



Meeting Summary

Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting Summary
Monday, February 24, 2020
271 W. 3rd St., Wichita, KS 67202 – 2nd Floor MAPD Conference Rm.

Meeting Duration: 46 minutes

Members in Attendance:

Troy Tabor, TAC Chair	Dan Squires, SCAC	Don Snyder, KDOT
Laura Rainwater, REAP	Raven Alexander, Transit	Mike Armour, Wichita (10:03)
Les Mangus, Butler/Sumner	Cory Davis, KDOT	Ronald Colbert, SCAC
Shawn Mellies, Wichita	Dorsha Kirksy, CTD #9 (10:03)	Chad Parasa, WAMPO
Jim Weber, Sedgwick County	Jack Brown, Regional Pathways	
Mary Hunt, Land Use	Gary Janzen, Wichita	

Other Attendees:

Kristen Zimmerman, WAMPO	Chris Upchurch, WAMPO	Geoffrey Thompson, Benesch
Tricia Thomas, WAMPO	Alan Kailer, Bike Walk Wichita	Greg Allison, MKEC

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

2. Regular Business

A. Approval of February 24, 2020 Agenda

Discussion: None

Action: Moved to approve agenda as presented. Motion passed (14-0).

Motion: J. Weber

Second: D. Squires

B. Approval of January 27, 2020 Minutes

Discussion: None

Action: Moved to approve minutes as presented. Motion passed (14-0).

Motion: L. Mangus

Second: S. Mellies

C. Director's Report

- i. Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update – C. Parasa informed the board that WAMPO is making significant progress with the MTP. Some of the ongoing projects include: fiscal constraint analysis, EJ analysis, and document production. A draft of the core document will be available soon, with another round of public engagement in March/May, and a final approval in June.
- ii. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Update – C. Parasa let the board know that the development of the new TIP (2021-2024) is moving along on schedule. March/April 2020: the WAMPO Funding Cycle Project Selection will take place, followed by a final document, public comment period, and board action in June 2020. K. Zimmerman updated the board with news that KDOT has approved a carryover of 1 million of our suballocated funding from year to year. T. Tabor asked how this would affect the end of year balance moving forward, and K. Zimmerman informed the board that instead of having a separate process for finding eligible projects, we would just be able to roll this over to the next funding cycle. The current estimated balance is \$1.2 million. G. Janzen commented that this new policy is a good thing; there will be no need to scramble to find projects to allocate this money toward or run the risk of losing it.
- iii. APBP Webinar – C. Parasa invited everyone to our last APBP Webinar of the year: *Bike Network Connectivity* on Wednesday, March at 2:00 PM. T. Tabor asked for input on how these webinars came about and whether

or not people were seeing value in them and/or were interested in other topics. It was discussed that these webinars were

- 3. Public Comment Opportunity** – Alan Kailer, President of Bike Walk Wichita addressed the board, stating that the ultimate mission of BWW is to help make the WAMPO area a better place to live. Kailer informed the board that BWW supports the significant allocation of the bicycle and pedestrian projects listed on the upcoming project list and he thanked the board for their consideration of funding them. He was curious about the selection process for the projects – which were supposed to include the 5 desired outcomes approved by the TAC and voted on by the TPB last year, including specifically – *Equity and Diversity*. None of the selection criteria specifically addressed this objective. It seems there is a disconnect between the Reimagined Move 2040 Objectives and the Selection Criteria used to pick the presented list.

The Vision and Outcome Statement seems to have been modified when picking out a list of MTP Projects and completely ignored while selecting Regionally Significant Priorities. Kailer went on to say that the Vision and Outcome statement adopted by the board includes: 1) *Safety and Health* – decrease in the need for single vehicle use, 2) *Integrated Multimodal Transportation* – encourage the use of transit and other forms of mass ridership, and reduce the need for individual vehicle use, 3) *Expand the Economy through Mobility* – preserve and maintain the existing infrastructure, 4) *Advance Equity and Acknowledge Diversity* – particular attention given to minority and low income populated areas, 5) *Expanding the Economy through Quality of Place to Attract and Retain Talent* – transportation infrastructure that serves highly walkable transit friendly uses. It seems that it would make sense that the projects listed in the MTP Project list should relate to the Vision and Outcomes that were adopted last year. Moving forward, Mr. Kailer asked the board to use their adopted scoring criteria in future decisions.

T. Tabor thanked Mr. Kailer for his comments and mentioned that it's very challenging to hit every mark. There are a couple bicycle/pedestrian projects listed, however he agreed that Mr. Kailer has a point. G. Janzen commented that in all fairness for what the board is trying to accomplish, the committee is doing a better job of incorporating bicycle/pedestrian components in projects. He went on to say that every road improvement project on the presented list has a bike/pedestrian component, it's just not readily visible because it's imbedded as a very small part of the overall project.

T. Tabor asked the WAMPO staff to create graphics that show the bicycle/pedestrian components of each of the presented projects to highlight where these components are integrated. Dan Squires agreed, and mentioned that he see the value of adding this bicycle/pedestrian component as part of the projects in the narrative of the MTP.

4. New Business Items

A. Action: Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Project List, Chris Upchurch, Principal Planner, WAMPO

Discussion: WAMPO undertook a rigorous project selection process to designate which projects would be included on the project list as eligible for suballocated federal funding. The TPB set the size of the WAMPO-funded project list at \$119 million in 2019 dollars and adopted a set of project selection criteria. The criteria are based on the vision and outcomes of the MTP and include: Quality of Place, Land Use-Transportation Connection, Multimodal Connectivity, Economic Development, Financial Sustainability, Regionalism, Safety, and Technology. In order to increase the quality of project applications and ensure every jurisdiction had the opportunity to submit projects, WAMPO hired two consultants to assist our member jurisdictions and planning partners in identifying potential projects and preparing project applications.

The Call for Projects opened on June 13, 2019, and closed on August 16. Project sponsors were required to submit an application and map for each project, as well as a cover letter including a ranked priority list of the projects they applied. WAMPO received 114 applications from 16 sponsors. WAMPO used an online tool to gather public input on the submitted projects, resulting in 10,096 survey responses and 736 comments from 1,315 participants.

The six-member Project Selection Committee included three members from the TPB and three members from the TAC. The selection committee heard presentations from all of the project sponsors about their projects. Staff assigned preliminary ratings on the project selection criteria, which the selection committee reviewed, either confirming the staff rating or making adjustments. Based on the project selection criteria ratings, member jurisdictions' priorities, public input, geographic and modal equity, and regional significance, the committee selected a list of projects to recommend to the Transportation Policy Body for WAMPO funding.

WAMPO staff worked with our member jurisdictions and planning partners to compile a list of planned projects that will rely on funding sources other than WAMPO's suballocated funds. For WAMPO member jurisdictions, the projects identified are generally those listed in their Capital Improvement Programs (CIPs).

The project list includes 146 projects, representing \$964 million in investment in the region's transportation system.

- 62 of these projects are in WAMPO's existing 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP is the region's short-range planning document that programs funds for specific projects. Projects in the 2019-2022 TIP were grandfathered directly into the MOVE 2040 Reimagined project list.
- 60 projects on the list are eligible for federal funding through WAMPO. Of these, 16 were grandfathered in from the existing TIP. 44 new projects were selected to receive WAMPO funding as part of the MOVE 2040 Reimagined development process, and three existing TIP projects were selected to receive additional funding. When WAMPO develops our next TIP, we will select eligible projects from this list to receive WAMPO's suballocated federal funds.

The project selection process selected projects totaling just over \$154 million in federal funding (in year of expenditure dollars). From 2023-2028, WAMPO expects to allocate approximately \$72 million to projects (\$12 million per year).

- \$123 million in road and bridge projects (80%)
 - \$73 million in road and bridge modernization projects (47%). These are things like going from open ditch to curb and gutter, adding bike lanes, adding center left turn lanes, etc.
 - \$51 million in road and bridge rehabilitation projects (33%) of which \$50 million have both modernization and rehabilitation elements (32%).
- \$9.5 million in bike/ped projects (6.2%)
 - \$94 million in road and bridge projects with significant bike/ped elements (multi-use path or bike lanes) (61%)
- \$0.5 million in transit projects (0.3%)
- \$18 million in technology projects (12%)
- \$3.3 million in planning projects (2.1%)
- \$71 million in City of Wichita projects (46%)
- \$68 million in projects for other cities and counties (44%)
- \$13 million in KDOT projects (8.5%)
- \$2.2 million in WAMPO projects (1.9%)

Non-WAMPO Funded Projects - The remaining 90 projects are funded from other sources, including local governments, state funding, and other sources of federal funding.

TAC approval today will result in TPB approval in March (KDOT projects will be approved at a future meeting).

Motion: J. Weber

Second: D. Squires

Action: Moved to approve the Metropolitan Transportation Plan Project List as presented. Motion Passes (16-0).

5. Committee and Partnership Status Reports and Updates – None.

6. Other Business – T. Tabor asked the board to reflect on whether or not they think the TAC committee is being effective in the way its set up and managed today? L. Mangus commented that the board and their responsibilities have evolved over time and is functional today. D. Squires mentioned that the TPB hasn't gotten the full benefit of the TAC because of confusion in the past regarding how items are brought to each board, presented, and recommended. Troy asked Chad to look into continuing to improve the flow of information from the TAC to the TPB.

7. Meeting was adjourned at 10:46 AM

Next Meeting will be held March 23, 2020 at 10:00 AM.