



Meeting Summary

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting Summary
Monday, March 22, 2021
Online via GoToMeeting

Meeting Duration: 58 minutes

Members in Attendance:

Troy Tabor, TAC Chair
Jim Weber, Sedgwick County
Les Mangus, Butler/Sumner
Jack Brown, Regional Pathways
Rene Hart, KDOT
Chad Parasa, WAMPO
Tonja Howard, Wichita Transit
Shawn Mellies, City of Wichita

Raven Alexander, Wichita Transit
Annette Graham, Coordinated Transit
District #9
Laura Rainwater, REAP
Elizabeth Ablah, Public Health
Alejandro Arias, Air Quality
Representative

Don Snyder, KDOT
Matt Williams, Urban Land Use
Planning and Development Trend
Expert
Tom Hein, WAMPO Representative
Pat Stivers, SCAC

Other Attendees:

Michelle Styles, WAMPO
Patricia Sykes, WAMPO
Nick Flanders, WAMPO
Alan Kailer, Bike Walk Wichita
Eva Steinman, FTA

Cathy Monroe, FTA
Becky Tuttle, City of Wichita
Matt Messina, KDOT
Brett Letkowski, TranSystems
Jane Byrnes, Public

Barbara Maley
Lynn Packer, Sedgwick County
Brad Shores, JEO
Brent Chesnut, Alfred Benesch
Bryan Frye, City of Wichita

1. Mr. Tabor called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM

Pat Stivers, council member for the City of Maize, was introduced to the committee. Mr. Stivers replaced Zach McHatton as a Sedgwick County Association of Cities (SCAC) representative. Tom Hein, with KDOT, was also introduced to the board; he will serve as WAMPO Representative.

2. Regular Business

A. Approval of March 22, 2021 Agenda

Discussion: None

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

Motion: J. Weber

Second: R. Alexander

B. Approval of February 22, 2021 Minutes

Discussion: None

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

Motion: J. Weber

Second: A. Arias

C. Director's Report

i. Committee Updates –

Mr. Parasa reported on upcoming presentations to the Transportation Policy Body (TPB) by various cities and jurisdictions within the WAMPO area. The topic planned to be presented is “[City/Jurisdiction] Connecting with the Region”. This topic can be subdivided as follows:

- a) Growth patterns (population, housing, jobs, employment centers, commuting patterns)
- b) Transportation projects/improvements planned
- c) Plans to tie growth patterns & transportation projects/improvements to the broader region

3. Public Comment

Jane Byrnes shared statistics on safety data. Encouraged all to keep in mind safety of pedestrians and bike riders.

4. New Business

A. Discussion: Project Evaluation Methodology & Scoring Criteria

WAMPO employees Chad Parasa and Nick Flanders presented to the TAC members the Transportation Project Evaluation Methodology for MTP & TIP projects. Project selection for the TIP and MTP occurs periodically at WAMPO. Evaluation criteria for regional transportation projects are based on federal goals, as well as regional goals. Troy Tabor noted that jurisdictions would need to fill out a project form, with data related to each transportation project. WAMPO staff would use these project forms to score all projects prior to project selection. The TAC will continue to review proposed methodology and scoring criteria and have further discussion in greater detail at upcoming meetings.

Methodology 1:

The evaluation criteria most recently used in 2020, during the development of the MTP, to determine eligibility for WAMPO suballocated federal funds:

Scoring utilized	Dimensions projects are scored on (all weighted equally, maximum total score is 32)
N/A = 0 Acceptable = 1 Good = 2 Excellent = 4	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quality of Place 2. Land-Use Transportation Connection 3. Multimodal Connectivity 4. Economic Development 5. Financial Sustainability 6. Regionalism 7. Safety 8. Technology

Methodology 2:

Attached "Project Evaluation Methodology & Scoring Criteria" that has following project types.

Types of transportation projects (each has a unique evaluation methodology)	Weighted scoring criteria
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bridge Rehabilitation/Replacement 2. Traffic Management Technologies (Roadway System Mgmt.) 3. Roadway Reconstruction/Modernization/Automation 4. Roadway Expansion 5. Multiuse Trails & Bicycle Facilities 6. Pedestrian Facilities/Safe Routes To School 7. Transit Expansion/Transit Modernization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role in the Regional Transportation System and Economy • Usage (number of users) • Equity and Housing Performance • Infrastructure Condition • Congestion/Air Quality • Connecting Communities/Regionalism • Safety • Multimodal Elements and Existing Connections • Consistency with Regional Plans • Public Engagement/Risk Assessment (ROW acquisition, proximity to historic properties) • Cost Effectiveness

5. Committee Reports/Updates

A. Regional Freight Committee update, Chad Parasa

TranSystems has continued to work with the committee on sourcing new technology that is relevant for the region. The next Regional Freight Committee meeting will be on March 31st, 2021.

B. Safety & Health Committee update, Elizabeth Ablah

Dr. Ablah gave a brief update on the Safety & Health Committee, stating that the committee has mapped out a general plan for the next two years. Chad Parasa will focus on safety and Dr. Ablah will focus on health. The next Safety & Health Committee meeting will be on May 19th, 2021.

C. Active Transportation Committee update, Alan Kailer

The committee is continuing to discuss and review the status of active transportation plans within the region. Mr. Kailer noted that the committee reviewed Derby's and Wichita's active transportation plans at its last meeting. The next Active Transportation Committee meeting will be on June 2nd, 2021.

6. Other Business

Mr. Parasa mentioned that WAMPO staff have been working on WAMPO's new project tracker and will host a presentation about it on Monday, April 12th, at 3:00 PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:58 AM

Next Meeting will be held May 24, 2021 at 10:00 AM