

Wichita/Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board

Wednesday, March 26th, 2025

Envision/Zoom

10:00—11:35 a.m.

Agenda

Members Present

IN-PERSON	ZOOM
Brian Powers (chair)	Mia Ocean
Tom Page (vice chair)	Lisa Vayda
Courtney Wages	Harley Anderson
Jayne Otis	Karen Flateau
Jared Holcomb	Crissy Magee
Terese Goren	Sheila Brown
Raven Alexander	Shelly Herrington
Virginia Zapote	Susie Ternes

City/County Staff Present

Nate Johnson		Michelle Bastian
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Guests

Joanna Sabally	Brooke Kauchak	Kimberly Negrete
Cindy Unruh		

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- I. Welcome, Announcements & Introductions – Brian Powers
 - II. Call of the Meeting Attendees – A quorum was present.
 - III. Meeting Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve February 2025 minutes made by Tom Page; seconded by Jared Holcomb. **Passed 15 – 0 with 1 abstentions.**
 - IV. Public Comment

Kimberly Negrete – The Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WAMPO) is in the process of developing the next long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) for the region. An open house is being held on March 26th 2025 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce, 350 W Douglas Ave.,

Wichita, KS 67202. A brief presentation will be given at 4:30 PM and again at 5:30 PM.

Jayne Otis – The ASL interpreter for the mayor’s speech was cut off in the video. We could only see one hand and half of the interpreter. The Videographer cut them off. We missed the mayor’s speech because of this.

V. Monthly Updates

a. ADA Staff Updates – No updates

b. Transportation Committee – Raven Alexander

There is a live stream of the Hub being constructed. The camera is placed on the stadium and facing the construction site.

The Network Redesign Study is ending. The final report is being drafted and will be made available to the public next month. The study did not focus on bus stops but the realignment of routes.

The 2019 Access Study that was completed and previously provided to the board focused on bus stop utilization, access and amenities at bus stops. The report did not provide an inventory of non ADA compliant stops.

VI. New Business

a) **Tom Page** – Enclosed pictures and videos of sidewalk constructions and alternate paths that aren’t accessible. APS signal was available in one location. It could be reprogrammed to say sidewalk closed.

A lot of the sidewalk changes aren’t immediately visible so we end up doing a double take of the sidewalks. There were a lot of visitors to the city, it was lucky that nobody was injured.

ADA coordinators visited the area of the bio-med campus and brought the contractors up to compliance.

b) **Mia Ocean** – We’re taking suggestions on how to better serve Wichita and what sort of social services would be beneficial in the downtown core.

Wichita State’s disability services close at 5:30 p.m. this is an issue for graduate students as most of the classes are in the evening and night. Public transit doesn’t run in the evenings and this limits accessibility for on-campus classes and events.

The technology should be 504 compliant and accessible to everyone.

c) **Joanna Sabally** – Healthy Corner Store initiative. This is a joint venture of WSU and city of Wichita to combat “food desserts” and have access to healthy foods in communities without access to fresh food. The project has engaged 6 corner store owners to set up shelves with fresh food. City of Wichita is giving \$300 for the initial set up. This project will be funded through 2026.

VII. Announcements

- Elections for a new chairman – Brian Powers will be retiring after the end of his term in June.
- Wichita state and WSU IT is creating an app to identify parking spots downtown. They will be adding ADA spots as well.
- KDADS has started implementing their corrective action plan asking for IDD individuals to become an active part of the community. However, there are extensive issues with accessibility.
- 2025 NEA Big Read book for Wichita, Kansas is *Sitting Pretty: The View From My Ordinary Resilient Disabled Body* by Rebekah Taussig. The event is expected to take place from March 15th to April 26th.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.