

Wichita/Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

Envision/Zoom

10:00—11:30 a.m.

Agenda

Members Present

Andrew Crane	Brian Powers	Craig Perbeck (z)
Dorsha Kirksey	Gary Janzen (z)	Harley Anderson (z)
Jane Otis	Kyelene Flaming (z)	Lisa Vayda (z)
Raven Alexander (z)	Ron Tracy	Shelley Herrington (z)
Stacey Fuller	Susan Ternes (z)	Tom Page (z)

City/County Staff Present

Zoe Sisco	Mike Tan – Wichita Transit	Tia Raamot – Wichita Transit
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- I. Welcome, Announcements & Introductions – Brian Powers
 - a. Roll Call of the Meeting Attendees, Quorum present
 - II. Meeting Minutes
 - a. Approval of January 2023 meeting minutes of the Wichita/Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board with noted changes.
 - i. Motion to approve – Ron Tracy
 - ii. Second – Dorsha Kirksey

Motion Passed

- III. Committee Updates
 - a. Towne East Mall Access
 - i. Scheels is to open in April
 - ii. Wichita Transit has been working with Towne East Mall to determine the amount of space needed to buses to get in/out of the parking lot.
 - 1. Working to determine where a bus stop could be placed.
 - b. Transportation Committee
 - i. Considering increased services in the downtown area – particularly in the summer months.
 - ii. Ridership is trending upward, getting higher than 2019
 - 1. Pre-COVID, there were roughly 300 rides/day. This has increased to about 365 trips/day.
 - 2. 24 Buses running, transit team is fully staffed.
 - iii. Wichita/Sedgwick County Merger – Question from Andrew

1. Dorsha mentioned that Sedgwick County Dept. on Aging currently provides services throughout the county, but they are working with Wichita Transit to improve in-town services.
2. Sedgwick County Dept. on Aging is working with various partners to expand and improve services throughout the county.
- iv. MyStop App – Andrew mentioned an issue he had with the MyStop app
 1. Mike Tan from Wichita Transit mentioned that the app was due for an update, and that the update should resolve some of the bugs with the app.
- v. Bus Stops – Craig had a question about a Bus Stop Study completed in 2019
 1. Mike explained that the study had been completed in 2019, and showed data regarding the usage of particular bus stops.
 2. The Study lead to the location change of roughly 100 bus stops throughout the city. These location changes were intended to assist accessibility.
- c. Intrust Bank Arena
 - i. There was no new information to present to the board.

IV. New Business

- a. Wichita State University – Wayfinding Program
 - i. The board mentioned that they would like an update on the Wayfinding Program that is being developed by Wichita State University.
 - ii. Brian Powers asked Zoe to reach out to Wichita State University to possibly get a representative of the program to speak at the March WSCAAB meeting.
- b. Downtown Accessibility
 - i. In Early February, the Wichita City Council approved the Downtotwn Streets Plan.
 - ii. Tia Raamot from Wichita Transit then gave an overview of the plan
 1. Goals for the Plan Include:
 - a. Enhance Resident Safety and Health
 - b. Manage Infrastructure Resources to Maximize Value
 - c. Provide Mobility for all Residents, Businesses, and Visitors
 - d. Embrace Innovation and Technology
 - e. Prioritize Active Transit Options
 - f. Foster Consistent Economic Advancement
 - g. Promote Vibrant Neighborhoods.
 2. Public Engagement
 - a. 20,000 Postcards mailed to every downtown resident/business
 - b. 800 Survey Responses from Residents
 - c. More than 100 Kick-Off Meeting Attendees
 - d. Dozens of Stakeholder Meetings

3. Adopted Plans for Change
 - a. Near-Term (3 – 5yrs)
 - i. 2-Way Street Conversions for Main, Market, Topeka, Emporia, and English.
 - b. Mid-Term (5 – 10yrs)
 - i. Waterman – Adding a center turning lane and 2 bike lanes
 - ii. Broadway – Adding a center turning lane and 2 bike lanes
 - iii. 3rd Ave – Adding 2 bike lanes
 - iii. Sidewalks – Craig asked if there were any plans to review sidewalks in downtown
 1. Gary mentioned that sidewalk maintenance is typically the responsibility of the property owner.
 - a. But he went on to say that if they come across things that are not currently up to code, they will make the necessary adjustments.
 2. Tom stated that the northeast corner of Douglas and St. Francis is currently unwalkable as they are making improvements to the exterior of the building on that corner. He also mentioned concerns at the intersection of First and Main st.
 3. Lisa Vayda mentioned the difference between walkability compared to Wheelchair or Scoot accessibility.
- V. Old Business
- a. UBER
 - i. There was no new information to present to the board.
 - b. Traffic Lights
 - i. There was no new information to present to the board.
 - c. 911 Text System
 - i. Kat Rodriguez in the Sedgwick County Counselors Office is doing additional research, and intends to present to the board when new information is available.
 - d. Board Member Status Change Notice
 - i. Zoe is working with legal to develop a notice for board members.
- VI. Other
- a. Gary Mentioned that there is Federal Grant from the Infrastructure Bill that they are interested in applying for. This grant would be used to address the intersection of Kellogg and Eisenhower Airport Parkway.
 - i. Gary asked the board for a letter of support, Brian agreed to sign the letter on behalf of the board.
- VII. Public Comment
- a. None
- VIII. Adjournment
- a. 11:05a