



Meeting Summary

Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting Summary

Tuesday, July 25, 2022, @ 10:00 AM

Hybrid Meeting, ZOOM, 271 W. 3RD STREET, STE. 203, WICHITA, KS 67202

Meeting Duration: 66 minutes

Members in Attendance:

Burt Ussery, *TAC Chair*

Raven Alexander, *Wichita Transit*

Mike Armour, *Wichita*

Jack Brown, *Regional Pathways*

Jolene Graham, *Economist*

Tom Hein, *KDOT*

Les Mangus, *Butler/Sumner Counties*

Nina Rasmussen, *Air Quality*

Justin Shore, *SCAC*

Allison Smith, *KDOT*

Dan Squires, *SCAC*

Jim Weber, *Sedgwick County*

Gary Jansen, *Wichita*

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Matt Messina, *KDOT*

Lynn Packer, *Sedgwick County*

Tonja Howard, *Wichita Transit*

Other Attendees:

Greg Allison, *Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC*

Ashley Bryers, *WAMPO*

Cecelie Cochran, *FHWA*

Ron Colbert, *Valley Center*

Tanner Foust, *MAPD*

Dora Gallo, *WAMPO*

Alicia Hunter, *WAMPO*

ThaiBinh Ninh, *MAPD*

Chad Parasa, *WAMPO*

Marcela Quintanilla, *WAMPO*

Don Snyder, *KDOT*

Eva Steinman, *FTA*

Eldon Taskinen, *WAMPO*

Emily Thon, *WAMPO*

Cailyn Trevaskiss, *WAMPO*

James Wagner, *Wichita*

Natalie Walls, *MAPD*

Nina Rasmussen, *Wichita*

Alex Lane, *Derby*

Diana Edmiston, *Hinkle Elkouri Law Firm L.L.C.*

Alan Kailer, *Bike Walk Wichita*

Tyler Voth, *WSP USA*

Tia Raamot, *City of Wichita*

Cathy Monroe, *FTA*

1. Welcome, Chairman Ussery called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

2. Regular Business

A. Approval of July 25, 2022 Agenda

Discussion: None

Action: Approve July 25, 2022, Agenda, as proposed (13-0).

Motion: Mike Armour

Second: Dan Squires

B. Approval of June 27, 2022 Minutes

Discussion: None

Action: Approve June 27, 2022, Agenda, as proposed (13-0).

Motion: Jim Weber

Second: Jac Brown

C. Director's Report

i. Overview

Chad Parasa talked about the approval action items that are on the meeting's agenda. He said that today's meeting includes updates from previous meetings and will also include some new action items.

Mr. Parasa also said that WAMPO released a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP). WAMPO is inviting proposals from qualified Consultants to develop a [Comprehensive Safety Action Plan \(CSAP\)](#). The CSAP will help WAMPO and our agency partners to respond to trends in transportation safety outcomes and build a safe transportation system for all users of all modes with the goal of reducing crash-related fatalities and serious injuries. Proposals must be received by 5:00 PM on Friday, September 2, 2022.

ii. Bike/Ped Count: Volunteers Needed

Dora Gallo stated that WAMPO has volunteer opportunities for Bike/Ped Counts on September 21st, September 22nd, and September 24th. Ms. Gallo stressed bike/ped count data is important to collect because it is used to plan for future bike/ped investments.

Discussion: Chairman Ussery asked how many people signed up to volunteer and what the ideal number of volunteers would be. Ms. Gallo replied that 44 volunteers, as of July 25th, have signed up. The ideal number of volunteers is approximately 80, two people per location, to compensate for volunteers potentially not being able to fulfill their duties.

3. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

4. New Business

A. Action: MTP Amendment 2

Cailyn Trevaskiss presented a brief background and overview of the MTP Amendment 2. Reimagined Move 2040 is WAMPO's long-range metropolitan transportation plan and outlines the region's transportation projects that are regionally significant and/or use federal funding. Ms. Trevaskiss stated that during the FFY 2023 - FFY2026 TIP Call for Projects, member jurisdictions asked to submit projects to the TIP for funding that would not normally be eligible for WAMPO suballocated funding. This was because they were not listed in the MTP, or they hadn't been offered enough funding in the MTP funding menu portion of the plan. In response to this TAC and the TPB agreed to temporarily alter the process for selecting projects for the FFY2023 TIP so more of those projects might be considered. This change required an amendment, Amendment 2, to the original MTP.

Ashley Bryers expanded on Ms. Trevaskiss' presentation. Ms. Bryers said the amendment to the MTP increases the funding menu amounts for existing projects in the MTP, adjusts time-bands, and adjusts the total cost of some projects, due to the TIP development process. There are 22 MTP projects that were changed. The public comment period was from June 15 to July 15. WAMPO held a public Open House on June 29, at the Advanced Learning Library (in Wichita), approximately ten people show up. The Open House was a joint event for the MTP amendment and FFY2023 - FFY2026 TIP development. WAMPO received one public comment during the June 29 Open House, regarding the MTP, about public transit and rail service. That public comment was included in the MTP document.

Discussion: None

Action: Recommend to the TPB to approve Amendment 2, as proposed, (13-0)

Motion: Dan Squires

Second: Mike Armour

B. Action: FFY2023-FFY2026 Transportation Improvement Program

Ashley Bryers presented on WAMPO's FFY2023 - FFY2026 TIP. The TIP is a short-range plan of projects that implement the MTP's vision. All regionally significant or federally funded projects need to be on the TIP and they must be consistent with the MTP. WAMPO's TIP programs about \$12 - \$14 million a year in WAMPO suballocated funding. The FFY2023 - FFY2026 TIP includes 108 individual projects that are worth \$1.4 billion. The TIP must be fiscally constrained, so projects aren't programmed without available funding.

The FFY 2023 - FFY 2026 TIP development process started with a Call for Projects in Spring 2022. Submitted projects were reviewed by staff and the Project Selection Committee. Selected projects were presented to TAC and TPB for approval. Upon approval the projects were incorporated into the TIP document. The public comment period was June 15 - July 15. WAMPO held a public Open House on June 29th.

WAMPO received 2 public comments for the TIP. One was from the City of Andover needing to make a change to one of their projects and the other comment was the same comment noted for the MTP Amendment 2 received at the Open House.

Discussion: Gary Jansen asked for clarification on what WAMPO was asking the Committee to vote on. Ms. Bryers responded that in May, TAC approved the new projects to be included into the TIP and that today's vote was to recommend approval of the overall FFY2023- FFY2026 TIP document.

Action: Recommend the TPB Approve the FFY2023-FFY2026 TIP, as proposed (13-0).

Motion: Dan Squires

Second: Dan Squires

C. **Action: Critical Urban Freight Corridor (CUFC) Recommendations**

Alicia Hunter presented a brief background on CUFC recommendations. KDOT asked WAMPO staff to recommend roads to be designated as critical urban free corridors (CUFCs). These corridors will become part of the National Highway Freight Network. Projects on roads that are designated as CUFCs, that contribute to efficient freight movement, will be eligible for funding under the National Highway Freight Program . KDOT and Kansas MPOs may designate up to 150 miles of roads for CUFCs within the State, 75 miles more than previously allowed. CUFCs must be on public roads within a MPO's urbanized area boundary.

Eldon Taskinen explained how WAMPO staff identified which roads to recommend as CUFCs. A CUFC has to be a corridor that connects an intermodal freight facility, such as airports or rail terminals, the CUFC also has to connect to the primary highway freight system that is I-35 and I-135. Other qualifiers can be a corridor of a route of the primary highway freight system that serves as an important alternative to existing routes or a route that serves a major freight generator, logistics center, or manufacturing/warehouse facility.

Discussion: Gary Jansen asked what are the advantages and/or disadvantages for having a road designated as a CUFC. Ms. Bryers responded that roads designated as CUFCs are eligible for funding freight projects under the National Highway Freight Program.

Chairman Ussery asked for clarification on which roads could be recommended and designated as a CUFC. To which Ms. Bryers responded that the roads must be within the urbanized area boundary. Chairman Ussery followed up his question by asking how the urbanized area boundary is expanded. Ms. Bryers responded that WAMPO is waiting for the 2020 census data first before discussing potentially expanding the urbanized area boundary.

Action: Recommend to the TPB to approve WAMPO approved CUFCs, as proposed (13-0).

Motion: Chairman Ussery

Second: Dan Squires

D. **Discussion: UPWP 101 & 2023 Tasks for the 2023 UPWP**

Ashley Bryers presented an overview of what a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is and discussed potential tasks that WAMPO is planning to update in 2023 UPWP. The UPWP addresses planning requirements and projects that work with federal funds and include all the fundings that WAMPO will use, and it is developed annually. Federal Highway Administration/Federal Transit Administration (FTA) approves the UPWP with KDOT providing oversight. The components of the UPWP include:

- WAMPO planning work tasks
- resulting products of the WAMPO planning work tasks
- responsible organizations
- time frames
- Funding and funding sources

There are five core documents that WAMPO is required to do as an MPO: Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), Public Participation Plan (PPP), and the Congestion Management Process (CMP).

Discussion: Gary Jansen asked for clarification about the Greater Wichita Bike Map and what type of facilities are shown. Ms. Bryers responded that at the time of developing the map, WAMPO could evaluate the needs to be incorporated in the map.

Mr. Jansen asked for clarification about applying/funding for the Safe Routes to School Planning Assistance. Ms. Bryers responded that WAMPO receives TA funding, of which some is designated for Safe Routes to School funding. WAMPO will use the Safe Routes to School Planning Assistance process develop Safe Routes to School Plans. A component of the planning process is to identify projects possible to receive WAMPO suballocated Safe Routes to School funding for future TIP development cycles.

Chad Parasa commented that WAMPO is anticipating hiring more staff with transportation engineering and data background to help WAMPO accomplish its future UPWP tasks.

Chairman Ussery asked what the master link is for who talks to who, Ms. Bryers responded that it feeds into the MTP for the future.

E. **Action: 2022 UPWP Amendment 1**

Chad Parasa discussed the 2022 UPWP Amendment 1 proposed changes. The changes include:

- Increasing full-time staff from 8 to 12 staff,
- Moving \$54,000 from Salaries and Benefits to Operating Expenses
- Adding Surency FSA to Operating Expenses

The total of CPG expenditures are \$1,687,100, with no changes made to the total anticipated expenditures.

Public Comment Period is taking place from July 19 through August 2, 2022. While TAC is occurring during the public comment period, if any comments are received, they will be presented to the TPB prior to their consideration of the item.

Discussion: None

Action: Recommend to the TPB to approve 2022 UPWP Amendment 1 (13-0).

Motion: Dan Squires

Second: Jim Webber

F. **Update: Air Quality, Nina Rasmussen, City of Wichita**

Nina Rasmussen talked about how the City of Wichita Air Quality program is funded by a yearly grant provided through Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) from Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The City of Wichita Air Quality program provides education, outreach, and emissions mitigation strategies. The area is monitored by three area monitors managed by KDHE, monitors track ozone, PM2.5, and PM10. Wichita MSA is considered a region in attainment (maintain levels below 70 ppb) of National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). Wichita's current 3-Year Rolling Average is 64 ppb but is not finalized as Ozone season continues through October. When looking ahead, the Air Quality Program wants to work with other agencies and businesses to develop Ozone Action Plans. NAAQS are under consideration for revision, which would lower the threshold of what is considered safe, and if that change is lowered this will require more collaborative effort to maintain attainment.

Discussion: Jim Weber asked for clarification on the source categories. Ms. Rasmussen responded that the categories are specifically for Sedgwick County and includes nitrogen oxides and VOCs but not the full spectrum of greenhouse gasses.

Chairman Ussery asked if Ozone Action Plans are optional for businesses. Ms. Rasmussen stated that the plans are optional.

Jack Brown asked for clarification as to when the EPA revises their air quality standards. Ms. Rasmussen stated that, it is anticipated that NAAQs will be revised in 2023. Allison Smith commented and confirmed that NAAQS is reviewed every five years.

5. Committee Reports/Updates

A. Safety & Health Committee (SHC), Jack Brown

Jack Brown SHC meets on August 3rd at 9:30 AM, WAMPO staff is drafting an agenda that will go over county health data which looks at factors that biking and walking could help improve. There are hopes to have City staff discuss the plans on the Broadway safety corridor.

B. Active Transportation Committee (ATC), Alan Kailer & Jack Brown

Alan Kailer informed the committee that the next meeting for ATC is on September 7, the first Wednesday, at 9:30 AM and is in the process of developing the agenda.

6. Other Business

Chad Parasa introduced Allison Smith as KDOT's new liaison to WAMPO. WAMPO staff will create and share a link to the TIP project table, accessible online.

Reminder: August 29th TAC meeting is canceled.

7. Adjournment

Chairman Ussery closed the meeting at 11:06 AM.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 26, 2022, at 10:00 AM.