



Meeting Summary
Transportation Policy Body (TPB) Meeting Summary
Tuesday, July 13th @ 3:00 PM
Hybrid Meeting

Meeting Duration: 62 minutes

Members in Attendance:

David Dennis, Chair, Sedgwick Co.
Troy Tabor, Andover
Dan Woydziak, Butler Co.
Jack Hezlep, Derby
Bruce Armstrong, Haysville
Brent Terstriep, KDOT
Donna Clasen, Maize

Terry Sommers, SCAC
Jim Howell, Sedgwick Co.
Pete Meitzner, Sedgwick Co.
Bryan Frye, Wichita
Tom Jones, Park City
Jim Benage, Bel Aire

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Tom Hein, KDOT
Anne Stephens, Bel Aire
Tom Stolz, Sedgwick Co.
Brent Clark, Valley Center
Warren Porter, Rose Hill

Other Attendees:

Chad Parasa, WAMPO
Nick Flanders, WAMPO
Kathryn Chambers, WAMPO
Jordan Silvers, WAMPO
Patty Sykes, WAMPO
Danielle Gauna, WAMPO
Paul Schiffelbein, MAPD
Alan Kailer, Bike Walk Wichita

Rick Backlund, FHWA
Cecelie Cochran, FHWA
Ryan Shrack, Valley Center
Gary Janzen, Wichita
Kelly Rundell, Hite, Fanning &
Honeyman LLP
Rene Hart, KDOT
Raven Alexander, Wichita Transit

James Wagner, Wichita
Matthew McDonald, FHWA
Lynn Packer, Sedgwick Co.
Brad Shores, JEO
Jim Weber, Sedgwick Co.
Charlie Brown, PEC
Michael Gerber, BKD

1. Mr. Dennis called the meeting to order at 3:02 PM.

2. Regular Business

A. Approval of July 13th, 2021 Agenda

Discussion: None

Action: Moved to approve agenda as presented. Motion passed (13-0).

Motion: D. Dennis

Second: T. Sommers

B. Approval of June 8th, 2021 Minutes

Discussion: None

Action: Moved to approve minutes. Motion passed (13-0).

Motion: D. Dennis

Second: J. Hezlep

C. TPB Chairman's Report

i. Director's Report

CRRSAA Federal Funds Call for Projects

Nick Flanders presented on the transportation-funding portion of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA), which has made \$3,789,097 available for the WAMPO region, separate from \$84,605,554 made available for any part of Kansas (including the WAMPO region). These funds are immediately available for obligation and must be obligated by September 30, 2024. Funds must be spent by September 30, 2029. There is no non-federal match requirement for these funds and no year-specific obligation limitations. Projects that receive these funds must be in the TIP and STIP and consistent with the MTP. These funds cannot be used for costs incurred before the funds are authorized. Preference is for few projects asking for a large portion of funds as opposed to many projects with a small portion of funds. "Special Authority" uses of the funds, such as debt service payments, routine

maintenance, preventative maintenance, personnel and contractor costs, and availability payments are allowed under the federal legislation, at the discretion of the State. The deadline for sponsors to submit applications to WAMPO is July 30, 2021.

Quarterly Activity Report—UPWP

Chad Parasa presented the Quarterly Activity Report for April-June 2021 breaking down the tasks accomplished at WAMPO based on the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The tasks include the development of TIP reports, data development and maintenance, accounting and audit assistance, and administration.

Bike Ped Counts—September 23 & 25

Kathryn Chambers gave a call to action for volunteers for WAMPO's upcoming annual bike and pedestrian count.

3. Public Comment Opportunity – None

4. New Business

A. Update: City of Rose Hill's Land-use & Transportation Growth and its plans to connect with the Region

Warren Porter, Rose Hill city administrator, presented on the city of Rose Hill, home to approximately 4,000 residents. Rose Hill's need can only be met via local actions, as there are no state nor federal highways that are adjacent or run through Rose Hill. They lack the benefits of a highway to grow their commercial and residential development, relying on Rose Hill Rd as the primary artery for the city. The Rose Hill Industrial Park is home to two regionally relevant businesses: Dynamic NC and Viking Blast and Wash Systems. Most of the employees for these businesses live in Wichita, as described in the *Regional Commuter Flows Report*. The largest inflow and/or outflow communities for Rose Hill are Wichita, Andover, and Derby. New housing developments are being built intending to connect to the greater Sedgwick County community.

B. Update: City of Valley Center's Land-use & Transportation Growth and its plans to connect with the Region

Ryan Shrack, Valley Center Community Development Director, presented on the city of Valley Center, home to 7,300 residents. The city had previously followed a predominantly isolationist policy until the 1990s, but is now fighting against stagnating population growth, land, and economic development such ideals had caused via annexations and new residential developments. The population is expected to grow by 1,300 persons by 2030. Valley Center's proximity to I-135 and other major thoroughfares make the city attractive to commuters. One of the major deterrents to growth in Valley Center is the high cost of water, as the city purchases potable water from the city of Wichita.

C. Update: Commuter-flow patterns in the WAMPO region

Jordan Silvers summarized a WAMPO report on commuter-flow patterns between the 22 cities in the WAMPO region, describing the inflow, outflow, and internal-commute numbers of various cities in the WAMPO region, and the inflows and outflows of the counties in and around the WAMPO region. The presented information was gathered from the US Census Bureau, which drew data from W2 forms. The report does not include information about remote workers.

5. Committee & Partnership/Updates

A. **Executive Committee**

The Committee has been tracking expenses, including the breakdown of WAMPO costs, including operating costs and project costs, and spending is currently coming in under budget. A balance sheet will be added to see where spending and income stands month to month. The audit selection committee selected BKD LLP as an independent auditing firm and is currently working to complete the contract.

B. **Committees: Active Transportation**

Alan Kailer, co-chair of the Active Transportation Committee, has been hearing presentations from different communities in the region on their bike/ped plans. All the cities are looking for greater connectivity of their bike/ped facilities within the WAMPO region. The ATC will continue to hear from more communities. The next ATC meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 1st, 2021 at 9:30 AM.

C. **KDOT, Wichita Metro**

Governor Laura Kelly and Transportation Secretary Julie Lorenz recently announced several Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program (IKE) projects that have advanced from the design pipeline to the construction pipeline. The IKE program is more responsive than previous programs, allowing for items to be adjusted faster than a 10-year cycle. Additionally, KDOT has released a new Kansas State Transportation map that can be requested on KSDOT.org.

D. **KDOT** – None

E. **FHWA**

After receiving over 25,000 comments regarding updates to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways (MUTCD), a key focus of the FHWA is going to be lower level functional classification of streets, including ways to incorporate pedestrian and bicycle facilities. The FHWA is also currently reviewing the STIP amendment.

6. Other Business – None

7. Meeting adjourned at 4:04 PM.

Next Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 10th, 2021 at 3:00 PM.