

Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting Summary
Monday, May 18, 2020
Online via GoToMeeting



Meeting Duration: 1 hour and 20 minutes

Members in Attendance:

Troy Tabor, TAC Chair

Elizabeth Ablah, Public Health

Gary Janzen, City of Wichita

Laura Rainwater, REAP

Les Mangus, Butler/Sumner

Zach McHatton, SCAC

Mary Hunt, Land Use

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Jim Weber, Sedgwick County Paul Foundoukis, FHWA Rene Hart, KDOT

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Jolene Graham, Economist Raven Alexander, Transit Chad Parasa, WAMPO

Other Attendees:

Kristen Zimmerman, WAMPO
Patricia Sykes, WAMPO
Jacob Borchers, WSP
Tricia Thomas, WAMPO
James Wagner, City of Wichita
Lonny Wright, Public
Alan Kailer, Bike Walk Wichita

1. Mr. Tabor called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM

2. Regular Business

A. Approval of April 27, 2020 Agenda

Discussion: None

Action: Moved to approve agenda as presented. Motion passed (13-0).

Motion: J. Weber Second: Z. McHatton

B. Approval of March 23, 2020 Minutes

Discussion: None

Action: Moved to approve minutes as presented. Motion passed (13-0).

Motion: J. Weber Second: L. Rainwater

### C. Director's Report

- i. Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update Chad presented an overview of MTP and TIP cycles. This cycle of the MTP wraps up in June of 2020, and the new cycle begins immediately to prepare for the next cycle due in June 2025. Chad reported that WAMPO will be working on forming upcoming committees to prepare for the next MTP. These committees include: Safety committee, Freight committee, Infrastructure committee, and Regional Bike/Ped/Trails committee. Please feel free to contact Chad for any additional info.
- ii. **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Update** Chad mentioned that the development of the TIP is on schedule. The TAC and TPB are scheduled to take action on the TIP 2021-2014 final document in May and June. Next TIP 2023-2026 document will be due in two years i.e., year 2022.
- iii. **Bicycle/Pedestrian Count** Chad reminded the board of our Bike/Ped Count later in the year. He requested to help spread the word that we need volunteers in September for Bike/Ped Counting.
- iv. **APBP Webinar** C. Parasa let the board know that the upcoming webinar: 2020 Vision through the Lens of Equity would be available after May 20, 2020 to all who request. Also coming up is the June webinar: Measuring the Pedestrian Environment, on June 17, 2020.
- 3. Public Comment Opportunity Alan Kailer of Bike Walk Wichita thanked the WAMPO staff, the TAC and the TPB for their support of pedestrian related projects in the Wichita area, and he urged them to continue this support. Included in the packet was a letter reflecting his appreciation.

### 4. New Business Items

## A. Action: REIMAGINED MOVE 2040 Document and Appendices, Chris Upchurch, Principal Planner, WAMPO

**Discussion:** For more than two years, WAMPO has been working on an update to our Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The process of updating our MTP is finally coming to a close. The core MTP document, Reimagined MOVE 2040, is out for review by members of this committee, stakeholder groups, and members of the public.

Staff have worked hard to make the MTP document shorter and more readable, including lots of graphics and moving some of the technical and regulatory content to an extensive series of appendices. I hope that this will make the new MTP a document that is actually useful to the public, rather than only being of interest to our state and federal regulators.

We would like to ask two things of the policy body: First that you review the MTP document and provide any feedback. Second, get the word out. Please pass this on to your jurisdictions and to other stakeholder groups. We want to get it out there as broadly as possible.

Action: Moved to recommend the TPB adopt the REIMAGINED MOVE 2040 as presented. Motion

passed (14-0).

Motion: J. Weber

Second: R. Colbert

# B. Action: 2019 – 2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #6, Kristen Zimmerman, Senior Planner, WAMPO

**Discussion:** WAMPO's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is an on-going program that assigns funding to specific highway, road, bridge, transit, bicycle, pedestrian, and other transportation projects in the region. Inclusion in the TIP is federally required before any federal funds can be made available for use on a project.

The current TIP covers projects that are expected to be active during Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 2019 thru 2022; it includes 110 projects, totaling \$958 million in estimated cost. The complete project list and additional project information can be found on WAMPO's website.

Regular opportunities are provided to project sponsors to request changes during the project development process. Requests for new projects or requests for significant changes to scope or cost are considered as formal Amendments and require formal approval by the WAMPO Transportation Policy Body (TPB). Smaller, administrative changes\* are processed by staff.

Amendment #6 requests for changes were accepted for 15 projects. Of these,

- 8 will require formal action
- 7 were administrative changes (which include activities like small adjustments in the cost estimate or schedule)

### Formal Action Required

Project Name	Change	Type of Formal Action Change
North Junction Accelerated Project - SB I-135 and WB I-235 Flyover Option #2	Added construction phase, cost increased 12 times (\$45 million)	Significant Modification
Patriot Ave.: WB Right Turn Lane to K15 NB	Added turn signal, cost increased 27% (\$200,000)	Significant Modification
Oliver and Kechi Rd. Intersection	Cost increased 50% (\$1.1 million) to account for increased pre-construction activity costs; project pushed back a year to allow for utilities relocation scheduling	Significant Modification
Phase 5 Wichita Traffic Management Center Device and Fiber Expansion	Cost increased 35% (\$550,000)	Significant Modification
Woodlawn: 45th St to 37th St. N	Costs increased 20% (\$1.3 million)	Significant Modification
61st Street North, Broadway to the Wichita Valley Center Floodway Bridge	Costs increased 20% (\$600,000) to construct preferred alternative for intersection	Significant Modification
I-235 Guardrail Upgrades	New KDOT project, total cost \$1.2 million	New Project
K-96 Guardrail Upgrade	New KDOT project, total cost \$2.9 million	New Project

Administrative Changes (do not require formal action)

Project Name	Change	
Bridges #065 and #066 on I-235	Cost increased 15% (\$105,000)	
Mt. Vernon, Broadway to S.E. Blvd	Adjusted timing of conversions/reimbursements	
North Andover Road Improvements	Cost increased 1.6 % (\$55,100)	
North Junction Pre-Construction Activities	Added conversions/reimbursements	
I-135 1R Guardrail Upgrades (3 separate projects)	Added descriptive notes to project summary sheet	

Jack Brown asked for information regarding which projects included Bicycle/Pedestrian Facilities. Kristen said she was going to check on this and following the meeting sent this email: "I double-checked and confirmed that the Bel Aire project on Woodlawn will include a 10' multiuse path, and the Park City project on 61st St will include "pedestrian/bicycle" facilities. According to our records, the Derby project on Patriot/K-15 will not have any bike features. It is the addition of a right turn lane from 63rd to K-15."

Action: Moved to recommend approval of 2019 - 2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Amendment #6, as proposed, to the Transportation Policy Body. Motion passed (15-0).

Motion: J. Weber Second: L. Mangus

## C. Action: 2021 – 2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Kristen Zimmerman, Senior Planner, WAMPO

**Discussion:** The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is an on-going program of priority, agreed-upon projects, programs, and initiatives that the greater Wichita region has committed to take place in the near future. The projects in the TIP help to implement WAMPO's Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), REIMAGINED MOVE 2040, which defines the vision for the region's transportation system.

The TIP programs, or assigns, funding to specific highway, road, bridge, transit, bicycle, pedestrian, and other transportation projects. It includes all WAMPO funded projects, as well as other projects that are managed by, or awarded by, KDOT or Wichita Transit when federal transportation funding is used on these projects, or if they are regionally significant projects in our region. Federally funded projects are required to be included in the TIP in order to access the federal funding.

The TIP is an on-going program, and the current TIP covers projects that are expected to take place during Federal Fiscal Years 2019 thru 2022. It was updated this year to cover federal fiscal years 2021 - 2024. The 2021 - 2024 TIP implements 15% of the REIMAGINED MOVE 2040 Plan.

Action: Moved to recommend the 2021-2024 TIP for TPB approval, as proposed. Motion passed (15-

0).

Motion: J. Weber Second: L. Mangus

- 5. Committee and Partnership Status Reports and Updates None.
  - 6. Other Business Feedback on MTP and TIP development: there was discussion on "Feedback on how to improve TIP and MTP development for next cycle", "how can scheduling be improved with respect to project presenters".
- 7. Meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM

Next Meeting will be held June 22, 2020 at 10:00 AM via GoToMeeting: https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/372610965