**Meeting Summary**

Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting Summary

Monday, February 22, 2021

*Online via GoToMeeting*

***Meeting Duration****: 59 minutes*

**Members in Attendance:**

Troy Tabor, TAC Chair

Jim Weber, Sedgwick County

Jolene Graham, Economist

Les Mangus, Butler/Sumner

Jack Brown, Regional Pathways

Rene Hart, KDOT

Chad Parasa, WAMPO

Tonja Howard, Wichita Transit

Shawn Mellies, City of Wichita

Dan Squires, SCAC

Raven Alexander, Wichita Transit

Annette Graham, Coordinated Transit District #9

Laura Rainwater, REAP

Ronald Colbert, SCAC

Mike Armour, City of Wichita

Elizabeth Ablah, Public Health

Alejandro Arias, Air Quality Representative

Mary Hunt, Urban Land Use Planning Representative

**Other Attendees:**

Michelle Styles, WAMPO

Patricia Sykes, WAMPO

Nick Flanders, WAMPO

Alan Kailer, Bike Walk Wichita

Karyn Page, Kansas Global Trade Services

Eva Steinman, FTA

Greg Allison, MKEC

Becky Tuttle, City of Wichita

James Wagner, City of Wichita

Matt Messina, KDOT

Kristen Zimmerman, PEC

Deanne Winkelmann, TranSystems

Sara Clark, TranSystems

Brett Letkowski, TranSystems

Jane Byrnes, Public

Jesse Madsen

Barbara Maley

Lynn Packer

Lizzie Welch, Cambridge Systematics

1. **Mr. Tabor called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM**
2. **Regular Business**
3. **Approval of February 22, 2021 Agenda**

**Discussion:** None

**Action:** Moved to approve agenda as presented. Motion passed (18-0).

**Motion:** J. Weber

**Second:**  R. Alexander

1. **Approval of January 25, 2021 Minutes**

**Discussion:** None

**Action:**  Moved to approve minutes as presented. Motion passed (18-0).

**Motion:**  J. Weber

**Second:**  L. Rainwater

1. **Director’s Report**
   * 1. **Committee Updates** –

Mr. Parasa provided the upcoming dates for WAMPO’s committee meetings. The Safety and Health Committee meeting on Wednesday, May 19th. The Active Transportation Committee meets Tuesday, March 2nd. The Regional Freight Committee meets on Wednesday, March 31st. Lizzie Welch with Cambridge Systematics, gave a quick update technology update to the board regarding the Regional Freight Plan. Currently the team is reviewing different types of NPO technology that could be helpful, as well as conduct a study of problem areas. All findings will be presented at the Freight Committee Meeting on March 31st. Mr. Tabor asked that all board members to share their input with WAMPO prior to the March committee meeting.

1. **Public Comment**

Jane Byrnes advocated for a need of transportation funding to go towards updating pedestrian walkways and crosswalks. J. Byrnes noted that physical activity is vital to maintaining your health and wellness. Pedestrians need to feel protected and safe when being physically active.

**4. New Business**

* 1. **Action: TIP Funding Suballocated Programs Management Procedure**

WAMPO made the recommended edits to the sub-allocated funding management document. The board agreed to approve with a specific change in wording from “the fee is between 1% and 2% of the total Federal Funding Award” to “as agreed upon by the TPB”.

**Action**: Move to approve with the specific change as described above.

**Motion Passed (18-0)**

* 1. **Discussion: Projects Evaluation Methodology & Scoring Criteria**

Mr. Parasa introduced new “Evaluation Methodology & Scoring Criteria” that WAMPO staff developed. Mr. Squires recommended that WAMPO send out previous methodology, as well as present the new methodology in sections, in order to approach discussion in sequence of steps. Mrs. Hart mentioned that she would like one change made to the scoring criteria. The bike, ped and transit projects to tie to the planning walkable places plans.

* 1. **Discussion: Traffic Data and Regional Data**

WAMPO currently has a contract with HDR consulting firm. Staff was able to save $90,000 that needs to be used by December 2021. Mr. Parasa opened up the floor for ideas on how to utilize the funds appropriately, such as compiling and storing traffic counts. Mr. Brown agreed that data is important, he noted that he would like to see actionable data, rather than raw data. If board members have ideas on other ways to use funding, please contact Chad Parasa.

**5. Committee Reports/Updates**

1. **Regional Freight Committee update, Chad Parasa**

Next Regional Freight Committee meeting will be on March 31st.

1. **Active Transportation Committee update, Jack Brown**

Mr. Kailer reminded TAC members that the next committee meeting is on Tuesday, March 2nd. The committee will be discussing the status of the active transportation plans within the region. Jack Brown has spoken to many jurisdictions within the WAMPO region and have received feedback on how to assist them in improving their communities.

1. **Safety & Health Committee update, Elizabeth Ablah**

Mrs. Ablah gave a brief update on the Safety & Health Committee. E. Ablah stated that the committee have mapped out general plan for the next two years. Chad Parasa will be focusing on safety and Dr. Ablah focused on health. The committee is also looking at different tools that Mr. Parasa has sourced and could be of use in the future.

**6. Other Business – None**

**Meeting was adjourned at 11:03 AM**

**Next Meeting will be held March 22, 2021 at 10:00 AM**