

Wichita/Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board
Wednesday, Nov 28th, 2018
Envision Basement Conference Room, 610 N. Main
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

David Calvert	Dr. Brian Coon	Bob Hamilton	Jane Otis
Randy Roebuck	Ronald Tracy	Jay Hinkle	Dorsha Kirksey
Craig Perbeck	Michael Fowler	Rick Rader	Nancy Duling
Latisha Darnell	Sean Beebe	Sanford J. Alexander, III	

Voting Members Absent

Jason Gegen	Tiffany Nickle	Grady Landrum	Ed Koon
Clark Stevens	Dr. David Waldie	Brian Powers	Steven Walters
Crissy Magee	Lisa Vayda	Brian Held	

City/County Staff Present (Non-Voting Members)

David Perricone	Migwi Karugu	Valerie Kaster
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- I. Welcome, Announcements & Introductions – Craig Perbeck
Craig opened the meeting by welcoming all in attendance. All in attendance introduced themselves and which organization, city council, or county commissioner they represent.
- II. Meeting Minutes
- A. October 2018 meeting minutes. Motion to accept the minutes passed unanimously with minor amendments to correct typos
- III. New Business
- A. **Wichita Transit Update – Phillip Zevenbergen**
Phillip briefed the board on changes that will be effective December 15th, 2018. See information packet that was handed out for more information.
- Routes 11 and 12 midday frequency will be reduced to hourly. The grant that was funding 30 min frequency has expired and the performance of those routes do not support continued 30 min frequency.
 - Route 12 will be serving the Advance Learning Library instead of route 14.
 - Route 21 and 22 will connect to each other at the transit center
 - Route 13 will include a loop in north industrial park area on every trip and remove the loop on 33rd, Arkansas and 37th.
 - Route 23 is shortening to Oliver and George Washington. Ridership to Spirit was very low.
 - Route 14 and 24 will no longer be connected. They will both have higher frequency. Route 24 will increase frequency to every 45 mins. Route 14

will return service to Greenway Manor and the post office at 2nd and Waco. It will also now serve the Arc and IRLC. Route 14 will also have a 45 min frequency

- The Q line will run on Douglas.
 - The lunch route will now be from 11:30 to 2:00 pm, every 15 mins from *Seneca to Hydraulic*.
 - The weeknight route will be Monday- Thursday, 5pm to 11pm.
 - The weekend route will be Friday night 5pm-1am from *Seneca to Edgemoor* and Saturday 10pm to 1am, every 17-10mins depending on the time of day
 - The Government Center lunch route and the Old Town route are being eliminated.

Craig: Is there any data on comparable paratransit use during the extended time frames?

Phillip: No

Andrew: When is the change for the New Market Square stop coming? It is not ADA complaint.

Phillip: Unknown.

Craig: It is an issue to bring up at the Transit Advisory Board.

Sean: What is the Q Line?

Phillip: It is the free downtown trolley on Douglas. Its purpose is to get people to restaurants, hotels, and other venues in the downtown area.

Craig: Whose responsibility is it to clear bus stops of snow and ice?

Latisha: Wichita Transit will respond to clear hazards as needed.

Ron: Are bus stop benches being installed on Seneca as they have on Meridian?

Brian C: There are some, the possibility on installing more is being studied.

Bob: Any updates on a no-cost ride program for veterans?

Brian C: Unknown.

Craig: This would be another good issue to bring to the Transit Advisory Board since Transit now has a media person maybe they could go out and find a sponsor for no-cost ride program.

B. Sedgwick County ADA Transition Plan Update – Valerie Kaster

Valerie Kaster presented the following information:

- County ADA Budget from 2009-2018
 - \$3.5 million dollars total so far
- ADA issues found and addressed
 - Accessible parking
 - Routes of travel
 - Signage
 - Doors

- Restrooms
- Current status of projects
 - Completed
 - Corrections facilities
 - EMS and Fire Stations
 - Comcare facilities
 - Health Department buildings
 - Sedgwick County and Lake Afton parks
 - General Government Buildings
 - Office of the Medical Director
 - In Progress
 - Munger Building (County IT)
 - Extension Center
 - EMS Post 6
 - Future
 - Researching cost and scope of a follow-up self-evaluation of county facilities

Dave C: Is there monitoring of the public accessible parking spaces on Main Street to ensure that courthouse employees are not parking in those spaces?

Valerie: Unknown at this time.

Craig: Crissy Magee had mentioned in a previous meeting that the county was trying to work with employees on that issue.

Craig: Should new transition plans be made prior to the current one ending?

Brian C: Ideally, you would treat it as a living document that is continually updated.

Craig: Is the county transition plan available to the public?

Valerie: It is not known at this time if the plan is available online.

Craig: Are the restrooms in the Reagan Building ADA Compliant?

Valerie: They should be. They were looked at.

Craig: They may be compliant with older regulations, but they do not appear to be current.

Sanford: Were the new Kellogg Tag Office plans reviewed for accessibility?

Valerie: Yes, all projects are reviewed for ADA.

Craig: Our concern is that plans are rarely submitted to this board to review and identify issues before the projects are completed. For example, the new curb cuts by the Reagan building are too steep to be ADA compliant. No permits were pulled to do that work, so no one checked it to see that it met ADA standards.

Valerie: As the county gets alerts about such issues, we respond to correct them.

Craig: Corrections should be paid for by the contractor.

Valerie: They are paid for by the contractor.

Dorsha: Is it possible for Project Services to provide plans to this board for review

Valerie: The complex logistics of planning prevent Project Services from making any promises in that regard.

Craig: The Wichita and Sedgwick County seem doing better with ADA compliance than a lot of other major metropolitan areas.

Dave C: There is a safe harbor “grandfather” clause in the ADA regulations. These may apply to the Reagan building bathrooms.

Craig: Will the city and county have the same building codes in January?

Valerie: Yes, the inspectors should be enforcing the same code.

Dave C: The city and the county used to have the same code, but the county repealed some of the provisions.

Migwi: The provisions the county repealed were above and beyond the ADA standards.

C. WAMPO Long Range Transportation Plan – Tricia Thomas

Tricia presented the plan and explained that WAMPO is soliciting feedback.

WAMPO acts as a forum for regional discussions. The Long Rang Transportation Plan is a 20 year plan that is updated every 5 years.

- High-level overview
 - Fatalities trending upward
 - Serious injuries trending down
 - Non-motorized fatalities were trending down, recently have risen
 - Congestion is negligible, with the exception of a few bottlenecks
 - Forecasted \$6 billion for regional transportation 2015-2040
 - FAST Act expiring in 2020
 - Maintenance of existing infrastructure
 - Demographic changes in the population/ different transportation preferences
 - Land use
 - Changing demographics
 - Public health
 - Transit
 - Walkability
 - Airport
 - Freight – first and last mile
 - Technological impact of drones, autonomous vehicles, telecommuting
- Update of scenarios based on feedback from the community
 - Maintaining
 - Least likely
 - Funding and everything stays the same
 - Urban Renaissance
 - Walkable neighborhoods
 - Pedestrian friendly transportation
 - Regional Transportation Vestment
 - Future funding may be coming from regional partners and not a federal or state source.

- Emphasize freight
 - Repurposing Existing Infrastructure
 - Modify what we have to meet new demands
 - Technology
 - Most uncertain
 - Cannot predict technological changes
- Group discussion exercise
 - Board members were given a handout with some questions to answer in small groups.
 - Handouts were returned to Tricia and some answers were shared with the group:

Craig: We need to look at policy and local codes to ensure that driverless transit is accessible to the majority.

Dave C: We need to raise the necessary funds now for future projects.

Craig: We are good at holding public forums on transportation issues and listening to the public, but not seeing anything come out as a result.

Craig: We can cut back on the urge to simply put in more miles of pavement and instead look at transit options.

Dave C: How much is the government willing to spend on safety? How many people die driving themselves versus how many people have die riding the bus? We need to find a more effective means of communication and education.

D. Snow Removal Ordinance and WSCAAB Roster and 2019 Schedule – Tabled.

IV. Old Business

V. Other

VI. Public Comments

VII. Adjourn

The next meeting of the Wichita/Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board is scheduled for Wednesday, January 23rd at the Envision basement conference room, 610 N. Main.