



Meeting Summary

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting Summary
Monday, June 27, 2022 @ 10:00 AM
Hybrid Meeting

Meeting Duration: 92 minutes

Members in Attendance:

Burt Ussery, TAC Chair
Raven Alexander, Wichita
Transit
Mike Armour, Wichita
Jack Brown, Regional
Pathways
Danielle Gabor, SCAC
Jolene Graham, Economist

Tom Hein, KDOT
Mary Hunt, Urban Land Use
Planning
Les Mangus, Butler/Sumner
Counties
Laura Rainwater, REAP
Nina Rasmussen, Air Quality
Justin Shore, SCAC

Allison Smith, KDOT
Dan Squires, SCAC
Jim Weber, Sedgwick County

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Matt Messina, KDOT
Lynn Packer, Sedgwick County

Other Attendees:

Ashley Bryers, WAMPO
Jane Byrnes
Cecelie Cochran, FHWA
Ron Colbert, Valley Center
Nick Flanders, WAMPO
Tanner Foust, MAPD
Dora Gallo, WAMPO
Becca Hughes
Alicia Hunter, WAMPO

ThaiBinh Ninh, MAPD
Ronald Nuessen, Benesch
Chad Parasa, WAMPO
Marcela Quintanilla, WAMPO
Cheri Schoenhals,
BaughmanDon Snyder,
KDOT
Eva Steinman, FTA
Pat Stivers, Maize

Patty Sykes, WAMPO
Eldon Taskinen, WAMPO
Emily Thon, WAMPO
Cailyn Trevaskiss, WAMPO
James Wagner, Wichita
Natalie Walls, MAPD
Kristin Zimmerman, PEC

1. Burt Ussery called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM.

2. Regular Business

A. Approval of June 27, 2022, Agenda

Discussion: None

Action: Moved to approve agenda as presented. Motion passed (15-0).

Motion: Jim Weber

Second: Dan Squires

B. Approval of May 23, 2022, Minutes

Discussion: None

Action: Moved to approve minutes as presented. Motion passed (15-0).

Motion: Mike Armour

Second: Dan Squires

C. Director's Report

i. Overview

Chad Parasa highlighted how the long-range transportation plan appendices correspond with considerations and factors in looking to the future for transportation plans. This includes expanding and editing the Limited English Proficiency Plan and Title IV, Program Manual. Mr. Parasa also shared with the TAC information on the Freight Conference that WAMPO staff attended and gave an update on Critical Urban Freight Corridors (CUFCs).

ii. **TIP/MTP Public Comment Period**

1. Dora Gallo discussed how volunteers are needed for the Bike & Pedestrian count in September 2022. Please contact dora.gallo@wampo.org or 316-779-1315.
2. Ashley Bryers reported the TIP, and MTP amendment Public Comment period is now open. The TIP/MTP amendment open house is this week, on 6/29/2022, at the Wichita Advanced Learning Library, from 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm.

3. Public Comment Opportunity

Jane Byrnes commented that not many people she knows will use the East Kellogg expansion and that the project is expensive. Ms. Byrnes discussed some of the planned expenses and asked the TAC to look into the reasoning for those prices.

Discussion – Burt Ussery thanked Ms. Byrnes for her comment and stated that staff will look at the validity of the cost estimate for the road and transportation road systems.

4. New Business

A. **Action: Title VI Program Manual and Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan**

Dora Gallo and Marcella Quintanilla expanded on the Title VI and LEP plans to promote equality and equity for the requirements of Civil Rights Act rules and regulations for operating as a Metropolitan Planning Organization. The LEP Plan will be implemented to provide language services for those who need information in any other language than English.

For more information or complaints regarding Title IV or LEP plans, please send an email to wampo@wampo.org or phone at 316.779.1313.

It was also announced that Emily Thon, WAMPO Public Outreach Coordinator, is also now the Title VI Coordinator.

Discussion – Mary Hunt asked what changed since 2015 and the response from Ms. Gallo was that the region’s increase in population prompted a need for an update to the language that was contained in the Title VI plan because of the increased language needs.

It was pointed out during the discussion that in Table 3 of the Title VI manual plan an adjustment to the types of languages listed needed to be updated to show “Spanish” rather than “All Languages.”

Action: Moved to recommend to TPB as written with 1 change on table 3 of the Title VI manual, showing “Spanish” instead of “All Languages.” Motion passed (15-0).
Motion: Jim Weber
Second: Dan Squires

B. [Update: Intelligent Transportation Systems \(ITS\) and Transportation Systems Management and Operations \(TSMO\)](#)

Tom Hein discussed how to use and modify the [ITS program WICHway](#) which contains camera feeds and road conditions for the Wichita metropolitan area. These cameras have operators and detect incidents, then are posted for the public for notice and ease of travel. The goals for WICHway are to enhance safe travel, increase the efficiency of current infrastructure, and provide drivers with a more reliable transportation system.

Discussion – Mary Hunt asked how do you measure success? Mr. Hein said, it’s difficult to do because we would have to track phone usage in correspondence to driving data.

Ronald Nuessen asked, is this connected to in-car Incident Management Systems? Mr. Hein responded, that it is not connected to in-car GPS or Phone GPS, but similar information is connected in Google Maps.

Nina Rasmussen asked, if there are other organizations that use systems like this. Do you post to all those other groups too? Mr. Hein responded, we coordinate with the 911 call center.

Alicia Hunter reported that with support from KDOT, WAMPO staff have created ITS equipment maps. These maps highlight the locations of ITS equipment, such as cameras and dynamic messaging signs. WAMPO will utilize these maps to visually communicate and inform the public about ITS equipment in the WAMPO region.

C. [Update: Existing and Future Bikeways](#)

Ashley Bryers reported that the WAMPO Region bikeway maps from the various jurisdictions are now digitized in one file.

Eldon Taskinen went over the information on page 91 of the agenda packet and reported that the main function this map serves is it differentiates the different types of bike paths: on-street and off-street. The web map is currently available at this [link](#). The interactive map gives the option to turn on and off different bikeway types including current and future bikeways.

Discussion – Jim Webber asked, Has the total mileage of the various categories been pulled so it can be checked in the next 5 years to recheck the progress? Mr. Taskinen responded, not yet, but it can be done.

Mike Armour asked can you note when each plan is going to be implemented for upcoming projects. Put on the website that not all possible plans will happen, and there is a possibility that they will not be completed. Show if it is in the CIP.

Mary Hunt asked, can we assume all off-road paths are for bikes and pedestrians? Mr. Taskinen responded, No, any off-street path that is 8 ft or wide is a bike and pedestrian path, and anything under 8 feet is only pedestrian.

Jack Brown also asked if this map should be labeled bike and pedestrian path, and could be changed to reflect that? Mr. Taskinen responded, that is true, but we choose bikeways because we didn't show all the pedestrian paths that are available.

Nina Rassmussen asked if WAMPO could also show what type of lane it will be so that the public would be more aware of what type of lane it is. The response was that it would be changed to include that.

D. Update: Critical Urban Freight Corridors (CUFCs)

Nick Flanders asked the TAC if they would provide feedback on the recommendations by WAMPO staff in response to a request from KDOT to recommend roads to be designated Critical Urban Freight Corridors (CUFCs). Designated CUFCs become part of the National Highway Freight Network (NHFN), making projects on them that contribute to efficient freight movement eligible for funding under the National Highway Freight Program (NHFP).

Current WAMPO CUFCs (All Recommended to be Kept; last designated in 2017-2018)

Road Name	From	To	Miles
Eisenhower Airport Connector	US-54/400	Airport	1.9
US-54/400	135th St. W	I-35 Interchange	17.0
21st St. N	Broadway	I-135	1.0
29th St. N	Broadway	I-135	1.0
North Broadway	I-235	13th St. N	3.5
K-15	I-135	Meadowlark Blvd. (71st St. S)	5.6
61st St. N	Floodway Bridge	I-135	0.9
Hydraulic Ave.	37th St. N	I-135	1.0
West St.	US-54/400	K-42	1.5

Recommended New WAMPO CUFCs

Priority Order	Road Name	From	To	Miles
1	US-54/400	231st St. W	135th St. W	6.0
2	US-54/400	I-35 Interchange	Meadowlark Rd.	5.1
3	K-96	US-54/400	I-135	10.6
4	MacArthur Rd.	I-235	K-15	2.5
5	13th St. N	Broadway	I-135	0.9
6	K-53	Arkansas River	K-15	2.3
7	K-15	US-54/400	I-135	3.0
8	K-42	I-235	West St.	0.6
9	West St.	K-42	I-235	1.4
10	Pawnee St.	West St.	Meridian Ave.	1.0
11	K-42	West St.	US-54/400	1.8
12	North Broadway	61st St. N	I-235	2.6
13	77th St. N	Broadway	I-135	0.5
14	North Broadway	77th St. N	61st St. N	2.0
15	53rd St. N	Broadway	Hydraulic Ave.	1.0
16	K-254	I-135	127th St. E	8.4
17	K-42	Macarthur Rd.	I-235	4.5
18	K-15	Meadowlark Blvd. (71st St. S)	140th Ave. N	8.1

Discussion – Jim Weber asked, can we add things that don't already exist to the map? Mr. Flanders responded, we were told by KDOT staff that these need to be existing projects as of right now. We can look at future demand for future consideration.

Mike Armour asked, will there be any implications to the functional classification of these roads? Mr. Flanders responded that there will not be any changes to the functional classification.

Nina Rassmussen asked, where did the recommended corridors come from, and where was the data collected from? Mr. Flanders said, WAMPO staff used data from a much larger set of corridors from a Truck ADT status and based on the judgment of what was or wasn't a relevant corridor. Purely WAMPO staff generated and did not seek outside opinions.

Chairman Ussery stated that this was information to bring to everyone's attention for review and to look for the future to become an action item. This is not an action item today but if there are any recommended changes, please contact Nick Flanders at nicholas.flanders@wampo.org or 316.779.1318.

5. Committee Reports/Updates

A. Safety & Health Committee

Jack Brown reported that the Safety and Health Committee is looking into developing an RFP for a safety plan. Their next meeting is on August 1st, 2022.

B. Active Transportation Committee

Jack Brown informed TAC that the ATC met on June 1st and the cities of Garden Plain and Wichita gave overviews of their bike/ped plans. The Wichita engineer also discussed bike/ped paths. Our next step is to discuss with staff and meet again on September 7, 2022. Everyone is welcome to attend.

6. Other Business

Ashley Bryers reported that on August 22nd, 2022, the TAC meeting was requested to be canceled or moved to August 29th, 2022, due to a conflict. Because no action items were scheduled for the meeting, Chair Ussery recommended canceling it. Because there was a unanimous agreement to cancel the meeting, there was no need for a vote: on August 22nd, 2022, the TAC meeting was canceled, and the meeting was moved to September 26, 2022.

7. Meeting adjourned at 11:33 AM.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, July 25, 2022, at 10:00 AM.