

**Wichita/Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board**  
**Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**Envision Basement Conference Room, 610 N. Main**  
**10:00 – 11:30 a.m.**

**Voting Members Present**

Raven Alexander	Dorsha Kirksey	Brian Powers	Ronald Tracy
Sanford J. Alexander, III	Crissy Magee	Chris Rea	Lisa Vayda
Nancy Duling	Tiffany Nickle	Rick Rader	Dr. David Waldie
Bob Hamilton	Craig Perbeck	Clark Stevens	Steven Walters

**Voting Members Absent**

Dr. Elvia Barraza	Michael Fowler	Grady Landrum	Randy Roebuck
Sean Beebe	Brian Held	Dee Nighswonger	
Dave Calvert	Ed Koon	Jane Otis	

**City/County Staff Present (Non-Voting Members)**

Taben Azad	Gary Janzen	Donte Martin
Jay Hinkel	Migwi Karugu	Mike Tann

- 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. May 2019 meeting minutes. Motion made by Rick, seconded by Nancy. Passed unanimously
- III. New Business  
A. City of Wichita – Update New Ballpark and Naftzger Park

Donte Martin: Scot Rigby and engineer are at baseball meetings right now, might be here later.

Craig Perbeck: On Naftzger Park, it seemed plans were going fast. It is a dirt field currently and it seems future development is being done first and park is an afterthought. When will park be done?

Gary Janzen (City Engineer for Wichita): Scheduling and phasing of constructions are the reasons why. There was a considerable drainage component not addressed. That has been taken care of. Commercial development was done first before finishing most of park work, which has been more of a space issue. Timing issue wasn't thought of well upfront.

Craig Perbeck: Seems that park was after thought.

Gary Janzen: From a purely construction standpoint, development needs to get done first. Only so much space there.

Craig Perbeck: In the future, if you're going to put in a park with future development, it sounds like we are going to do this park and have people support it. Why not say it will be a whole package instead the appearances of a two phase approach when it is a one phase.

Jay Hinkel: Part of issue is that public only can have input into park, not the private development.

Craig Perbeck: Private developers benefit from that park, which should be out there for tax payers knowing that they benefit from it.

Gary Janzen: The park wouldn't be done without development, and because of increased property value, there is some funding to help the park. Private equity needs to be in place to help public improvement.

Lisa Vayda: Can we be sure that all our input won't be forgotten?

Gary Janzen: As far as I'm aware, park plans haven't been changed.

Donte Martin: I will forward this to Scot on his calendar next month. He won't be able to attend today.

Sanford Alexander: I don't recall that there was going to be a big building boxing it in, our vision was an open area. Our input may have been tainted because we didn't have an accurate idea of site.

Dr. David Waldie: People were surprised with size, scope, and speed of commercial development. It's a perception thing. Perception was that park was important, but it appears to be commercial development.

Bob Hamilton: I'll support that statement.

## B. City ADA Coordinator Position – Dave Calvert

Craig Perbeck: Was anyone on subcommittee that can speak to this item?

Sanford Alexander: New draft looks more like a vision statement than job skills requirement paper. Dave was working on intro more. Some items included in body, my issue was that we were weak with the end.

Craig Perbeck: Any other comments? Donte, any plans for budget to do a position?

Donte Martin: Based on discussions with City Manager, there's a chance to create a full time position to focus. Last month, we discussed consolidated position between city and county.

Bob Hamilton: Question for Donte. What can we do as a board? Can we send a letter?

Donte Martin: You have done a fine job to stress the importance of ADA coordinator. Message has been sent to Mayor, Manager, and Council.

Craig Perbeck: Some of us on board are here to represent the city or whoever appointed you. Give them a call on what you think. Opportunity to communicate with elected officials.

Sanford Alexander: The vision statement that we are working on needs a distribution list.

Craig Perbeck: We can distribute it as a group. We need to bring to this group for comments?

Jay Hinkel: Yes.

Chris Rea: What is consensus of board to promote ADA coordinator through Wichita?

Craig Perbeck: The position became vacant, was previously a traffic engineer position but with ADA component to it. City is looking at how to distribute that work. Either a different traffic engineer with that ability or fill a new position, or how city and county can partner on that.

## IV. Old Business

### A. Update on Library Bus Access Issue – Erik Houghton

Donte Martin: Eric is not here, Mike Tann will speak to it.

Mike Tann: Distance between island in center and entrance isn't large enough for bus turn. Unfortunately there are always instances with other buses or people dropping off/picking up. Met with Paul Gunzelman, we know what needs to be done. Talked to Cindy from library, there are funds leftover from library construction. Will talk to Gary to create a plan to reduce the island size moving forward. In the long term, 7 electric buses will be 30 foot long instead of 35, which will help with areas where long buses can't fit.

Craig Perbeck: Currently if a person wants to get off there, what's the pickup look like?

Mike Tann: To let the security guard know and they will do a traffic analysis site. In the short term that is all that can be done. If driver is notified, driver notifies dispatch who notifies library.

Ronald Tracy: Can we put a red light for no pickups and green light for pickups?

Mike Tann: From a transit standpoint, buses should always pull up on libraries. The coordination is not working. Getting to the library would require too much man power.

Dr. David Waldie: Is it clearly marked?

Mike Tann: Yes it is marked.

## V. Other

### A. Transit Update

Sanford Alexander: We had good meeting. Adjustment of routes to accommodate for school arrangement for 259 to pick up more students. We will be getting more money this year than last year. We came to conclusion that some of routes could be slightly adjusted. One thing found fascinating was how students get a letter that says that you live here and here's the route that you would go on to get on the bus. Might explore this for hospitals and major places.

Tiffany Nickel: Is it being used, do we know the numbers?

Mike Tann: Almost 14,000. We averaged 10,000 student trips per month. 4,000 WSU students started in January. Overland Charters in charge of WSU buses on campus. The way it was presented to Transit Advisory Board, we have obligation to communicate publicly with potential route adjustments based on schools. It is a plan, and there needs to be public input into that plan. The VA has no connect-ability to the routes. Our desire as a planning organization is to find where the concentrations are for where people work at VA and where they live so we can make it connectable. East High has no ridership for public transportation, but should have in the 100's for public transportation each month. But there is stigma, and lack of connect-ability. Working with school district to see where families live, and do the same with VA.

Chris Rea: With the VA, a lot of people come from out of town.

Bob Hamilton: One of issues is parking, yes. Educating people and staff there as well.

Tiffany Nickel: From an economic standpoint, a lot of people use transport.

Chris Rea: We might reach out to Jerry Moran as an advocate for VA.

Lisa Vayda: Teaching young people how to use public transport is a great life skill.

Tiffany Nickel: Was para transit system available for River Fest? Trolley driver wasn't informed on how to use lift. Is there a way to educate wheelchair public that trolley won't fit longer wheelchairs?

Mike Tann: Trolleys are 24 years old, contraception for lift is dangerous. During River Fest, we had 2 para transit vehicles. On the Q, no parts that exist for those lifts. Waiting for new ones to come in.

Tiffany Nickel: Maybe put in the river fest flyer with an asterisk.

Andrew Crane: Michael, is there any movement with transit app? For bus tickets to buy on app, plastic cards are we also seeing movement?

Mike Tann: Working through integration with new platform into software. Purchase of new fare boxes included two components. Looking at software integration, once that has been resolved, we will look at app based application. Within next 12 months, you will see rollout hopefully.

## VI. Public Comments

### A. Blaise Plummer – 3300 North Woodlawn Intersection

Area where North YMCA and Home Depot is. Access road to those facilities forms a T intersection. Crosswalk is part of City of Wichita hike and bike trail. I represent Tom Scott. Scott was crossing crosswalk and was hit by left turn signal. Two things to bring to board, related to ADA issues. One end of this crosswalk is outside the lines of the crosswalk. A foot over, violates ADA guidelines. West of crosswalk, have truncated domes. On other side of sidewalk is scored concrete ramp. Standards have changed since then, but changing truncated domes should be changed on both sides. Biggest issue is the permissive left turn facing of the traffic signal. Allows pedestrians to walk as vehicles can turn left.

Craig Perbeck: I would recommend that you email city streets. Also Donte and Jay are both here.

Donte Martin: Have you been in contact with anyone in city?

Blaise Plummer: We submitted a claim to the city, compensation was inadequate.

Tiffany Nickel: Is there data on LPI's intersections in City?

Gary Janzen: We have no data. On LPI, Federal Highway Administration recommends that LPI be used where there is significant citizen's use. On Waco Corridor for example, we try to split up phasing. Allows protective left turn, pedestrians go at a separate time. Adds timing to overall traffic sequencing, but safer opportunity for pedestrians. We have put up signs that vehicles yield to pedestrians. There are some flashing light signs as well.

Lisa Vayda: The one on 17<sup>th</sup> and Woodlawn does work.

Craig Perbeck: Is there a way for LPI to be put in when you push the crosswalk button?

Gary Janzen: That's how it works. With low volume of pedestrians, it's setup to happen every time. When someone pushes the button like Waco, you get a green arrow only. It's protected, but not permissive. At a T intersection, it's more complicated because you're only turning left or right.

Craig Perbeck: Is there a plan to straighten the crossing?

Gary Janzen: That will be a challenge to figure it out. Might run a little bit on an angle still.

Andrew Crane: Are push buttons going to be put in with audible with voice?

Gary Janzen: Still need to look into that.

Sanford Alexander: That's been an intersection that we have looked at before.

Tiffany Nickel: Is Tom Scott walking or wheelchair?

Blaise Plummer: Walking.

Gary Janzen: Problem is introduced, if you take into account the weekends, for most part the pedestrian numbers are small. LPI happens every time when button is pressed.

Jay Hinkel: The difference in volumes involved, this is an intersection within site off of major intersection at 96. Traffic engineering has to wrestle with several issues

Blaise Plummer: look at number of traffic incidents at those intersections. It is time to designing with pedestrian and bikes in mind.

Migwi Karugu: last few years we have been doing

Tiffany Nickel: Are we a part of the planning for fountains and pools?

Lisa Vayda: Yes. As a public announcement, July 23<sup>rd</sup> is a mayor election health forum for the mayor candidates. 5:30 to 7 PM at Scottish Right, Venue 332. Several health orgs came together to sponsor.

Tiffany Nickel: We have a tennis tournament this week and camp tomorrow.

Bob Hamilton: Thank you to Mike for working with VA and working with community

Nancy Duling: Thank you Mike for your passion.

Mike Tann: Thank you for having us, we hope to be a part of the solution and not problem.

Craig Perbeck: If you have a question to bring to the TAB, feel free to email that to Sanford.

## VII. Adjourn

The next meeting of the Wichita/Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board is scheduled for Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at the Envision basement conference room, 610 N. Main.