



## Meeting Minutes

### Transportation Policy Body (TPB) Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 11, 2025, @ 3:00 PM

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

Meeting Duration: 62 minutes

#### Voting Members in Attendance

Russ Kessler, <i>Chair</i>	Mike Moriarty, <i>KDOT</i>	<b>Alternates</b>
Ryan Baty, <i>Sedgwick County</i>	Terry Somers, <i>SCAC</i>	Nick Gregory, <i>Maize (voting)</i>
Nick Engle, <i>Derby</i>	Nick Squires, <i>KDOT</i>	Jennifer McCausland, <i>Andover (voting)</i>
Jim Howell, <i>Sedgwick County</i>	Stephanie Wise, <i>Sedgwick County</i>	Warren Porter, <i>Rose Hill (voting)</i>
George Liebe, <i>Goddard</i>	Dan Woydziak, <i>Butler County</i>	Anne Stephens, <i>Bel Aire (voting)</i>
Pete Meitzner, <i>Sedgwick County</i>		J.B. Wilson, <i>KDOT (non-voting)</i>

#### Other Attendees

Javier Ahumada, <i>FHWA</i>	Gary Janzen, <i>Wichita</i>	Kim Negrete, <i>WAMPO</i>
Jared Austin, <i>FTA</i>	Markey Jonas, <i>WAMPO</i>	Lynn Packer, <i>Sedgwick County</i>
Marcy Aycock, <i>REAP</i>	Alan Kailer, <i>Bike Walk Wichita</i>	Chad Parasa, <i>WAMPO</i>
Jane Brynes	Sruthi Kesa, <i>WAMPO</i>	Ksusha Peeples, <i>WAMPO</i>
Steve Degenhardt, <i>Wichita</i>	Brett Letkowski, <i>TranSystems</i>	Riley Schmitz, <i>JEO</i>
Tyler Dehn, <i>Bel Aire</i>	Mohamed Moawad, <i>MAPD</i>	Allison Smith, <i>KDOT</i>
Penny Feist, <i>Wichita Transit</i>	Peter Mohr, <i>WAMPO</i>	Kyle Thomas, <i>WAMPO</i>
Nick Flanders, <i>WAMPO</i>	ThaiBinh Mursch, <i>MAPD</i>	Bill Troe, <i>SRF</i>

#### 1. Chair Russ Kessler called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

#### 2. Regular Business

##### A. Approval of the March 11, 2025, Agenda

**Discussion:** None.

**Action:** Approve the March 11, 2025, agenda, as presented. (13-0)<sup>1</sup>

**Motion:** George Liebe

**Second:** Terry Somers

##### B. Approval of the February 11, 2025, Meeting Minutes

**Discussion:** None.

**Action:** Approve the February 11, 2025, meeting minutes, as presented. (13-0)

**Motion:** Nick Gregory

**Second:** George Liebe

<sup>1</sup> Two (2) voting TPB members did not arrive until after the votes to approve the March 2025 agenda and February 2025 minutes. WAMPO provides meeting minutes that are not verbatim. TAC and TPB meetings are recorded and hosted on YouTube [@WAMPO Kansas](https://www.youtube.com/@WAMPO_Kansas). To request assistance accessing meeting recordings call – (316) 779-1313 or email – [wampo@wampo.org](mailto:wampo@wampo.org).

## C. Director's Report

### i. **Bimonthly TIP Project Statuses**

Peter Mohr, WAMPO, explained that the WAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Policy includes a Reasonable Progress Policy, under which projects programmed to receive WAMPO-suballocated funding that are scheduled to start in the current Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) or that have started but not finished (including projects that started in prior FFYs) are to have progress reports every two months. The TIP Project Statuses report for March 2025 was shared.

March 2025 TIP Project Statuses – <https://bit.ly/March2025-TIP-Project-Statuses>

### ii. **FFY2025-FFY2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 4 Public Comment Period Open 02/28/2025-03/14/2025**

Mr. Mohr noted the in-progress public-comment period for Amendment #4 to the current Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which covers Federal Fiscal Years (FFYs) 2025-2028 (October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2028). The 15-day Public Comment period is from February 28, 2025, through March 14, 2025. The FFY2025-FFY2028 TIP, amendment schedule, and draft Amendment #4 can be viewed at [www.wampo.org/transportation-improvement-program](http://www.wampo.org/transportation-improvement-program).

### iii. **ITS Architecture Update**

Mr. Mohr explained that WAMPO is actively updating the regional Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) architecture, as required by federal guidelines. Progress has been made through a series of steering-committee meetings held in Fall 2024, and the development of draft deliverables is underway. A regional ITS architecture stakeholder meeting and a subsequent steering-committee meeting were originally scheduled for the second half of February 2025, with the intention of garnering feedback on draft project materials. However, after careful consideration, to ensure such materials are polished and thorough, it was decided to postpone these meetings and take additional time to develop draft deliverables before sharing them. The meetings will be rescheduled for late Spring 2025.

### iv. **Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) Update**

Kim Negrete, WAMPO, explained that the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) promotes the safety of all users of the transportation system. The plan was developed through a ten-month process and was approved by the Transportation Policy Body on December 12, 2023. The strategies outlined in the CSAP are being implemented and monitored by WAMPO staff, member jurisdictions, and community partners, including through the work of ICT Safe: A Regional Transportation Coalition. Since initial adoption, additional safety strategies have been identified, and it has been noted that updates to the implementation timeline would improve the usability of the document. The Transportation Safety Technical Advisors (TSTA) met on February 25, 2025, to consider updates to the CSAP and its implementation strategies. Recommended CSAP updates will be presented to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for a recommendation and to the Transportation Policy Body (TPB) for approval.

Mr. Mohr provided details on targets added to the CSAP for annual decreases in roadway-crash fatalities and serious injuries.

**v. Regional Connections Presentation Series**

Markey Jonas, WAMPO, announced that WAMPO is coordinating a series of presentations with the theme of “Regional Connections.” This initiative invites WAMPO jurisdictions to present local projects, policies, or programs to the Transportation Policy Body (TPB). The goal of this presentation series is to keep stakeholders informed about new and ongoing efforts and encourage an integrated approach to planning. The Regional Connections presentations will be scheduled regularly at TPB meetings. Please contact Ms. Jonas at [markey.jonas@wampo.org](mailto:markey.jonas@wampo.org) to reserve a time to present.

**3. Public Comment Opportunity**

Jane Brynes spoke about transportation safety, drawing a comparison between the immediate and comprehensive response to the January 29, 2025, airplane crash and the much lesser reaction to the daily loss of hundreds of lives in car crashes on the roadway network. Ms. Brynes advocated for the implementation of a crash analysis studio to examine contributing factors, such as high-speed road design, inadequate pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, and dangerous intersection designs. She emphasized safety concerns for non-drivers, including children, seniors, and individuals with disabilities. Ms. Brynes urged transportation decision-makers to allocate a portion of transportation funding toward crash analysis to prevent future crashes and create safer roadways.

**4. Action**

**A. Regional Transit Implementation Plan**

Mr. Mohr provided details on the background of the Regional Transit Implementation Plan development process and shared examples of key takeaways within the plan.

Bill Troe, SRF, presented the final Regional Transit Implementation Plan draft, outlining its core goals: enhancing transit options for commuting to/from Wichita; providing more transit opportunities for people in outlying communities to get to shopping, medical services, social visits, etc.; expanding employment opportunities in WAMPO communities outside Wichita – including for commuters from home locations in Wichita; and identifying funding needs and real opportunities that support the service options listed. The plan categorizes service recommendations into “short-term” and “aspirational” goals. Shorter-term recommendations, based on positive community feedback, focus on extending fixed-route transit services and increasing the availability of demand-response transit, with the understanding that local funding responsibility lies with the communities benefiting from these expansions. Aspirational goals, requiring further coordination and funding, encompass expanded demand-response service, vanpool programs, and partnerships with ride-sharing services. The presentation also addressed governance options, emphasizing the need to balance local control with cost-effectiveness, and explored various models, including interlocal agreements, joint powers agreements, and regional transit authorities.

**Discussion:** None.

**Action:** Approve the Regional Transit Implementation Plan, as presented. (13-0)<sup>2</sup>

**Motion:** Pete Meitzner

**Second:** Nick Gregory

## 5. Discussion/Updates

### A. Appointments: Executive Committee and Project Selection Committee

Chair Kessler announced his appointments to the Executive Committee and Project Selection Committee.

2025 WAMPO Executive Committee Members and Contact Information		
AFFILIATION	NAME	EMAIL
City of Haysville	Russ Kessler, <i>TPB Chair</i>	rkessler@haysville-ks.com
City of Goddard	George Liebe, <i>TPB Vice Chair</i>	liebe@goddardks.gov
Butler County	Dan Woydziak, <i>TAC Chair</i>	dwoydziak@bucoks.com
KDOT (Wichita Metro area)	Nick Squires	nick.squires@ks.gov
Sedgwick County	Pete Meitzner	pete.meitzner@sedgwick.gov
City of Wichita	J.V. Johnston	jvjohnston@wichita.gov
Immediate Past Chair	Becky Tuttle, <i>Ex Officio (non-voting)</i>	btuttle@wichita.gov

2025 Project Selection Committee Members and Contact Information		
AFFILIATION	NAME	EMAIL
Butler County	Dan Woydziak, <i>TAC Chair</i>	dwoydziak@bucoks.com
Sedgwick County	Lynn Packer	lynn.packer@sedgwick.gov
City of Wichita	James Wagner	jwagner@wichita.gov
City of Derby	Dan Squires	dansquires@derbyweb.com
City of Haysville	Tony Martinez	tmartinez@haysville-ks.com
City of Bel Aire	Anne Stephens	astephens@belaireks.gov
City of Valley Center	Brent Clark	bclark@valleycenterks.org

### B. Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050 (MTP 2050) – Public Comment Period 03/08/2025 – 04/07/2025

Nick Flanders, WAMPO, announced that drafts of all chapters and appendices of long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050 (MTP 2050) have been posted to the WAMPO website and provided details about the plan development process and contents of the plan. The TPB approved releasing the draft plan for public comment at their meeting on February 11, 2025. The public comment period is March 8 – April 7, 2025.

MTP 2050 is divided into seven (7) chapters: Plan Purpose & Development; Regional Trends; Existing Conditions; System Management; System Performance Report (discussing

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federal/regional performance measures (PMs)); Financial Plan (demonstrating how MTP 2050 is fiscally constrained); and Project Selection & List (containing the MTP 2050 fiscally constrained project list). MTP 2050 also has 14 appendices. Mr. Flanders, Mr. Mohr, and Ms. Jonas provided details about 7 of the 14 appendices, highlighting key points and summarizing the information within each. Details about the other 7 appendices will be presented at the next TPB meeting, on April 8, 2025.

Ms. Jonas reiterated that the plan is available for its 30-day public-comment period, March 8-April 7, 2025, which will be followed by a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommendation and a Transportation Policy Body (TPB) vote on approval in April and May 2025, respectively. During the public-comment period, there will be a virtual public meeting on March 12, 2025, and an in-person open house on March 26, 2025, to present the draft plan and collect public input. WAMPO is also seeking other opportunities to introduce the plan to the community during this time. Please reach out to Ms. Jonas at [markey.jonas@wampo.org](mailto:markey.jonas@wampo.org) to invite WAMPO to attend public meetings or events, or to suggest other outreach strategies.

MTP 2050 webpage, with all draft chapters and appendices uploaded – [www.wampo.org/mtp2050](http://www.wampo.org/mtp2050)

#### **Discussion:**

Pete Meitzner asked about the absence of the KDOT Canal Route Study from the project list. Mike Moriarty, KDOT, confirmed that it does not need to be added to the plan, and Chad Parasa shared that the MTP 2050 project list includes a “category” project for planning studies.

### **6. Committee & Partnership Updates**

Chair Kessler announced that the next Executive Committee meeting will be at 11:00 AM on May 8, 2025, in the MAPD Conference Room in the Ronald Reagan Building (271 W 3<sup>rd</sup> St. N, Room 237, Wichita, KS 67202) and via Zoom. It will be an open meeting; anyone is welcome to attend.

J.B. Wilson, KDOT Wichita Metro, provided construction updates in the region and shared that KDOT recently updated its website.

Jared Austin, FTA, noted that FTA and FHWA are moving forward with processing Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) amendments that had been on hold.

### **7. Other Business**

None.

### **8. The meeting was adjourned at 4:02 PM.**

**The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at 3:00 PM.**