



Meeting Minutes

Transportation Policy Body (TPB) Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 11th, 2023, @ 3:00 PM

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

Meeting Duration: 93 minutes

Voting Members in Attendance		
Becky Tuttle, TPB Chair Jim Benage, <i>Bel Aire</i> Ronald Colbert, <i>Valley Center</i> David Dennis, <i>Sedgwick County</i> Bryan Frye, <i>Wichita</i> Jack Hezlep, <i>Derby</i> Michael Hoheisel, <i>Wichita</i> Jim Howell, <i>Sedgwick County</i>	Tom Jones, <i>Park City</i> Russ Kessler, <i>Haysville</i> Sarah Lopez, <i>Sedgwick County</i> Mike Moriarty, <i>KDOT</i> Terry Somers, <i>SCAC</i> Pat Stivers, <i>Maize</i> Troy Tabor, <i>Andover</i> Dan Woydziak, <i>Butler County</i>	Alternates: William Black, <i>Haysville (non-voting)</i> Warren Porter, <i>City of Rose Hill (voting)</i> Kamme Sroufe, <i>City of Kechi (voting)</i> Tom Stolz, <i>Sedgwick County (voted on approvals of July agenda and June minutes; became non-voting when TPB member serving as alternate for arrived)</i>
Other Attendees		
Ashley Bryers, <i>WAMPO</i> Jane Byrnes Steve Degenhardt, <i>Wichita</i> Srilekha Dodda, <i>WAMPO</i> Grant Ellis, <i>Wichita</i> Nick Flanders, <i>WAMPO</i> Dora Gallo, <i>WAMPO</i> Erin Grushon, <i>Burgess & Niple</i> Paul Gunzelman, <i>Wichita</i> Evan Hathaway, <i>Hite, Fanning & Honeyman LLP</i> Jessica Hutton, <i>WAMPO</i>	Gary Janzen, <i>Wichita</i> Daniel Kiser, <i>KDOT</i> Peter Mohr, <i>WAMPO</i> Lynn Packer, <i>Sedgwick County</i> Julian Pando, <i>WAMPO</i> Chad Parasa, <i>WAMPO</i> Marcela Quintanilla, <i>WAMPO</i> Tia Raamot, <i>Wichita</i> Shae Rowe, <i>Sedgwick County</i> Kelly Rundell, <i>Hite, Fanning & Honeyman LLP</i> Paul Schiffelbein, <i>MAPD</i>	Noel Schneider, <i>KDOT</i> Kendra Schenck, <i>Burgess & Niple</i> Allison Smith, <i>KDOT</i> Dan Squires, <i>Derby</i> Kyle Thomas, <i>WAMPO</i> Brian Turner, <i>Wichita Sports Commission</i> Tyler Voth, <i>WSP</i> James Wagner, <i>Wichita</i> Jessica Warren, <i>WAMPO</i> Jim Weber, <i>JEO</i> Troy Wells, <i>KDOT</i>

- 1. Chair Becky Tuttle called the meeting to order at 03:00 PM.**
- 2. Regular Business**

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A. Approval of July 11, 2023, Agenda

Discussion: None

Action: Approve July 11, 2023, agenda, as proposed (15-0).¹

Motion: Dan Woydziak

Second: Troy Tabor

B. Approval of June 13, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Discussion: None

Action: Approve June 13, 2023, meeting minutes, as proposed (14-1).

Motion: Troy Tabor

Second: Dan Woydziak

C. Director's Report

i. FFY2023 TIP Projects Status Update

Nick Flanders, WAMPO, provided a TIP project status update. The WAMPO TIP Policy includes a Reasonable Progress Policy, under which projects receiving WAMPO-suballocated funding in the current FFY or that received it in a past FFY but are not completed are to have bimonthly progress reports to the TAC/TPB.

ii. Comprehensive Safety Action Plan Update and Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Application

WAMPO and a consultant team are developing a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) for the region. Ashley Bryers, WAMPO, provided an update about the CSAP status and the application for Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant funding that would support that effort. The SS4A grant application was due on July 10, 2023. WAMPO staff submitted the application on June 30. Ms. Bryers reported that WAMPO requested funding for two buckets of projects that fall under the "Planning and Demonstration Grant." Those projects include Pilot Behavioral Strategies and Before and After Studies projects. The state of Kansas will provide a 15% local match, meaning local jurisdictions would only need to pay a 5% match if awarded a grant. Erin Grushon, Burgess and Niple shared that they should receive updates about the grant application near the end of the year.

iii. MTP 2050 Public Engagement Update

Ms. Bryers said that for the first round of public engagement for Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050 (MTP 2050), a survey about the current state of transportation and the future of transportation needs in the WAMPO region is available at www.wampo.org/mtp2050. Ms. Bryers reported that WAMPO staff are attending public meetings and holding pop-up events in May-July 2023 to promote this survey and gather responses. In addition to collecting input through the survey, nine stakeholder listening

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sessions were facilitated in June and July 2023. WAMPO will facilitate two additional sessions on July 20 and 27, 2023.

Ms. Bryers requested that the TPB complete the MTP 2050, Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation (CPT-HST) Plan, and Electric Vehicle Plan surveys available on the WAMPO website. The MTP 2050 and CPT-HST Plan surveys are available until July 31, 2023. The Electric Vehicle Plan survey is available until August 31, 2023. Learn more about each survey at www.wampo.org.

iv. Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan Survey

Ms. Bryers reported that WAMPO is currently updating its Coordinated Public Transit - Human Services Transportation Plan. As part of the plan development, WAMPO has launched a public survey. Ms. Bryers reported that WAMPO staff visited the Wichita Transit Center to collect surveys from bus riders as part of that effort. The survey is available in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese. Access the survey until July 31, 2023, at www.wampo.org/public-transit.

v. Electric Vehicle Plan Survey

Ms. Bryers also reported that WAMPO is developing an Electric Vehicle Plan for the region and has opened a survey in support of it. The purpose of the survey is to gather public feedback about where to install electric vehicle chargers. In addition, survey responses will help WAMPO understand needs and identify potential goals and strategies for this plan. The survey is available in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese. Access the survey until August 31, 2023, at www.wampo.org/electric-vehicles.

Chair Tuttle requested that an email about each survey be sent to the TPB.

vi. Innovation Presentations

No discussion.

vii. Quarterly Task Chart (April-June) and Six-Month UPWP Report

Chad Parasa, WAMPO Executive Director, directed the TPB to review the Quarterly Task Chart and Six-Month UPWP Report: <https://bit.ly/2Q-UPWP-Task-Chart-Report>

viii. FFY2023-FFY2026 TIP Administrative Adjustment 3.1

No discussion.

ix. Public Comment Period Open for FFY2023-2026 TIP Amendment 4

Mr. Parasa informed the TPB that the public comment period for TIP Amendment 4 is open from June 30 to July 14, 2023. After the public comment period, the amendment will be presented to the TAC and TPB for approval. TIP Amendment 4 can be reviewed on the WAMPO website: <https://bit.ly/TIP-Amendment-4-2023-2026>. Hard copies of the amendment are available at the WAMPO office.

x. KDOT Safety Corridor Pilot Program

Mr. Parasa provided an overview of the KDOT Safety Corridor Pilot Program. The program will address the I-135 corridor between Newton and Park City. The purpose of the program is to improve the safety of the corridor. To do that, a consultant team, in partnership with WAMPO, will focus on public awareness, enforcement, and additional factors. Additional updates and a presentation about the program will be provided soon. For information about the Safety Corridor Pilot Program, visit www.ksdot.gov/bureaus/burTrafficSaf/safetycorridor.asp.

xi. Walk Bike Roll Kansas Active Transportation Summit, 9/20-22, McPherson, KS

Mr. Parasa directed the TPB to review a link about the Walk Bike Roll Kansas Active Transportation Summit that will occur September 20-22 in McPherson, KS. Learn more at: www.walkbikerollks.com

D. Consent Agenda

Discussion: None

Action: Approve all Consent Agenda Items (18-0).

Motion: Dan Woydziak

Second: Troy Tabor

i. Video Creation Services Contract

Enter into a contract with Method Productions to provide video creation services through December 31, 2023, for not to exceed \$49,604.66. The number of videos to be produced in 2024 and 2025 will be negotiated prior to the start of each of those years, with a budget for each year not exceeding \$50,000.

ii. Regional Transit Implementation Plan Contract

Enter into a contract with SRF Consulting Group with Nelson Nygaard and Shockey Consulting to develop a Regional Transit Implementation Plan through December 31, 2024, for not to exceed \$149,922.11. Consultants will collaborate with the United Community Transit Coalition (UCTC) and engage with transit agencies and decision-makers to establish a coordinated regional transit network.

3. Public Comments

Jayne Byrnes, a Wichita resident, expressed concerns about the high pedestrian fatality count caused by car crashes. She reported that this fatality rate is trending nationally and locally. Ms. Byrnes urged the TPB to consider the safety of pedestrians and bicycle riders. She advocated for the board to include diverse stakeholders, such as social workers, who will select projects to fund in upcoming years that prioritize the safety of non-drivers.

4. Action

A. Project Selection Committee 6/12/2023 Recommendations

Ms. Bryers reported that the WAMPO Project Selection Committee (PSC) met on June 12, 2023. They made project-funding recommendations that were submitted to the TPB for final action. First, in response to submissions for a special Call for Projects (March 1-May 1, 2023), they recommended five (5) specific projects to which to award approximately \$3.9 million (cumulatively) of Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) in FFY2024-FFY2025. Then, they recommended permitting \$131,559 of unused CRRSAA funding from the WAMPO project “WAMPO Travel Demand Model Update” to be placed on a “phase 2” TDM-update project, provided that recent Federal legislative actions allow it. The primary goal of the CRP is to reduce CO₂ emissions from transportation. Six projects were submitted for funding. Peter Mohr, WAMPO, explained the Project Selection Committee’s recommendations for funding and discussed the process for determining how to obligate remaining CRRSAA funds. Contingent on state and federal rules allowing it, WAMPO staff proposed, and the PSC recommended that the remaining funds be allowed to be moved to the FFY2024 project “WAMPO Travel Demand Model Update Phase 2”.

The PSC recommended that the following projects be awarded CRP funds:

<i>WAMPO I.D.</i>	<i>Lead Agency</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Anticipated FFY</i>
40-511	Sedgwick County	Maple Street Pathway	\$39,827*	2025
New TIP project	Bel Aire	53rd St Multiuse Path	\$292,242*	2024
New TIP project	Valley Center	Seneca St Multiuse Path	\$417,310*	2025
New TIP project	Wichita	Multimodal Facility (MMF)	\$1,000,000**	2024
40-522	Wichita	Redbud Path, Woodlawn to K-96	Remainder***	2025

*Brings project up to 80% federal funding on qualifying project phases.

**\$1,000,000 is the amount of funding that was requested; lead-agency staff have vouched that, with that amount of funding, the project will not exceed 80% federal funding (revised project cost estimate unavailable at this time). This will be a separate TIP project from the existing project “Delano Transit Center” (40-570), covering the non-transit aspects of the planned facility (e.g., electric-vehicle charging stations and bicycle storage).

***Amount cannot be known for certain until the FFY2024 WAMPO suballocation of CRP funds is announced. Current estimate is \$2,234,019.

Discussion:

David Dennis asked why the project “Maple Street Pathway” was only considered for \$39,827. Mr. Mohr explained that the funding brings the project up to 80% federal funding, as it already had other federal funding.

Dan Woydziak further explained that several projects were funded short of 80%. The group will later meet to reach 80% funding if additional funding becomes available.

Mr. Dennis then asked whether the electric vehicle (EV) chargers at the Multimodal Facility (MMF) were for busses or passenger vehicles and followed up with a question about how the location for the chargers was determined. Paul Gunzelman, City of Wichita, reported that the project scope has always included installing electric vehicle charging stations in the multimodal facility.

Mr. Dennis then expressed concern about the location of the electric vehicle charging stations due to the seemingly low demand for EV drivers to charge their vehicles in that area. As such, he expressed hesitation about allocating funding to this project.

James Wagner, Mr. Woydziak, and Ms. Bryers further explained the project's scope and factors that were considered for funding the multimodal facility. The Multimodal Facility already was going to include EV charging station, regardless of whether it received CRP funds, and no other EV-charging locations were submitted for the funding.

Gary Janzen, City of Wichita, reported that the city has a \$15 million grant from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The project included electric vehicle chargers in the MMF. The project will build the infrastructure for EV charging stations, and additional funding will be allocated to the project in the future. This project scope always included charging stations as part of the FTA project.

The TPB discussed whether it was feasible to defer this action for one month and submit it to the TAC to review it again. Ms. Bryers reported that the projects must be included in the TIP by November, so the projects should be approved by October, as the funding will expire soon.

Mr. Woydziak reported that if the plan changes and the board decides to build the EV charging stations elsewhere, they may take the funding. It is unlikely that the board will get additional information to improve the plan or determine whether a new location for the project is better.

Proposed Action: Defer action on the PSC's/TAC's CRP funding recommendations for one month and vote on them at the next TPB meeting.

Motion: David Dennis

Second: Jim Howell

Motion Failed (voice vote)²

Action: Approve the PSC's/TAC's CRP funding recommendations, with the proviso that if it is discovered that the Multimodal Facility is a poor location for EV charging stations, the funding be pulled back (14-0).

Motion: Jim Benage

Second: Dan Woydziak

Action: Approve the PSC's/TAC's CRRSAA funding recommendations, as presented (14-0).

² Four (4) members or voting alternates left prior to all votes related to Action Item 4A, "Project Selection Committee 6/12/2023 Recommendations."

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Motion: Dan Woydziak

Second: Troy Tabor

5. Discussion/Updates

A. Projects Not Yet Obligated

Mr. Flanders provided an overview of WAMPO's Reasonable Progress Policy, which requires sponsors of projects programmed to receive WAMPO-suballocated funding in the current FFY that are not yet obligated to present their statuses to the TAC at their first meeting after May 31 and to the TPB at their first meeting after that. The FFY2023 projects affected by this requirement include one Haysville project, one Wichita project, and one Valley Center project.

Will Black, City of Haysville, explained the status of the project "Seneca & 63rd Street Bike Ped Pathway". It is projected to obligate by the end of FFY2023.

James Wagner, City of Wichita, explained the status of the project "West St., Harry to Pawnee" and provided a projected schedule.

Valley Center will provide an update on the project "Meridian, from Ford (77th St. N.) to Seward (69th St. N.) and Main to 5th (85th St. N.)" at the next TPB meeting.

Discussion: Jim Benage asked if the City of Wichita plan included rebuilding intersection K-42. Mr. Wagner confirmed that the project does include K-42.

B. Fans With A Plan and KDOT Law Enforcement Liaisons

Brian Turner, Wichita Sports Commission, and Troy Wells and Daniel Kiser, KDOT Law Enforcement Liaisons, explained the coalition's efforts to improve driver behavioral safety in the region.

Mr. Turner provided an overview of the partnership with KDOT to promote regional driver behavioral safety. The aim of the project is to develop a marketing campaign that drives awareness about the importance of planning ahead for outings to avoid driving under the influence.

Mr. Wells and Mr. Kiser provided updates about Kansas driver safety statistics and upcoming marketing campaigns that promote driver behavioral safety.

Discussion: None

C. 5310 Awards

Dora Gallo, WAMPO, explained the Section 5310 grant awards process. The Section 5310 grant program provides federal funding to enhance transportation options for seniors and individuals with disabilities in the United States. It supports services beyond traditional public transportation and aims to improve access to essential services and community activities. Funding can be used for vehicles, operational costs, training, and transportation plans. Wichita Transit manages the Section 5310 grant program in the region, with funding available this year from 2021 and 2022 allocations totaling \$1,077,144. WAMPO led the call for projects and grant selection process.

Discussion: None.

6. Committee & Partnership Updates

A. Executive Committee

None.

B. Transit Spotlight: CTD 9/Mobility Management

Jessica Warren, WAMPO, shared information about Coordinated Transit District 9 (CTD-9). The CTD-9 includes seven counties. There are eleven general public transportation providers in the area. To access the Kansas Transportation Provider directory visit <https://kutc.ku.edu/kansas-transit-provider-directory-map>. To access Kansas Mobility Managers' contact information and arrange transportation, visit <https://ksrides.org/>.

C. Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT)

Mike Moriarty reported that Calvin Reed's term as Acting Secretary has expired. Greg Schieber, Chief Engineer, will serve as Acting Secretary until Mr. Reed is confirmed as Secretary.

D. Wichita Metro Division, KDOT

None.

E. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

None.

7. Other Business

None.

8. Meeting adjourned at 4:33 PM

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 3:00 PM.