



Meeting Summary

Active Transportation Committee (ATC) Meeting Minutes
 Tuesday, December 7th, 2022, @ 9:30 AM

Online Meeting
 Meeting Duration: 74 minutes

Attendees		
Mark Borst, <i>Sedgwick County</i>	Jenny Kramer, <i>KDOT</i>	Jonathan Tardiff, <i>Haysville</i>
Jack Brown, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Kim Neufeld, <i>Bike Walk Wichita</i>	Eldon Taskinen, <i>WAMPO</i>
Ashley Bryers, <i>WAMPO</i>	Ron Nuessen, <i>Benesch</i>	Emily Thon, <i>WAMPO</i>
Jane Byrnes	Toni Porter, <i>Wichita Chamber</i>	Tyler Voth, <i>WSP</i>
Nick Flanders, <i>WAMPO</i>	Jeff Priddle, <i>Maize</i>	James Wagner, <i>Wichita</i>
Sean Fox, <i>Park City</i>	Marcela Quintanilla, <i>WAMPO</i>	Jessica Warren, <i>Sedgwick County</i>
Dora Gallo, <i>WAMPO</i>	Tia Raamot, <i>Wichita</i>	
Jack Hezlep, <i>Derby</i>	Nina Rasmussen, <i>Wichita</i>	
Alicia Hunter, <i>WAMPO</i>	Rick Sroufe, <i>Andover Augusta Rail</i>	
Alan Kailer, <i>Co-Chair</i>	<i>Trail Initiative, Inc.</i>	

1. **Co-chair Alan Kailer called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.**
2. **September 7, 2022, Meeting Summary**
3. **Agenda Items**

a. Kansas Active Transportation Plan

Jenny Kramer shared that State funds provided resourced to update the KATP. This was an extensive engagement with TAC, Core Team, and the public over the last 2 years. This year they hope to formally adopt the ATP within KDOT and incorporate the ATP recommendations into agency internal work plans and priorities.

For more information please visit: www.ksdot.org/burRail/bike/default.asp

b. Northern Intercity Biking & Walking Route

Sean Fox presented the proposed route that would connect Valley Center, Park City, Kechi, and Bel Aire. For more information or questions regarding the project or to join the project please contact Sean Fox at Phone: 316-744-2026 Ext 203, sfox@parkcityks.com.

c. United States Bicycle Route System

Nick Flanders informed the committee about the United States Bicycle Route System (USBRS) (<https://www.adventurecycling.org/routes-and-maps/us-bicycle-route-system/>), a network of signed, numbered, intercity/interstate bicycle routes along existing roadways and trails throughout the United States.

Currently, the nearest U.S. Bicycle Route to the Wichita metropolitan area is Route 76, which runs east-west across the entire state of Kansas, through Newton, to the north of the WAMPO region. The next-closest route is Route 66, which follows the more famous Route 66 highway across Oklahoma. Currently, the USBRS National Corridor Plan does not show any potential corridors for truck/mainline routes (as opposed to spur or connector routes) through the WAMPO region.

d. Existing Sidewalks Data Update

Eldon Taskinen updated the committee on an existing sidewalks mapping project. This map will be used to identify gaps in the active transportation network that ought to be filled, help travelers plan what routes they will take, and identify critical links in the system. The map's initial development phase was from April to October 2022. Using publicly available aerial/satellite imagery, WAMPO staff manually traced the locations of sidewalks, paved trails, and crosswalks into ArcGIS feature classes, creating a comprehensive map of the entire sidewalk network within the WAMPO region. WAMPO member jurisdictions have been given access to the draft ArcGIS feature class for review. They have been asked to inform WAMPO staff of any omissions or inaccuracies in the sidewalk/trail map by 5:00 PM CST on Friday, December 16, 2022.

The sidewalk/paved trail map provides a clear and complete account of the locations of off-road active transportation facilities in the WAMPO region, which will assist in the planning and prioritization of future active transportation projects by providing a way to assess how much connectivity is improved by any given project. The map will also be used during the development of the WAMPO Active Transportation Plan to identify gaps in the network and will assist individual communities in assessing their respective levels of pedestrian accessibility.

The sidewalk map can be viewed publicly on ArcGIS Online:

<https://wampo.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/basic/index.html?appid=cecccfb34bfe4ddb86e6fcf2cae4b1bc>

e. Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) Progress

Ashley Bryers informed the committee on the progress of the Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A) Implementation Grant. To apply for the Implementation Grant, WAMPO must have a safety plan that was adopted or updated after 2017, but WAMPO's last plan was completed in 2011. WAMPO issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) over Summer 2022, seeking a consultant to develop a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) that meets the requirements set by USDOT, so WAMPO can apply for the Implementation Grant in FFY 2023. The CSAP will identify specific projects and strategies or complementary planning efforts eligible to receive funds from the Implementation Grant.

The TPB signed a contract at their November 8th, 2022, meeting with Burgess & Niple/TranSystems/Vireo.

f. Pedestrian & Bicycle Funding Opportunities Link

Please follow this link to see the Funding Opportunities:

https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bicycle_pedestrian/funding/funding_opportunities.pdf?u=092922

g. The Big Picture

Nick Flanders shared the WAMPO Regional Pathway System Plan (RPSP) was originally developed in 2007, with an update in 2011. The RPSP can be viewed at www.wampo.org/bicycle-pedestrian.

In anticipation of the development of a new plan, WAMPO formed the Active Transportation Committee (ATC) in 2020 to discuss bicycle/pedestrian-related subjects. Meetings have been held quarterly and covered a multitude of topics.

The ATC's conversations over the last two and half years have been building towards the development of a new Regional Active Transportation Plan. This planning process will begin after the City of Wichita completes a new Wichita Bicycle Master Plan in 2023. WAMPO staff will convey the contents of the ATC's conversations to the City of Wichita staff/consultants developing the Wichita Bicycle Master Plan, to ensure coordination between the two planning efforts.

WAMPO staff will compile what the ATC learned about the various bicycle/pedestrian plans in the region and present their common goals and policies. All this information will be utilized to develop the WAMPO Regional Active Transportation Plan.

h. Bike/Ped Count Report

Dora Gallo provided updates on the bike/ped count report. WAMPO's Annual Bicycle and Pedestrian Count took place on September 21st, 22nd, and 24th, 2022. Counts were conducted at 42 locations; four new locations were added since 2021, due to bicycle and pedestrian facility growth in the region. Due to there being more bicycle and pedestrian facilities, there has been an increase in bicycle and pedestrian activity. WAMPO staff received complete data for half of the designated count locations.

Counts were conducted at each location for a total of six hours across either of two weekdays (Wednesday and Thursday, in the morning and evening) and Saturday. Each location was either a screenline (a line across a path or road the crossing of which is counted) or an intersection (where passage through the intersection in any direction is counted). WAMPO enlisted support from approximately 57 community volunteers in 2022 to collect the count information. If it wasn't for the help and efforts of the volunteers, WAMPO wouldn't have had the resources to gather this data.

4. Open Discussion

Rick Sroufe, Bike Walk Wichita, reported that, on 12/6/2022, the Surface Transportation Board (STB) approved transferring the Notice of Interim Trail Use (NITU) to the City of Augusta for the railroad property located between mile post 485.2 (Whitewater River) and 488.35 (North right-of-way line US 400). Butler County acquired rail property between Andover and Augusta in 2001 for the purpose of securing a corridor between the two cities for possible utility placement and or possible public trail use. After approval from the STB the City of Augusta will then be responsible for the right-of-way from the main line on the east side of Augusta to the north right of way of US 400.

5. Meeting adjourned at 10:44 AM

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday March 1st, 2023, at 9:30 AM.