



# Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board

**August 9, 2021**

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

**In-Person & Online Meeting**

## Meeting Notes

<b>Members present:</b> Jane Byrnes, Barry Carroll, Maxine Bostic, Marcia Schroeder, George Theoharis, Russell Fox, Monte Shaw, Erik Maybee, Jack Brown, and Elizabeth Ablah
<b>Members Absent:</b> none
<b>City Staff:</b> Michael Tann, Wichita Transit, Scott Wadle MAPD, Zachary Kramka City of Wichita Finance Department, Adam Nebenzahl City Manager’s Office, Lee Carmichael Public Works Engineering
<b>Guests:</b> Rick Sroufe, Donna Carrell, Kim Neufeld, Clayton Pearson, Alan Kailer, Chad Parasa and Nick Flanders Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, Vince Hancock

<u>Item</u>	<u>Description</u>
<b>1. Call to Order</b>	Barry Carroll, Chairperson, welcomed board members, City staff, and guests and called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.
<b>2. Approve Previous Meeting Notes</b>	Motion by Elizabeth Ablah to approve the July 14, 2021, meeting notes, Russell Fox (second) motion carried 10-0.
<b>3. Public Comments</b>	There were no public comments.
<b>4. Discussion Items</b>	<b>Review of Crash Evaluation &amp; Best Practices:</b> Scott Wadle Metropolitan Area Planning Department Director addressed the board regarding a topic previously brought before the board relating to the accident review process for bicycle and pedestrian crashes in Wichita. Mr. Wadle reviewed information from a state of practice memo prepared by Toole Design Group for the City of Wichita that summarized the efforts of three cities; Boston, Denver and Washington D.C. to reduce fatal and serious bicycle and pedestrian traffic crashes in their respective cities. Each city had developed a crash analysis methodology, for Boston Vision Zero for Washington D.C. the Vision Zero Initiative and for Denver the Active Transportation Plan Bicycle and Pedestrian Crash Report. The over arching purpose of each city was to develop a system for evaluating and analyzing bike/ped crashes to make their city streets safer for bicyclists and pedestrians. After the presentation board members discussed what a crash review entity would look like in Wichita. It was suggested that a crash review group could include both private and public members or a sub-committee of the Wichita Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board. That a crash analysis program in Wichita would need to consider the scope of crashes being reviewed, confidentiality, governmental liability, statute of limitations and open meetings regulations. Mr. Wadle indicated that he also had some questions of the Toole Design memo and some questions for city staff. Mr. Wadle indicated would contact Toole Design, confer with city staff and come back to the board at the

	<p>September meeting with recommendations on how to proceed with a safety committee for the September WBPAB meeting.</p> <p><b>WAMPO Criteria for Funding Bike/Ped Projects:</b> Chad Parasa WAMPO Director and Nick Flanders WAMPO GIS Analyst and Planner briefed the board on the Projects Evaluation Methodology that WAMPO is used for all transportation project approvals in general and secondly the proposed criteria that will be used specifically for bike/ped projects for the WAMPO Metropolitan Transportation Program and the Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Flanders gave an overview of the WAMPO Project Evaluation Methodology for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the WAMPO Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) Prioritization process. Mr. Parasa then provided information regarding criteria and measures specific to bicycle and pedestrian facilities that are evaluated by WAMPO for funding. Mr. Parasa focused on three categories of projects: Multiuse Trails and Bicycle Facilities, Pedestrian Facilities (Sidewalks, Streetscaping and ADA, and Safe Routes To School Infrastructure. At the conclusion of the discussion on the proposed project prioritization process the board was reminded of a volunteer opportunity for members to participate in the WAMPO 2022 bike/ped count. Mr. Parasa also added that he would be happy to provide this information directly to board members or they may access it on the WAMPO website.</p>
5.	<p><b>Staff Reports and Updates:</b> Mike Tan housekeeping items, Mr. Tann reported that Tandem Mobility's bike share ridership in Wichita was up for July and indicated that Wichita's 1200 trips was the highest for any of the cities Tandem operates in. He also reported that both VeoRide and Bird scooter rental ridership in July was up with 13,000 scooter trips in July. It was also mentioned that 90 scooters were taken out of the river. Mr. Tann gave a brief report on the Veteran's Ride Free Program with 35,000 trips in its first year of operation. Veteran's typically use the program to get to health care, employment, access to food. The Veteran's Ride program is funded by United Way. Transit ridership is going back up again and we able to offer additional routes for schools and universities. Wichita Transit has had 10,000 student trips, many to Southeast High and we anticipate an estimated at 17,000 to 18,000 trips to Wichita State University in the coming year. Mr. Tann stated that his office would have a new administrative assist that has 16 years' experience and has worked in a customer service position. During this report it was noted that Zach Kramka had taken a new position with the Finance Department and taking his place would be Management Fellow Adam Nebenzahl. Adam introduced himself to the board and will assisting the staff and board from the City Manager's Office. The board thanked Zach for his support and wished him well in his new position as a Budget Analyst.</p>
6.	<p><b>Old Business:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• .</li> </ul>
7.	<p><b>New business:</b> There was no new business.</p>
8.	<p><b>Board Comments:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jane joined the meeting and encouraged everyone to volunteer for the annual WAMPO bike/ped count and urged all to be out walking and biking during the count. We need to do more to help pedestrians in this community.</li> <li>• Barry thanked Lee Carmichael for the update on the project tracking list of bike/ped projects. Barry also commented on the upcoming Council Agenda item regarding traffic calming and safety improvements on North Broadway between 13<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Street North.</li> </ul>
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Submitted by Jack Brown, Secretary  
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