

REAP Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Hughes Metropolitan Complex Room 132 (Entrance C)

5015 E. 29th Street N, Wichita, KS.

July 19, 2018 ~ 12:30 p.m.

1. Networking Lunch: Sponsored by REAP, TranSystems, and the Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce (12:00pm)
2. Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements: Mayor Shelley Hansel, Chair (12:30pm)
3. Project Wichita Update: Mayor Terry Somers, Mount Hope, and Mayor Vince Haines, El Dorado (pp. 2-3) (12:40)
Project Wichita is a 10-year regional community vision initiative. It is a collaboration of business, education and government leaders with a goal to learn what residents think about their communities. The Vision Team is guiding the community engagement process, ensure the project hears all voices, and helps develop an actionable plan. The listen step and survey have been completed.
4. Regional Spotlight Topic Panel Discussion:
Discussion of Regional Transportation Planning and Initiatives: Moderator Keith Lawing (pp. 4-8) (1:00pm)
 - Regional Economic Development Meetings: Jeff Lackey, TranSystems (BREG Transportation and Logics Co-Chair)
 - As part of the BREG Transportation and Logics Sector Strategy, a number of regional meetings were held to identify regional transportation priorities. What was learned from the regional meetings and BREG next steps will be discussed.
 - Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce ad hoc Transportation Coalition: Brett Letkowski, TranSystems
 - The North Junction Project is a significant regional transportation topic. A number of partners are collaborating to identify regional transportation priorities to present to state and federal officials.
 - Regional Transit Opportunities: Michael Tann, Wichita Transit
 - Several communities are part of a feasibility study on regional transit. Is a regional transit system a realistic option for South Central Kansas?
5. Adjourn

Item:

Project Wichita

Background:

Project Wichita is a 10-year regional community vision initiative. Project Wichita is a collaboration of business, education and government leaders with a goal to learn what residents think about their communities and where they want it to be in 10 years.

REAP voted to join the Vision Team by approving the \$5,000 support for the project at the March 8, 2018 Executive Committee meeting. Mayor Terry Somers was selected to serve on the Vision Team on behalf of REAP. At this time the REAP communities of Wichita, El Dorado, and Newton also individually contributed to the project. The Vision Team's role is to guide the community engagement process, ensure the project hears all voices, and helps develop an actionable plan.

Process

Volunteers wanted the regional 10-year vision and action plan Project Wichita process to include big discussions from as many people as possible. So Wichita State University's (WSU) Public Policy and Management Center team built a custom process for gathering input across the region. The process includes focus groups with individuals and organizations, gathering feedback at diverse community events, online surveys and robust social media engagement.

Over the next few months the Project Wichita process will feature three main steps: **Listen, Focus and Share**

COMPLETED - Listen - Spring/Summer 2018

Host focus groups, community listening events, launch online survey, social media

During the Listen phase of the process, WSU conducted traditional and non-traditional focus groups across the region gathering broad ideas and feedback on what is important to the community. Based on the key themes and topics identified by the focus groups, WSU created an online survey to be shared with the regional community asking for opinions and priorities on those topics. There were 240 focus groups and more than 3,800 participants.

Focus -Summer 2018

Research existing data and plans, conduct interviews

During the Focus phase of the process research and community findings will be analyzed for trends and patterns. Those findings will be discussed by the Vision Team – a group charged with shepherding the Project Wichita plan – in order to build work teams. These work teams will identify and review

priorities driven by community feedback and will work with subject experts and those affected to help build an action plan.

The focus groups found eight areas the community would like to concentrate on:

- Economic opportunity
- Transportation
- Education
- Cultural arts and attractions
- Community wellness
- Neighborhoods and communities
- Downtown area
- Riverfront

The survey closed July 11th.

Share - Fall 2018

Report community vision, priorities and action plan

During the Share phase of the process, WSU and the Vision Team will share final results and recommendations with the community including regional vision and priorities. The estimated timeline for the report is late Fall 2018. In addition to a regional vision, the community engagement process will produce an action plan focused on the next 10 years.

Item:

Regional Spotlight Topic Panel Discussion

Background:

REAP has convened the region on transportation for several years as part of the work plan. This includes hosting a taskforce on regional transportation, partnering on regional meetings with BREG and WAMPO, participating on the Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce ad hoc collation, and participating on the Wichita Transit Advisory Committee. Also attached is a summary of the Joint Legislative Transportation Vision Taskforce established by Kansas State Legislature and signed by Governor Colyer in May.

Analysis:

There is a great deal of recent activity on transportation issues in South Central Kansas. A panel will discuss some of those activities including: regional economic development meetings, Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce ad hoc collation, and regional transit opportunities. A summary of those activities is listed below:

Regional Economic Development Meetings: Jeff Lackey, TranSystems (BREG Transportation and Logics Co-Chair)

One of the 2017 REAP work plan items is to support regional transportation planning. REAP in partnership with WAMPO and the Greater Wichita Partnership, as part of the BREG strategy, convened multiple regional meetings with economic development agencies and community leaders in the region.

The first meeting was held on May 18, 2017 for Butler / Sedgwick Counties in Andover. The second meeting was held on June 29, 2017 for Harvey / Reno Counties in Burrton. The third meeting occurred October 24th for Cowley/Sumner/Harper/Kingman in Wellington. The final meeting was held January 17th, 2018, for McPherson/Marion in Moundridge.

The discussions items of the meetings included: ideas on improving infrastructure, discussion of regulatory requirements that making it difficult to move product, what transportation related improvements would help business grow, ideas on improving infrastructure, discussion of road conditions (i.e., bridges), the effective way to move employees throughout the region, airport expansions, and consequences of new development on the region. Significant discussion included how the region showcases the assets (i.e., IKE Airport, McConnell Airforce base gas pipeline). The region needs to develop a list of assets for new business recruitment and current business expansion.

Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce ad hoc collation: Brett Letkowski, TranSystems

Earlier this year a coalition was formed with the purpose of providing an effective partnership between the private and public sectors to enhance the Wichita region's ability to attract state and federal funding for area transportation projects. This coalition will coordinate the efforts of several partner groups listed below. Target audiences will include south central Kansas legislators, the Governor's office, the Kansas congressional delegation, KDOT and the Federal Highway Administration.

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Objectives

- Share information on regular basis
- Coordinate lobbying effort for funding at state and federal level
- Engage the legislative delegation and cultivate “champions”
- Engage additional regional partners to identify important projects
- Identify local funding in order to leverage state/federal support
- Involve regional business leaders in the effort

Members:

Brett Letkowski, Chair

City of Wichita: Mayor Jeff Longwell, Councilman Pete Meitzner, City Manager Bob Layton, and Public Works Director Alan King

Sedgwick County: Commission Chairman David Dennis, Commissioner Dave Unruh, County Manager Mike Scholes, and Public Works Director David Spears

Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce: Gary Plummer and Jason Watkins (Chamber legislative consultant), Joe Surmeier, Mark Nichols

Greater Wichita Partnership: Jeff Fluhr, Andrew Nave, Jeff Lackey (BREG cluster chair)

REAP: Keith Lawing, Marla Canfield, Bob Myers, REAP Legislative Chair (Newton City Manager)

Additional Invited Partners

Phil Nelson, WAMPO Director

Mark Detter, Andover City Administrator

Richard LaMunyon, Maize City Administrator

Brian Silcott, Goddard City Administrator

Kathy Sexton, Derby City Manager

KayLene Haug, Executive Director, K96 Coalition

Some of the key transportation projects discussed and identified:

- E. Kellogg (143rd Interchange)
- North Junction (Gold Phase)
- NW By-Pass
- I-235 & Kellogg (next phase, Blue Phase)
- West Kellogg (119th Interchange)

On February 2, 2018, the coalition met with key staff at KDOT, including Secretary Carlson, to discuss the North Junction and to discuss partnerships and working together to write grants for the region.

Regional Transit Opportunities: Michael Tann, Wichita Transit

Connecting Communities is a regional transit study to evaluate the demand and support for transit service in the cities of Andover, Derby, Haysville and Maize. The study is sponsored by the communities and Wichita Transit and funded by the Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WAMPO). The purpose is to evaluate the demand, interest and support for extending Wichita Transit service to Andover, Derby, Haysville and Maize.

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As the area continues to grow and change, requests for transit service have also increased. As a result, Wichita Transit and WAMPO, in partnership with each of the four cities, is leading a transit feasibility study. Key objectives of this planning effort include:

- Reviewing existing transportation options, gaps and barriers
- Evaluating population and employment characteristics along with travel patterns
- Identifying transit needs and opportunities
- Engaging citizens and stakeholders throughout the project
- These findings will result in a strategic plan to implement the appropriate transit solutions for each city.

Visit the connecting communities website to learn more: www.connectingcommunitiesks.com

Joint Legislative Transportation Vision Taskforce

Kansas Gov. Jeff Colyer recently signed a bill into law establishing the Joint Legislative Transportation Vision Taskforce.

The taskforce will have seven responsibilities. It will evaluate the state's transportation system, the way it uses state highway funds, and the method it uses transportation funding to determine whether funding levels are sufficient. It will solicit local input on projects and identify additional transportation projects. Finally, it will make recommendations on the state's future transportation system needs and the structure of the state highway fund. The task force must submit its reports to the Kansas Legislature by Jan. 31.

The taskforce will meet 8 times in the next few months across Kansas, but no schedule of meetings has been approved yet. Members of the state taskforce (**BLUE** are from South Central Kansas):

- Co-chairs: **Sen. Carolyn McGinn-Sedgwick** and Rep. Richard Proehl-Parsons
- Legislators:
 - **Sens. Mike Petersen-Wichita**
 - **Henry Helgerson-Wichita**
 - Rick Billinger-Goodland
 - John Skubal-Overland Park
 - Pat Pettey-Kansas City
 - Tom Hawk-Manhattan
 - Reps. Shannon Francis-Liberal
 - J.R. Claeys-Salina
 - Troy Waymaster-Bunker Hill
 - Adam Lusker-Frontenac
- Local elected officials:
 - **Hutchinson City Councilman Jon Daveline**
 - Edgerton Mayor Don Roberts
 - Phillips County Commissioner Max Dibble
 - Johnson County Commissioners Jim Allen and Mike Brown.
- At-large members:
 - **Chad Girard, APAC, Hutchinson**
 - **Mike King, Murphy Tractor, Hesston**
 - Kip Spray, Venture Corporation, Great Bend
 - Cameron McGown, HNTB, Overland Park
 - Andy Sanchez, AFL-CIO, Topeka
 - Bridgette Williams, Heavy Constructors Association, Kansas City
 - Lindsey Douglas, Union Pacific, Overland Park
 - Steve Sloan, Midwest Minerals, Pittsburg
 - Kenzil Lynn, Schwab Eaton, Salina
 - Ty Drago, Sheet, Metal, Air, Transportation Workers, Topeka
 - Alise Martiney, Greater Kansas City Building and Construction Trades, Kansas City
 - Mary Birch, Lathrop & Gage, Overland Park

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- Matt Allen, City of Garden City
- Jerry Younger, KAPA-KRMCA, Lawrence.
- Ex-Officio members (may designate representatives):
 - KDOT Secretary Richard Carlson
 - Revenue Secretary Sam Williams
 - Agriculture Secretary Jackie McClaskey
 - Turnpike Authority CEO Steve Hewitt