



# Meeting Minutes

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 24, 2023, @ 10:00 AM

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

Meeting Duration: 56 minutes

Voting Members in Attendance		
Russ Kessler, <i>TAC Chair</i> Raven Alexander, <i>Wichita Transit</i> Katie Dawes, <i>REAP</i> Danielle Gabor, <i>SCAC</i> Annette Graham, <i>CTD #9</i> Jolene Graham, <i>Economist</i> Tom Hein, <i>KDOT</i>	Les Mangus, <i>Butler/Sommer Counties</i> Shawn Mellies, <i>Wichita</i> Lynn Packer, <i>Sedgwick County</i> Tia Raamot, <i>Regional Pathways</i> Allison Smith, <i>KDOT</i> Dan Squires, <i>SCAC</i>	<b>Alternates</b> Tonja Howard, <i>Wichita Transit (non-voting)</i> Emily Jensen, <i>CTD #9 (non-voting)</i> Mike Longshaw, <i>KDOT (non-voting)</i> David Schwartz, <i>KDOT (non-voting)</i>
Other Attendees		
Ashley Bryers, <i>WAMPO</i> Ronald Colbert, <i>Valley Center</i> Dylan Cossaart, <i>WAMPO</i> Steve Degenhardt, <i>Wichita</i> Nick Flanders, <i>WAMPO</i> Dora Gallo, <i>WAMPO</i>	Nate Hinkel, <i>Wichita Transit</i> Jessica Hutton, <i>WAMPO</i> Alan Kailer, <i>Bike Walk Wichita</i> Peter Mohr, <i>WAMPO</i> ThaiBinh Mursch, <i>MAPD</i> Julian Pando, <i>WAMPO</i>	Chad Parasa, <i>WAMPO</i> Marcela Quintanilla, <i>WAMPO</i> Brad Shores, <i>JEO</i> Kyle Thomas, <i>WAMPO</i> Kim Uttinger, <i>Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas</i>

**1. Chair Russ Kessler called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.**

**2. Regular Business**

**A. Approval of July 24, 2023, Agenda**

**Discussion:** None

**Action:** Approve July 24, 2023, agenda, as proposed (13-00).

**Motion:** Chair Russ Kessler

**Second:** Danielle Gabor

**B. Approval of June 26, 2023, Meeting Minutes**

**Discussion:** None

**Action:** Approve June 26, 2023, meeting minutes, as proposed (13-00).

**Motion:** Chair Russ Kessler

**Second:** Danielle Gabor

## C. Director's Report

### i. **Comprehensive Safety Action Plan Update and Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant**

Ashley Bryers provided an update on the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan. Two projects have been included in the Action Plan: Pilot Behavioral Strategies and Before/After Studies. The Kansas Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant is providing 15% toward the necessary 20% local match. There is a remaining 5% local match requirement. WAMPO anticipates receiving an update on the grant application in October.

### ii. **MTP 2050 Public Engagement Update**

Ms. Bryers provided updates about the public engagement activities for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050 (MTP 2050). WAMPO staff will facilitate one more public MTP 2050 listening session on July 27, 2023. TAC members are encouraged to complete and share the MTP 2050 survey.

### iii. **Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan Survey**

Marcela Quintanilla provided an update about the Coordinated Public Transit - Human Services Transportation Plan. This plan focuses on the transportation needs of older adults, people with disabilities, and low-income households. WAMPO has collected 164 surveys and will conduct outreach at the Wichita Transit Center to collect additional surveys. The survey is available until Monday, July 31, 2023, at [www.wampo.org/public-transit](http://www.wampo.org/public-transit).

### iv. **Electric Vehicle Plan Survey and Process**

Dora Gallo provided an update about the Electric Vehicle (EV) plan. The plan will outline the first steps the region can take to encourage electric vehicle adoption and gather feedback about how to improve the EV charging station infrastructure. WAMPO is currently in the public engagement phase, which consists of collecting surveys about the plan. WAMPO has collected 237 surveys. The survey is available at [www.wampo.org/electric-vehicles](http://www.wampo.org/electric-vehicles) through August 31, 2023.

### v. **Bike/Ped Count Volunteers Needed**

Ms. Gallo requested volunteers to help with the annual Bike-Ped count. She also requested that the TAC members share information about the Bike-Ped count to help WAMPO recruit volunteers. Interested parties can sign up to register at <https://bit.ly/Bike-Ped-2023-Volunteer-Form>.

### vi. **Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Update**

Ms. Quintanilla reported that WAMPO is in the early stages of developing the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) plan. The purpose of the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) plan is to illustrate and document regional integration so that planning and deployment can take place in an organized and coordinated fashion. ITS projects funded through the highway trust fund are required to conform to the National ITS Architecture and applicable standards. These federal regulations and policies aim to promote the deployment of integrated regional ITS systems. Peter Mohr reported that WAMPO will be

developing a steering committee and invited TAC members to inform him if they are interested in participating in that committee. Mr. Mohr identified some performance measures that would be monitored in the project, such as traffic speed, traffic count, and annual average daily traffic. WAMPO will review data from traffic systems such as WICHway to build a coordinated ITS. David Schwartz wrote a comment in Zoom that KDOT has data on counts and speeds they can share.

**vii. July 11, 2023, TPB Actions on PSC CRP Funding Recommendations**

Mr. Mohr provided an update on the Transportation Policy Board's (TPB) decision regarding Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Funding for the Multi-Modal Facility. The concern raised at the TPB meeting regarding the Multi-Modal Facility was about the placement of the EV chargers. The TPB voted to approve the PSC/TAC CRP funding recommendations with the proviso that if the EV Steering Committee determines that the multimodal facility is not the best location for EV charging stations, the funding would be pulled back.

**3. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**4. Action**

**A. FFY2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #4**

Mr. Mohr provided an update on the Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #4 and explained the projects that require formal action. He reported that WAMPO received no public comments for TIP Amendment 4. The TAC is asked to make a recommendation to the TPB on proposed Amendment #4 to the WAMPO FFY2023-FFY2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Nick Flanders explained the local, state, and federal funding level changes. These changes include new, modified, and administratively adjusted projects. Mr. Flanders reported that while there were some administrative adjustments, WAMPO suballocated funding remains unchanged. There were no public comments; however, WAMPO received feedback from the City of Wichita indicating that WAMPO needed to add a project to the formal amendment to use the Reconnecting Community Program funds. WAMPO also added an administrative adjustment for the City of Haysville to move the Seneca and 63<sup>rd</sup> Street path project from 2023 to 2024. The public comment materials reflect those changes effective July 11, 2023.

**Discussion:** None

**Action:** Recommend the TPB approve TIP Amendment 4, as presented (13-00).

**Motion:** Chair Russ Kessler

**Second:** Shawn Mellies

**B. 2023 Transit Safety Targets**

Ms. Bryers provided updates about the 2023 Transit Safety Targets. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) jointly issued a Planning Rule that establishes various performance measures to assess roadway safety (PM1), pavement and bridge condition (PM2), system performance and freight movement (PM3), transit asset management (TAM), and transit safety. State Departments of Transportation (DOTs) and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) are required to set targets for the various federal performance measures.

Wichita Transit set Transit Safety Targets in 2022. They are utilizing the same targets in 2023 because there have not been any major changes to their routes, ridership, or equipment. WAMPO received the targets from Wichita Transit on June 16, 2023. WAMPO's deadline to adopt targets for the WAMPO region is December 2023 (180 days from receiving targets). In coordination with Wichita Transit, WAMPO has chosen to support Wichita Transit targets for the WAMPO region. Review the safety targets at <https://bit.ly/July24-TAC-Safety-Targets>.

**Discussion:** None

**Action:** Recommend the TPB approve 2023 Transit Safety Targets, as presented (13-00).

**Motion:** Chair Russ Kessler

**Second:** Lynn Packer

## 5. Discussion/Updates

### A. KDOT Safety Corridor Pilot Program – I-135 Safety Corridor Newton to Park City

David Schwartz of the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) shared a presentation about the I-135 Safety Corridor Pilot update. He described the schedule and planning efforts KDOT uses to promote the safety corridor program. The program kicked off in February 2023, and increased enforcement will begin in September 2023. The Safety Corridor Pilot program is a five-year initiative. Information about the pilot program is available at <https://bit.ly/KDOT-Safety-Corridor-Pilot-Program>.

**Discussion:** None

### B. 2024 UPWP Planning

Ms. Bryers provided updates about the 2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is WAMPO's budget. She described the planning activities WAMPO will undertake through the end of 2023 and 2024. Ms. Bryers reported that the UPWP has accounted for staff time that will mostly be occupied by the development of the next Metropolitan Transportation Plan, MTP 2050, and other activities included in the UPWP. The draft UPWP will be reviewed by the TPB at their November meeting for approval.

**Discussion:** Chair Russ Kessler asked the deadline to submit comments. Ms. Bryers answered by the first or second week of August. Ms. Bryers also requested input for potential work tasks for 2024.

## 6. Committee & Partnership Updates

### A. Wichita Transit

Nate Hinkel provided an update on the System Redesign Project. The City interviewed three consultants last week and anticipates selecting a consultant soon. Mr. Hinkel also provided progress updates on Q-Line and fixed-route ridership. Ridership has increased overall. He also reported that the Wichita Public Schools and Wichita State University had a ridership of approximately 349,000 students, and they continue to be the city's largest ridership population.

Shawn Mellies asked whether the ridership for the Amidon Bridge route detour has increased. Mr. Hinkel reported that ridership has increased slightly since they are offering free rides on route 15. As of June 30, since the implementation of free rides, they've had 39,856 rides.

## 7. Other Business

None. Chair Russ Kessler reminded TAC members to take the survey and share the QR survey cards.

## 8. Meeting adjourned at 10:56 AM

**The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 28, 2023, at 10:00 AM.**