider these projects on June 12, 2023. Their recommendations will be submitted to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) on June 26, 2023, and the TPB on July 11, 2023, for final action.

iii. FFY2023 TIP Amendment #4 Call for Changes Open (6/5/23-6/16/23)

Chad Parasa said the call for changes is open through Friday, June 16, 2023.

iv. MTP 2050 Public Engagement Update

Ashley Bryers said for the first round of public engagement for Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050 (MTP 2050), a survey about the current state of transportation and the future of transportation needs in the WAMPO region is available at www.wampo.org/mtp2050.

¹ Two (2) members arrived after the approval of the June 13, 2023, agenda and May 9, 2023, minutes.

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Ms. Bryers noted that the WAMPO team has participated in a variety of events. As of June 13, five popup events have been held. WAMPO staff presented at all six Wichita District Advisory Board meetings. There are several listening sessions scheduled for the rest of June and some in July. Most of the listening sessions are tailored to specific groups; however, WAMPO is facilitating two listening sessions that are open to the public. Ms. Bryers extended an invitation to members of the TPB to participate. The aim is to figure out what people want for transportation in our area.

v. Innovation Presentations

Chad Parasa said, per the advice of the WAMPO TPB Chair, presentations are encouraged from regional member jurisdictions and regional partners on “Innovation and Innovative Projects.” He extended an invitation for organizations to share their innovative projects. He stated that staff would be in touch regarding making innovation presentations in the future.

vi. Federal Certification Review

Chad Parasa provided an update on the two-day Federal Certification Review. He noted the stakeholders that participated, including the Federal Transit Administration, Federal Highway Administration, and KDOT partners. Mr. Parasa said the review consists of evaluating various impacts that the transportation system has [such as] how we monitor transportation in our region; how we manage public processes; how is funding spent; and [additional] details. He shared that the report would soon be documented and distributed. Chair Tuttle praised WAMPO for a smooth review.

vii. Regional Transit Implementation Plan

Chad Parasa said WAMPO is completing a study to determine what regional transit looks like. WAMPO recently met with the Consultant Selection Group which will make their final determination about who will lead the RTIP project. WAMPO should have a contract for the selected firm at the next TPB meeting scheduled for July 11, 2023.

D. Consent Agenda

i. Brent Clark as Freight Representative on TAC

Chad Parasa said the TAC has open positions. One position available is freight. TPB approves several of the positions on TAC, thus WAMPO staff is seeking TPB approval for Brent Clark, Valley Center City Administrator, to become the freight representative on TAC.

ii. Video Creation Services Contract

This item was deferred to the July meeting.

Discussion: None

Action: Approve Consent Agenda Item: Brent Clark as Freight Representative on TAC (16-0).

Motion: Richard LaMunyon

Second: Terry Somers

3. Public Comments

No public comments in person or online.

4. Action

A. 2023 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment 2

Ashley Bryers said a version of Amendment 2 to the 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 TPB was asked to vote on the 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 was from 5/17/2023 through 6/1/2023. No public comments were received. The TAC recommended approval at their May 22nd, 2023, meeting.

Ms. Bryers reported that the original UPWP was approved in December and the first amendment was completed in March. The UPWP requires a 20% local match, and if approved, the UPWP would total \$2,518,450. The TAC recommended approving the UPWP as presented.

Discussion: None

Action: Approve 2023 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment 2, as presented (16-0).

Motion: Anne Stephens

Second: Bryan Frye

5. Discussion/Updates

A. KDOT Safe Systems Approach: Post-Crash Care

Vanessa Spartan, from KDOT, said post-crash care has the aim to get EMS to crash scenes and emergency trauma to save lives.

Susan DeCourcy, from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), presented the Safe System Approach. It has 6 principles and 5 elements. Post-crash care enhances the survivability of crashes and prevents secondary crashes. Key post-crash care includes the timely

arrival of emergency responders and well-trained EMS clinicians is especially critical in tribal communities and rural areas. One question was posed regarding the optimal time to get to a crash. Ms. DeCourcy responded that for every additional minute, there is an increase in motor vehicle mortalities.

Ms. Spartan said efforts are underway in the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) to address Post-Crash Care. KDOT funds Traffic Incident Management (TIM) meetings and recently had a session panel at the KDOT Traffic Safety Conference about post-crash care. The safe system approach will be implemented in 2024. KDOT is providing local match to support local agencies in applying for Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary funds. The Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services (KBEMS) links crash data with Emergency Medical Services (EMS). The KBEMS is also working on crash notification. Currently, if someone is seriously hurt in a crash, they cannot call for help. The new crash notification system will utilize telematic data, which will send a notification that a crash has occurred and someone is in need of help. The KBEMS also aims to link telematic data to patient care reports. In addition, the telematic data will map where crash victims do and do not have timely care, which KBEMS can use to develop travel time matrices and recommendations for agency consideration.

Discussion: Chair Tuttle asked how to become a friend of the Drive to Zero Coalition. Ms. Spartan she would add them to the list if they emailed her. The email contact is included below:

Susan DeCourcy: NHTSA Region 7 Administrator – susan.decourcy@dot.gov

Vanessa Spartan: Chief of Transportation Safety – vanessa.spartan@ks.gov

B. Regional Economic Metrics

Craig Compton, of the Center for Economic and Business Research (CEDBR) provided a presentation regarding the CEDBR's socioeconomic and demographic findings for the WAMPO region, including housing affordability, employer retention, and attraction factors, and key corridors serving the WAMPO area.

Discussion: Peter Mohr informed the group that if they wanted additional information, there is a link in the agenda that goes to the report. Troy Tabor then said that he was unable to access the tapestry segmentation report via the link or QR code. Mr. Mohr said he will email the report to all the members after the meeting. The links are:

[WAMPO Demographic and Socioeconomic Report](#)

[Esri Tapestry Segmentation—Esri Demographics Regional Data | Documentation \(arcgis.com\)](#)

6. Committee & Partnership Updates

A. Executive Committee

Chair Tuttle announced that the Executive Committee met on May 4th, and the next Executive Committee meeting will be on August 3rd, 2023, at 11:00 AM. Anyone can join or participate in this meeting; they do not have to be a member.

B. Transit Spotlight: Derby Dash

Jenny Foster-Farquhar provided an overview of the Derby Dash and the impact they've had thus far. She reported that the Derby Dash provides an on-demand response service. They employ one full-time transportation coordinator, five part-time drivers, one full-time vehicle, and one backup vehicle. The latest data through May 2023 shows that Derby Dash has served nearly 3,000 people by providing them with 3,475 rides. Ms. Foster-Farquhar reported that most rides are for medical appointments, such as dialysis, while others are to access employment, community supports and services, and transportation to and from local schools. Since school is out, Derby Dash currently transports school-aged children to summer camp.

C. Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT)

No report.

D. Wichita Metro Division, KDOT

Tom Hein provided updates about the new flyover ramp that opened on northbound I-135. He reported the luminaires on the bridge are not lit yet, as KDOT is waiting on Evergy. There is other lighting in the area, [and the lighting in the area] will improve as they get service from Evergy on luminaires. Meanwhile, the flyover has made the commute for people in Maize and west Wichita better. It's important to note the old loop will be closed as of Wednesday, June 14. If drivers miss the exit to the new flyover people will need to do U-turn at 53rd Street to get back on southbound 235. You can find updates on WichWay.org.

Bryan Frye asked what could be done to help people use the right lane without deferring to the temporary signs. Mr. Hein said people will have to get used to it. Closing the loop ramp will help people go to the right lane.

Jim Howell said the reflectivity at nighttime is extremely poor on the direction signs; do you plan to replace those? There doesn't appear to be anything happening. Mr. Hein responded that KDOT has replaced them over time because they do lose reflectivity. However, it is an expensive project.

Lastly, Chair Tuttle noted that WAMPO was mentioned in the Wichita Business Journal and the Beacon for its involvement in the North Junction project.

E. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

No report.

7. Other Business

No other business.

8. Meeting adjourned at 4:07 PM.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 3:00 PM.

