



Meeting Minutes

Transportation Policy Body (TPB) Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 8, 2025, @ 3:00 PM

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

Meeting Duration: *54 minutes*

Voting Members in Attendance		
Russ Kessler, <i>Chair</i> Jim Benage, <i>Bel Aire</i> Nick Engle, <i>Derby</i> Dalton Glasscock, <i>Wichita</i> Jim Howell, <i>Sedgwick County</i> J.V. Johnston, <i>Wichita</i> George Liebe, <i>Goddard</i>	Pete Meitzner, <i>Sedgwick County</i> Charles Schwanke, <i>Park City</i> Terry Somers, <i>SCAC</i> Becky Tuttle, <i>Wichita</i> Burt Ussery, <i>Clearwater</i> Mike Warrington, <i>Andover</i> Stephanie Wise, <i>Sedgwick County</i>	Alternates Nick Gregory, <i>Maize (voting)</i> Warren Porter, <i>Rose Hill (voting)</i> J.B. Wilson, <i>KDOT (voting)</i>
Other Attendees		
Javier Ahumada, <i>FHWA</i> Marcy Aycok, <i>REAP</i> Chris Brown, <i>SRF</i> Roman Campa, <i>KWCH</i> Craig Crossette, <i>Goddard</i> Steve Degenhardt, <i>Wichita</i> Nick Flanders, <i>WAMPO</i> Michael Gerber, <i>Forvis Mazars</i>	Evan Hathaway, <i>Hite, Fanning & Honeyman L.L.P.</i> Markey Jonas, <i>WAMPO</i> Alan Kailer, <i>Bike Walk Wichita</i> Sruthi Kesa, <i>WAMPO</i> Peter Mohr, <i>WAMPO</i> ThaiBinh Mursch, <i>MAPD</i> Kim Negrete, <i>WAMPO</i>	Lynn Packer, <i>Sedgwick County</i> Chad Parasa, <i>WAMPO</i> Kaylee Sands, <i>FTA</i> David Seitz, <i>KDOT</i> Allison Smith, <i>KDOT</i> Kyle Thomas, <i>WAMPO</i> M Thompson

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

2. Regular Business

A. Approval of the April 8, 2025, Agenda

Discussion: None.

Action: Approve the April 8, 2025, agenda, as presented. (14-0)¹

Motion: Jim Benage

Second: George Liebe

B. Approval of the March 11, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Discussion: None.

Action: Approve the March 11, 2025, meeting minutes, as presented. (10-0)²

Motion: J.V. Johnston

Second: Terry Somers

¹ Three (3) voting TPB members did not arrive until after the votes to approve the April 2025 agenda and March 2025 minutes.

² Four (4) voting TPB members abstained from the vote to approve the March 2025 minutes but were present, so quorum was not lost.

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C. Director's Report

i. Quarterly UPWP Task Chart

Markey Jonas, WAMPO, explained that the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is the primary budgeting document for the planning activities WAMPO intends to undertake during the calendar year and outlines priorities and tasks. The statuses of planned work tasks are updated and presented to the Transportation Policy Body (TPB) quarterly. The 2025 first quarter (January 1 – March 31, 2025) UPWP activity report that will be submitted to KDOT was provided.

ii. FTA Section 5310 Grant Program Update

Ms. Jonas explained that the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA's) Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program, also known as the Section 5310 Program, provides funding to support the transportation needs of older adults and individuals with disabilities. The designated recipient of Section 5310 funds in the region is Wichita Transit. WAMPO partners with Wichita Transit to facilitate the application and competitive selection process and provides guidance and resources for applicants. WAMPO held a call for applications from November 15, 2024, through January 24, 2025. Following the call for applications, submissions were reviewed and prioritized for award by a selection committee. Wichita Transit will announce awards in Summer 2025.

iii. Regional Active Transportation Plan Consultant RFP Development

Chad Parasa, WAMPO, and Peter Mohr, WAMPO, shared that WAMPO staff are developing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a consultant to complete a Regional Active Transportation Plan. The purpose of the plan is to assess existing conditions, identify gaps in the nonmotorized travel network, and recommend strategies for improving active transportation options, including bicycling, walking, and other forms of nonmotorized transportation within the region. The plan will guide future infrastructure investments and support efforts to create a more connected, safe, and accessible active transportation network.

iv. Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Implementation Grant Update

Mr. Mohr shared that a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the next round of federal Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grants was released on March 28, 2025, and has an application deadline of June 26, 2025. For implementation grants, applicants must have an eligible Action Plan, such as a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) that identifies a list of projects. WAMPO's current CSAP outlines strategies and timelines but does not include a list of specific, community-wide projects, potentially rendering it ineligible. To rectify this, WAMPO has created a project template aligned with the CSAP's focus on intersections, vulnerable road users, and speed-related crashes, and has begun soliciting project ideas from jurisdictions. TPB members were encouraged to share any relevant project suggestions. The Transportation Safety Technical Advisors (TSTA) will convene in April to review the draft project list for incorporation into the CSAP and to discuss potential implementation projects that are consistent with the CSAP's goals, supported by the

included data analysis, and that could be ready in time to submit an SS4A grant proposal by the deadline.

v. KDOT Transportation Safety Conference Recap

Kim Negrete, WAMPO, noted that the 30th Annual KDOT Transportation Safety Conference was held on March 4-5, 2025, in Wichita, KS. The conference provided valuable information, presented by speakers in breakout sessions covering a range of transportation safety topics, including a presentation by WAMPO staff, and featured several networking opportunities for attendees.

vi. ITS Architecture Update: Upcoming Stakeholder meeting on 04/22/2025, 8:30 AM, at WAMPO offices, and Steering Committee meeting on 05/13/2025, 10:30 AM, at WAMPO offices and via Zoom

Mr. Mohr explained that WAMPO is 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 is scheduled for April 22, 2025, at 8:30 AM, and a subsequent Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2025, at 10:30 AM.

D. Consent Agenda

i. Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) State Match Agreement with KDOT

Mr. Parasa and Ms. Jonas explained that in December 2023, WAMPO was awarded a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Planning and Demonstration Grant in the amount of \$940,000, for which there is a required 20% non-federal funding match (\$235,000). The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) has offered to provide a portion of the required non-federal match, not to exceed \$176,250 (15% of the total). The TPB was asked to consider whether to approve entering a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) State Match Agreement with KDOT for the purpose of receiving the offered \$176,250.

Discussion: None.

Action: Approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. (17-0)

Motion: J.V. Johnston

Second: Jim Benage

3. Public Comment Opportunity

No comments.

4. Action

A. Year 2024 Audit Report

Michael Gerber, Forvis Mazars, presented the findings of WAMPO's 2024 audit report. Highlights mentioned included the issuance of a clean and unmodified opinion. Expenses were lower than budgeted in 2024 due to some projects not yet having started, but sufficient federal funding and

cash reserves indicate that there are no financial concerns. The audit of federal funds compliance also had no findings, ensuring funds were used appropriately. The management letter indicates that no significant deficiencies or material weaknesses were found in the accounting processes and overall presented a positive report of the organization's financial activities.

2024 Audit Report – <https://bit.ly/2024-WAMPO-Audit-Report>

Discussion: None.

Action: Receive and File Independent Auditor's Report & Financial Statements for Year 2024. (17-0)

Motion: Jim Benage

Second: Terry Somers

B. FFY2025-FFY2028 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #4

Mr. Mohr asked the TPB to take action on proposed Amendment #4 to the WAMPO FFY2025-FFY2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Amendment #4 is a regularly scheduled TIP amendment and would maintain the fiscal constraint of the FFY2025-FFY2028 TIP. The Public Comment period for Amendment #4 opened on February 28, 2025, and ran through March 14, 2025. No public comments were received. TIP Amendment #4 adds nine (9) new projects, removes one (1) project, and modifies eight (8) projects. There are administrative adjustments to two (2) additional projects, which do not require approval.

Mr. Mohr listed the projects modified/added/removed, discussed the changes in local, state, and federal funding, and explained the federal requirements met by TIP Amendment #4: it is consistent with the current Metropolitan Transportation Plan, *REIMAGINED MOVE 2040*, and is fiscally constrained. The financial impact is an additional cost of \$68.1 million. Following approval by the TPB, the amendment will be sent to the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) to be included in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for review and consideration by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Federal approval is expected in May 2025.

FFY2025-FFY2028 TIP Amendment #4 Summary – <https://bit.ly/2025-2028TIP-Proposed-Amendment-4>

Discussion: None.

Action: Approve FFY2025-FFY2025 TIP Amendment #4, as presented. (17-0)

Motion: J.V. Johnston

Second: Stephanie Wise

5. Discussion/Updates

A. Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050 (MTP 2050) Project List Changes

Mr. Mohr explained that on November 12, 2024, the WAMPO Transportation Policy Body (TPB) approved the Project Selection Committee's (PSC's) and Technical Advisory Committee's (TAC's) recommendations for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050 (MTP 2050) fiscally constrained project list. Before the opening of the 30-day MTP 2050 public-comment period on March 8, 2025,

minor edits were made to the project list at the request of WAMPO member jurisdictions. The edits do not negate any of the selections that were made by the PSC, TAC, and TPB.

Nick Flanders, WAMPO, explained that two projects' titles were edited at the request of their respective lead agencies to more accurately reflect their scopes/limits. In addition, "category" projects were added to make future bridge projects necessarily consistent with MTP 2050. Following these changes, the fiscal constraint of MTP 2050 is still maintained. The project-list changes will be reflected in the draft of MTP 2050 that the TAC will make a recommendation on in April 2025 and that the TPB will vote on in May 2025.

B. Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050 (MTP 2050) – Upcoming Approval Vote

Mr. Flanders stated 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 was 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 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 and Mr. Mohr provided details about 7 of the 14 appendices, highlighting key points and summarizing the information within each. Details about the other 7 appendices were presented to the TPB on March 11, 2025.

Ms. Jonas reiterated that the plan was available for its 30-day public-comment period, March 8-April 7, 2025, and provided an overview of the outreach activities WAMPO did to present the draft plan and collect public input during this time. WAMPO held a virtual public meeting for MTP 2050 on March 12, 2025, and hosted an in-person open house on March 26, 2025. TPB members were requested to provide any comments they had on the draft document as soon as possible so that they may be addressed by WAMPO staff. MTP 2050 will be brought to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for a recommendation on April 28, 2025, and to the Transportation Policy Body (TPB) for a vote on approval on May 13, 2025.

MTP 2050 webpage, with all draft chapters and appendices uploaded – www.wampo.org/mtp2050

C. Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Planning Update

Ms. Negrete shared that WAMPO is working with SRF Consulting Group on a regional Safe Routes to School (SRTS) planning initiative to assist local governments and K-12 schools (both public and private) with the development of SRTS plans in the region. The SRTS Stakeholder Committee met on March 10, 2025, and April 7, 2025.

Chris Brown, SRF, presented details about the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program and why SRTS plans are important, before explaining the project approach and steps to complete both school-specific plans and a best-practices guide. Planned SRTS public/stakeholder-engagement activities include ongoing meetings of the SRTS Stakeholder Committee and school-specific engagement activities, including parent surveys, student tallies, and walk audits, among other things. Besides the detailed SRTS plans that will be developed for individual schools, a best practices guide will be created to provide steps for communities in the WAMPO region to develop more SRTS plans in the future.

D. K-254 Corridor Management Plan

David Seitz, KDOT, provided an update on the K-254 Corridor Management Plan, which proactively identifies the K-254 corridor between El Dorado and Wichita as an area with significant growth potential. The plan is now complete and is available on KDOT's website (<https://ksdot.gov/k254-management-plan>). Hard copies can also be provided upon request. The plan forecasts future needs in the area and recommends transportation solutions that will help keep Kansans moving forward. KDOT has a program offering funds to implement projects identified in the completed corridor management plan: the Access Management Construction Project Program application is available at www.ksdot.gov/doing-business/access-management. Projects are selected for funding on a rolling basis; interested parties can contact Mr. Seitz directly.

Additionally, Mr. Seitz shared that KDOT representatives will come to Bel Aire for a K-254 Corridor Development Association meeting to share the K-254 Corridor Management Plan and to provide updates on a proposal to conduct an updated Northwest Expressway major investment study. The K-254 Corridor Development Association meeting is on Friday, April 11, 2025, at 11:30 AM in the Bel Aire Community Room at Bel Aire City Hall. More information is available at <https://k254-corridor.com/>.

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 3rd 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.

7. Other Business

None.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 3:54 PM.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 3:00 PM.