

Meeting Summary

Active Transportation Committee (ATC) Meeting

Wednesday, June 12, 2024 @ 9:30 AM

Online

Meeting Duration: 62 minutes

Attendance:

Alan Kailer, *Chair*

Kim Neufeld, *WAMPO*

Peter Mohr, *WAMPO*

Nick Flanders, *WAMPO*

Markey Jonas, *WAMPO*

Annette Graham, *SG Co*

Mike Armour, *City of Wichita*

Chaitanya Dodda, *WAMPO*

Ethan Kershaw, *City of Wichita*

Ron Nuessen, *Benesch*

Nick Flanders, *WAMPO*

Troy Wells, *KDOT LEL*

Emily Jensen, *Sedgwick Co*

Jane Byrnes, *resident*

Danielle Gabor, *Haysville*

Tia Raamot, *Sedgwick Co*

Andy Frye, *WSP*

Jessica Warren, *Sedgwick Co*

Jenny Kramer, *KDOT*

1. Chair Alan Kailer called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

2. Welcome & Introductions

3. Agenda Items

a. Wichita Bike Master Plan Update

Alan provided an update on the process and elements included in the revised plan. The Wichita Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Board (BPAB) serves as the Steering Committee and Toole Design is the lead consulting agency.

- **Vision:** Wichita encourages bicycling and provides safe, comfortable, and convenient bicycle facilities for all people.
- **Goals:** 1. Bicycling is safe. 2. Bicycling is comfortable. 3. Bicycling is convenient. 4. Bicycling is encouraged.
- **Policy Priorities:** Alan briefly reviewed all of the 42 policy recommendations and their priority tier for implementation.
- **Route Network Guiding Principles:** All routes to be for all ages & abilities; Direct routes with minimal deviations; Spacing ¼ to ½ mile in Established Central Area and ½ to 1 mile suburban and exurban areas; Connecting important destinations like schools, parks, recreation centers, libraries, and businesses; Regional routes and connections to neighboring cities; Expand the shared use path network.
- **Timeline:** The plan is anticipated to wrap up this Fall. A draft version will be presented to the Wichita BPAB in July.

b. Annual Bike/Ped Counters

Kim announced that WAMPO is working on the final contract with KDOT to purchase approximately 10 counters. The counters will be able to identify bicyclists, pedestrians, and people utilizing wheelchairs and will be utilized during the Annual Bicycle & Pedestrian Count

each September and throughout the year to collect additional data. The counters are portable and will be installed in various locations throughout the WAMPO region.

c. Annual Bicycle & Pedestrian Count

WAMPO is planning the 2024 count that is scheduled for September 11th, 12th, and 14th. The annual account helps assess where bicycle/pedestrian improvements are most warranted. Volunteers are needed and sign up information will be available soon. Once the volunteer information is ready, it will be shared with committee members and partners.

d. Regional Active Transportation Plan

WAMPO will be developing a Regional Active Transportation Plan once the City of Wichita finalizes their Bike Master Plan, which should be around the Fall of 2024. The plan will focus on connectivity between cities in our region.

e. Active Transportation Committee Structure

Kim has met with several members of the various coalitions and committees that WAMPO helps organize to determine what needs and structure can best support each group. After the initial meetings, it was determined that many of the groups share a similar purpose but have specific focus areas with projects/goals. Kim proposed to this committee that ICT Safe Coalition serve as the overarching coalition and that the Active Transportation Committee and Drive Safe Sedgwick County operate as committees. By combining the groups' quarterly meeting time, we should be able to create a more collaborative environment, reduce the number of meetings and repetitive presentations while sharing more resources/awareness.

The group discussed how this might work and is supportive of the change, understanding that there may need to be separate committee meetings in-between the quarterly meeting, as needed.

f. Partner Updates

- Safe Routes to Schools RFP is open until June 28th. This project will hire consultants to assist any school districts and private schools in the WAMPO region interested in developing their SRTS Plan.
- Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050 development is in progress. There is an open public comment period until June 30th. Please help share the online survey with your networks: <https://www.wampo.org/public-participation>
- Alan mentioned that he is open to comments regarding the Master Bike Plan, please email him at alan@bikewalkwichita.org. In addition, Bike Walk Wichita is seeking applications for an Executive Director.

4. Meeting adjourned at 10:32 AM

The next regular meeting will be held **ONLINE in September. A meeting date/time will be determined and sent to all members.**