



District 1 Citizens Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 18, 2025 | 5:30 p.m.
Bel Aire City Hall,
7651 E. Central Park Ave., Bel Aire, KS

Board Members in Attendance: Daniel Bateman, Judah Craig, Joseph Dozier, Diane Gjerstad, Kathryn Herzog, Ray Mann

County Representatives: Sedgwick County Commissioner, Pete Meitzner

1. Call to Order

1. Judah Craig began the meeting at 5:39 p.m.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. A motion was made by Diane Gjerstad to approve the minutes. Daniel Bateman seconded this motion. **The CAB approved the motion with a vote of 4-0.**

3. Public Agenda

1. There was no one from the public in attendance.

4. New Business

1. WAMPO Representative, Markey Jonas, began their presentation on the WAMPO MTP 2050.
 - i. Judah Craig asked, what's past performance been like? When you look back, does that give you confidence looking forward?
 1. Markey Jonas responded, it is part of a reason we update every five years, because it is so hard to know. We've also included category projects because some types of projects aren't used that far in advance. So this category projects make them make projects, for example, like a bike project that comes up more last minute, it makes it eligible to be in the plan if it aligns with the goals to plan without having been specifically listed from the start.
 - ii. Judah Craig asked, has the public commentary been good, a lot of feedback or has it been kind of lacking?
 1. Markey Jonas responded, I think we'd always like to have more.
 - iii. Daniel Bateman asked, so does the Amtrak project fall under this or?
 1. Pete Meitzner responded, it could when it gets to the point of construction funding.
 - iv. Diane Gjerstad asked, do you have any examples here of multimodal and how you use that small amount of money to deal with congestion?
 1. Nick Flanders responded, yes, we have road projects, local road projects, highway projects and public transit projects and bicycle and pedestrian projects such as side paths or stuff like that, also adding in pedestrian signals, even it could cause that kind of thing. And also, for example, we have a project right now for cities to school plan development throughout the region. So yes, we have projects for many different modes.
 2. Diane Gjerstad responded, I guess I was thinking of Kansas City, they have an intermodal, which is different.
 3. Nick Flanders responded, intermodal is transferring between one mode to another, between freight train and trucks.
 - v. Judah Craig asked, did you say there's one mode in regards to like intelligence or intelligent mode?

1. Nick Flanders responded, intelligent transportation system. This is which way you guys coordinate traffic signal, traffic cameras and preventing crashes, making sure crashes get cleared, making sure there's not traffic disorder.
- vi. Daniel Bateman asked, is there a way to use systems like the flock cameras to help with what you guys are doing, as far as tracking traffic around town?
 1. Peter Mohr responded, I have heard of different jurisdictions using law enforcement cameras for that purpose, because you can connect them to different AI setups that can actually count vehicles. To my knowledge, we're not doing that in this region currently.
- vii. Diane Gjerstad asked, how many people work for WAMPO?
 1. Markey Jonas responded, we have some part time and insurance as well but generally it is between eight to twelve.
- viii. Daniel Bateman asked, do you guys just have civil engineering backgrounds?
 1. Peter Mohr responded, our director has a PE.
- ix. Diane Gjerstad asked, so does your dream for 2050 include any light railways like subways?
 1. Markey Jonas responded, I think that's something that we would be interested in being involved with, but there is not many jurisdictions that have specifically submitted a project.
- x. Pete Meitzner asked, how long has our transit bus system study been going on?
 1. Markey Jonas responded, just finished. I think we started working on it in the fall of 2023 and it was just approved one-two weeks ago.
- xi. Commissioner Updates
 1. Gave updates on property taxes, the mill levy and the appraisal process.
 2. The 2026 budget process is beginning.
- xii. Judah Craig asked, so if the county has lowered their mill levy the last two years, what have the surrounding counties done? Have they kept it the same?
 1. Pete Meitzner responded, most everybody has kept it the same.
- xiii. Judah Craig asked, are staffing levels at a healthy level across the board?
 1. Pete Meitzner responded, yes.
- xiv. Housekeeping Items
 1. Reminder for May meeting: Vote for a new vice chair.
 2. We discussed our Zoo Tour for the April meeting.

Adjournment

1. The District 1 Citizen's Advisory Board ended at 6:45 p.m.

*The next Citizens Advisory Board Meeting will be **Monday, April 21, 2025, 5:30 p.m.**
at Sedgwick County Zoo.*