

Meeting Summary

Transportation Policy Body (TPB) Meeting Summary Tuesday, May 10, 2022 @ 3:00 PM Hybrid Meeting

Meeting Duration: 98 minutes

Members in Attendance:

David Dennis, TPB Chair Maggie Ballard, Wichita Jim Benage, Bel Aire Ron Colbert, Valley Center Bryan Frye, Wichita Jack Hezlep, Derby Michael Hoheisel, Wichita Jim Howell, Sedgwick County

Tom Jones, Park City

Russ Kessler, Haysville Richard LaMunyon, Maize Sarah Lopez, Sedgwick County Pete Meitzner, Sedgwick County

Mike Moriarty, KDOT Warren Porter, Rose Hill Terry Somers, SCAC Kamme Sroufe, Kechi Troy Tabor, Andover Brent Terstriep, KDOT Becky Tuttle, TPB Vice Chair Burt Ussery, Clearwater Dan Woydziak, Butler County

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Tom Hein, KDOT Justin Shore, Clearwater Dan Squires, Derby

Other Attendees:

Richard Backlund, FHWA
Ashley Bryers, WAMPO
Cecelie Cochran, FHWA
Nick Flanders, WAMPO
Dora Gallo, WAMPO
Raja Govindaswamy, KDOT
Alan Kailer, Bike Walk Wichita

Brian Kidwell, KDOT Matt Messina, KDOT ThaiBinh Ninh, MAPD Chad Parasa, WAMPO Kelly Rundell, Hite, Fanning &

Honeyman LLP Brad Shores, JEO Griffin Smith, Garver
Don Snyder, KDOT
Emily Thon, WAMPO
James Wagner, Wichita
Jim Weber, Sedgwick County
Kristi Wilson, KDOT
Kristen Zimmerman, PEC

1. Chairman David Dennis called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

2. Regular Business

A. Approval of May 10, 2022 Agenda

Discussion: None

Action: Moved to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed (18-0)¹.

Motion: Chairman Dennis

Second: Vice Chairwoman Tuttle

B. Approval of April 12, 2022 Minutes

Discussion: None

Action: Moved to approve minutes. Motion passed (18-0).

Motion: Chairman Dennis

Second: Vice Chairwoman Tuttle
C. Director's Report — Chad Parasa

i. Overview

At upcoming meetings, staff will release information regarding the next Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Staff is thankful to the PSC for the work they have done on selecting projects. An email survey will be sent soon to committee members regarding Title VI.

ii. WAMPO Regional Economic Development

Presenting selected projects that are upcoming in the TIP, different cities have prepared a presentation.

- Derby Dan Squires presented today, May 10.
- Wichita Cathy Sexton will present at next TPB meeting, June 14.
- Park City Sean Fox will present at next TPB meeting, July 12.
- iii. 2022 Bicycle/Pedestrian Count

We are in the planning phases and in the next few months we will be finalizing the locations where

¹ Four members were absent during the approval of the May 10, 2022, agenda and the April 12, 2022 minutes, then present for the remainder of the meeting.

counts will happen. Please reach out to Dora Gallo at dora.gallo@wampo.org for information.

3. Public Comment Opportunity

Troy Tabor from Andover said, "Thank you to everyone who helped, we had 800 volunteers that following Monday (after the tornado), but that night we had help from 6 different cities and counties. Saved a lot of time and that is what Kansans are made of."

David Dennis said, "We send our thanks to EMS, Fire, Police, all first responders who activated immediately. Lowes was delivering boxes to assist with cleanup to assist people securing their goods that were scattered about. Lights were donated. This is the way that the community should operate, and they did. Thank you all to our staff that participated in helping."

There were no other Public Comments.

4. New Business

A. Action: FFY 2023 - FFY 2026 TIP Selected Projects

Ashley Bryers, WAMPO, reported that the Project Selection Committee met 3 times to review and score projects for the TIP. WAMPO received 33 project submissions, worth over \$117 million. Nick Flanders presented the 3 different tiers of projects, 4 are fully funded, 7 are up to 80% funded, and there are 2 back-up projects. The TAC recommended that the projects selected be approved as-is, with no modifications.

Action: Approve with no changes (22-0)

Motion: Chairman Dennis Second: Vice Chairwoman Tuttle

B. Action: Federal Roadway Functional Classification Map

Ms. Bryers reported that the Federal Functional Classification map shows both existing facilities and planned future facilities, represented by dotted lines. Mr. Flanders then expanded on the changes that were made to the Functional Classifications and alignments of roadways in the map. WAMPO requested input and feedback from communities on what changes should be made. The proposed changes update the map to make it more current and relevant. The changes were reviewed by KDOT staff, who deemed them to be valid. TAC recommended approving the proposed changes with no adjustments.

Action: Approve with no changes (22-0)

Motion: Chairman Dennis Second: Vice Chairwoman Tuttle

C. Update: US-54 East Kellogg Project

Don Snyder and Raja Govindaswamy presented the East Kellogg project, and their goals are to reduce congestion, increase safety, improve trip reliability, and support economic growth. The plan is to have the project finished by December 2025, and to stay within their budget of \$225 million while minimizing overall duration of construction impacts in the area. The East Kellogg project is planned to start July 2023 with Phase 1: K96 to 159th St., then Phase 2: 159th St. to Prairie Creek Rd. An environmental assessment is planned for January 2023. Maintenance of traffic will be crucial during this time and keeping efficient traffic flow going through. A public comment meeting will be held on May 26th at LifeChange church in Wichita, KS.

Please contact Raja Govindaswamy with questions – Eastkellogg@ksdotike.org – or visit www.eastkellogg.ksdotike.org.

D. Update: FFY 2021 - FFY 2024 TIP Special Amendment & MTP Administrative Modification

Ashley Bryers reported that a TIP Special Amendment and an MTP Administrative Modification will be presented to the TPB next month. A regular TIP amendment schedule which happens quarterly, but to accommodate special circumstances can conduct a special amendment. TIP amendments are typically required when the project cost increases by 25% or \$5 (whichever is less), the project scope is changed, or a project is added to the TIP. MTP Administrative Modifications are limited to minor changes to project/project phase costs, minor changes to funding sources of previously included projects, and minor changes to project/project phase initiation dates. Mr. Flanders said KDOT requested the new amendment happen sooner than on the intended schedule so the new East Kellogg project can begin sooner. An amendment to a Maize project and an administrative adjustment to an unrelated KDOT project are also included in the Special Amendment. The public comment period for the TIP Special Amendment is 4/23/22 through 5/22/22. The TAC review will be on 5/23/22. The TPB vote is expected to occur on 6/14/22.

E. Update: Active Transportation Committee

Allen Kailer, ATC Co-Chair, discussed the ATC Committee Goals as inventory existing active transportation infrastructure, including on & off street, paths and parking; renew connectivity of existing facilities; identify gaps; and prioritize improvements. The ATC also reviews regional communities' plans. The ATC is going to start working on their final report, which will include an update to the existing active transportation plan or a new one, and will consider not only proposed routes, but also policies affecting active transportation. The future plans are to hear from additional communities: if your community is interested in participating, it is important that we have participation from your representatives. Next meeting is Wednesday June 1, 2022, at 9:30, held virtually.

F. Discussion: Economic Development

Dan Squires, Derby, reported on the status of the city of Derby's economic development. He noted that Derby has grown a lot since they started. They are working on their economic development along with their curb appeal within their city and working on the residential and commercial development.

5. Committee & Partnership Updates

A. **Executive Committee**

Commissioner David Dennis said no meeting occurred. Executive Committee meetings are open to all TPB members, but how do we schedule Executive Committee meetings where the public can attend also?"

B. <u>Committees: Active Transportation Committee; Safety & Health Committee</u>

No new information.

C. KDOT, Wichita Metro

Tom Hein, KDOT Metro, said there are 10 active KDOT projects, including a water main repair, that are ongoing currently. There is a weekly email that reports what projects are ongoing and active that individuals can get added to.

D. KDOT (Kansas Department of Transportation)

Matt Messina, KDOT, said that Kristi Wilson, planning liaison between KDOT and WAMPO, will be changing opportunities and leaving KDOT. We thank her for her service, and good luck in her new opportunity.

E. FHWA (Federal Highway Administration)

Cecelie Cochran, FHWA, provided information from Rick Backlund, FHWA administrator. He wanted to convey, thank you everyone who came out for the workshop in Wichita, as a follow-up from that workshop there will be several grant opportunities, and later this summer will provide more information.

He also wanted to congratulate everyone on the great job for all the hard work on the Kellogg projects and congratulate WAMPO on getting a head start on their Active Transportation Plan and is looking forward to the results of the projects in the plan.

There is a new development for precertification for grants through the LTAP center, an opportunity for locals to learn how to participate with KDOT and FHWA, should they take up new certifications for grants.

6. Other Business

No other business.

7. Meeting adjourned at 4:38 PM.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 3:00 PM.