



Meeting Summary
Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting Summary
Monday, April 25, 2022 @ 10:00 AM
Hybrid Meeting

Meeting Duration: 80 minutes

Members in Attendance:

Burt Ussery, TAC Chair
Raven Alexander, Wichita Transit
Mike Armour, Wichita
Jack Brown, Regional Pathways
Kristi Wilson, KDOT
Jolene Graham, Economist
Representative
Tom Hein, KDOT
Mary Hunt, Urban Land Use Planning

Gary Janzen, Wichita
Dorsha Kirksey, Sedgwick County
Les Mangus, Butler/Sumer Counties
Shawn Mellies, Wichita
Nina Rasmussen, Air Quality
Representative
Laura Rainwater, REAP
Don Snyder, KDOT
Jim Weber, Sedgwick Co.

Kristi Wilson, KDOT
Brent Clark, Valley Center

ALT.

Tonja Howard, Wichita Transit

Other Attendees:

Greg Allison, MKEC
Ashley Bryers, WAMPO
Ron Colbert, Valley Center
Steve Degenhardt, City of Wichita
Nick Flanders, WAMPO
Dora Gallo, WAMPO
Theresa House, WAMPO

Mark Kruep, WAMPO
Cathy Monroe, FTA
Matt Messina, KDOT
ThaiBinh Ninh, MAPD
Lynn Packer, Sedgwick County
Chad Parasa, WAMPO
Tia Raamot, Wichita Transit

Eva Steinman, FTA
Jack Wagner, Wichita
Kristen Zimmerman, PEC
Raja Govindaswamy, KDOT
Brian Kidwell, Garver
Griffin Smith, Garver

1. Burt Ussery called the meeting to order at 10:00

2. Regular Business

A. Approval of April 25, 2022 Agenda

Discussion: None

Action: Moved to approve agenda as presented. Motion passed (17-0).

Motion: Jim Weber

Second: Jolene Graham

B. Approval of March 28, 2022 Minutes

Discussion: None

Action: Moved to approve minutes. Motion passed (17-0).

Motion: Gary Janzen

Second: Mike Armour

C. Director's Report

i. **Overview**

ii. **2022 Bicycle/Pedestrian Count.**

Dora Gallo, WAMPO, reported the 2022 Bicycle/Pedestrian Count will take place in September, and WAMPO will soon be reaching out for volunteers to participate in the Count. In response to Gary Janzen's question, Chad Parasa notified that maps of locations to be counted – both past and new locations – will be provided to members upon request. Mr. Parasa also noted that the counts of past locations will be used to identify trends in those areas.

3. Public Comment Opportunity: None

4. New Business

A. Action: Recommend Approval of FFY2023-2026 TIP Selected Projects

Ashley Bryers reported the Call for Projects ended on March 9, 2022. During the following weeks, the Project Selection Committee met and worked diligently on three separate occasions to develop the list of selected project requests for TAC review and recommendation. Once the selected project list is approved by TPB at its May 10, 2022 meeting, the final project list will be developed for state/federal review and presented for public comment. In late summer/early fall, TAC will make its final recommendation and TPB will make its final approval of the TIP. Ms. Bryers reported that 33 project submissions, totaling in excess of \$117 million. Because the projected available funding of the FFY2025-FFY2026 was approximately \$26 million, the Selection Committee had to thoroughly work to decide which projects should be funded.

Nick Flanders, WAMPO, reported the Selection Committee divided three different sections for project recommendations:

- The first section identifies four (4) FFY2024 projects awarded 80% WAMPO-suballocated funding on qualifying project phases (two are projects that are already programmed to receive WAMPO-suballocated funding in the FFY2021-FFY2024 TIP and are being awarded additional funding)

Sponsor	Project Name	New TIP Project or Additional Funding	Initial- Obligation FFY
Derby	Nelson Drive Realignment	Additional Funding	2024
Kechi	Oliver and Kechi Rd. Intersection	Additional Funding	2024
WAMPO	MTP 2050 Planning Assistance	New Project	2024
WAMPO	Safe Routes to School Planning Assistance	New Project	2024

- Whatever amount of funding is available after the above four projects have received 80% WAMPO-suballocated funding (whatever combination of Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), and Transportation Alternatives (TA) funds it may consist of) is proportionally distributed among the following seven (7) projects (with STBG, CMAQ, or TA funding assigned to each project according to its scope and component activities), such that each project's WAMPO-suballocated funding is equal to the same percentage of the cost of its qualifying phases (construction and construction engineering):

Sponsor	Project Name	New TIP Project or Additional Funding	Initial- Obligation FFY
Haysville	Seneca & 63rd Street Bike Ped Pathway	New Project	2023
Wichita	Douglas, Seneca to Meridian	New Project	2024
Wichita	17th St N, I-135 to Hillside	New Project	2025
Wichita	Wichita Intelligent Transportation System - E 21st St N	New Project	2025
Butler Co.	SW Butler Rd Improvements from SW 170th St to SW 155th St	New Project	2025
Derby	Rock Road Corridor Improvements	New Project	2026
Sedgwick Co.	Maple Street Pathway	New Project	2026

- In the event that additional funds become available after the adoption of the FFY2023- FFY2026 TIP, use of such funds will be prioritized as follows:

- First priority is increasing the funding levels on the seven projects above, up to 80% of the cost of their qualifying project phases (construction and construction engineering), starting with eligible projects in the current FFY.
- Once all seven projects above are funded at the highest level that they can be funded, if there are still funds available, the next funding priority will be this project:

Sponsor	Project Name	New TIP Project or Additional Funding	Initial- Obligation FFY
Bel Aire	45th St N, Oliver to Woodlawn	New Project	2026

- And the priority after that will be this project:

Sponsor	Project Name	New TIP Project or Additional Funding	Initial- Obligation FFY
Wichita	Redbud Path. Woodlawn to K-96	New Project	2026

Chairman Ussery confirmed that the decisions made by the Project Selection Committee were made on the merits of each individual project request.

Mr. Flanders reported the Safe Routes to School Planning Assistance is intended for jurisdictions and school districts to for planning safe routes to schools. These plans are highly recommended by the federal government to be prepared before construction projects are funded. Ms. Bryers then added some of the Transportation alternatives (TA) funds could be allocated for eventual construction of safe school route projects, once the planning is completed.

Mr. Flanders also reported there was some unobligated funds which was available to be moved around, between 2023, 2024 and 2025, allowing the Project Selection Committee to also move around project requests.

Ms. Bryers stated on April 4, 2022, WAMPO received a formal notice from KDOT of available funding to suballocate FFY2022 projects. It was about \$1.6 million more than 2022. This is referenced in page 11 of the meeting packet.

Mr. Janzen's asked about comparisons between the three shared use path projects, as not all of them were funded. Ms. Bryers reported the Project Selection Committee worked to spread the amount of funding available to as many project requests as possible, and Redbud Path was a big and very expensive project due to crossings at major roadways.

There was a virtual question asking to explain the disparity between the scoring and the selections. Mr. Flanders reported that the scores were developed by WAMPO staff based off the evaluation criteria adopted by the TPB, but the scores are not binding therefore the PSC, TAC and TPB reserves the right to have other judgement. Scores are also applied by different projects types.

Action: Motion to approve the FFY2023-2026 TIP selected projects submitted to the TAC. Motion Passed. (17-0).

Motion: Jim Weber

Second: Gary Janzen

a. Action: Recommend Approval of Federal Roadway Functional Classification Maps

Mr. Flanders reported the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Functional Classification (FC) system was used to propose a few minor changes in the functional classification system, as well as the inclusion of the 95th Street South corridor where it is planned to cross the Arkansas River and the inclusion of the anticipated future alignment of the Northwest Bypass/Northwest Expressway, from northwest Wichita to

Goddard, due to new residential and commercial development and changes to the road network in the WAMPO region.

Chairman Ussery asked if there was a specific timeline in which changes can be added or is this an opportunity of an ongoing process to catch up. Mr. Parasa said that this time can be used for any additional changes but action will take longer. Jim Weber said he would like to move forward with the changes and requested we don't delay action on this item.

Action: Motion to recommend TPB to approve the changes as proposed. Motion Passed. (17-0).

Motion: Gary Janzen

Second: Jim Weber

B. **Update: 2019 & 2020 Crash Maps/5-Year Rolling Average Table**

Mark Kruep, WAMPO, presented crashes in the WAMPO region provided by the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) for 2019 and 2020. He also noted that WAMPO staff developed the 5-year rolling averages for fatalities, serious injuries, and non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries.

	Fatalities	Serious Injuries	Non-Motorized Fatalities & Serious Injuries
2019	58	215	42
2020	64	259	45

Ms. Gallo, WAMP, presented the crash comparative analysis between WAMPO and other MPOs. In addition, Ms. Bryers noted that WAMPO is working on the Safety Plan to improve the safety of the region. Mr. Parasa expressed that the WAMPO region is not the only region increasing its number of crashes, which is why WAMPO is trying to find solutions to decrease the number of crashes.

C. **Update: US-54 East Kellogg Project**

Raja Govindaswamy, KDOT Project Director, presented the East Kellogg, K-96 to 159th Street. In addition, Don Snyder, KDOT, explained the timeline for the project and the process that went into producing the timeline. Brian Kidwell, Program Manager for PMC, explained the bidding and design process for the project. He answered a question on how do you bid and design if there is no contract in hand; it falls under the design build team and the qualifications that make them the best partner. Mr. Kidwell stated the project is funded with 80% federal and state matched funds.

D. **Update: FFY2021-FFY2021-FFY2024 TIP Special Amendment**

Ms. Bryers stated there will be a TIP Special Amendment to the Federal Fiscal Year 2021-2024 TIP. Special Amendments are done as need and the Kellogg project needs it so it will be added. Mr. Flanders added KDOT requested a special amendment in between regular scheduled amendments 6 and 7. He also stated we are in the public comment period.

5. **Committee & Partnership/Updates**

A. **Safety & Health Committee**

No comments; next meeting is Wednesday, May 4, 9:30am

B. **Active Transportation Committee**

No comments, next meeting is Wednesday, June 1, 9:30am

6. **Other Business** - None

7. **Meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM.**

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, May 23, 2022 at 10:00 AM.