



Meeting Minutes

Wichita Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Board

711 West 2nd St N
 Wichita, KS 67203
 Advanced Learning Library, Keeney Stevens Board Room (2nd Floor)
 (In Person & Virtual Meeting)

March 16, 2026

The Wichita Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Board met in regular session.

Board Members present:

Yes	Online	No	Member Name	Appointed By	Position (if applicable)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Garett Foster	Council District 3	President
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Alan Kailer	Mayor	Vice President
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kimberly Negrete	Council District 6	Scribe
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Aaron Santry	City Manager	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Adrienne R McAlpine	Council District 1	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Monte Shaw	Council District 2	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kelly Wenz	Council District 4	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tia Raamot	City Manager	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lacy Hansen	City Manager	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tor Wyn	Council District 5	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trey Rios	City Manager	

City (CoW) Staff: Stephanie Knebel, Shawn Mellies

Guests (In-person): Shelley Rich

Guests (Virtual): N/A

Meeting called to order: 5:30 PM – Garett Foster

<u>Previous Meeting Minutes</u>	Tia made a motion to approve previous meeting minutes and Monte seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
<u>Public Comment</u>	None.
<u>Pre-Agenda Items</u>	None.
<u>Main Agenda Items</u>	<p>*The order of the agenda was rearranged to reduce city staff time, as requested by staff.</p> <p>New Business</p> <p>1. Redbud Trail Detour</p> <p>The board shared concerns about the full closure of the trail (Woodlawn to K96) as a partial closure was discussed previously (understanding that the construction crew may need to close various sections randomly when working on them). Shawn stated that it is the intention of the city and construction crews to only close needed sections and that city staff have already contacted them. They will be working West to East and should have the Woodlawn mile back open immediately.</p>

In addition, the board reiterated the need for posted detours, as this is a major regional connector. The board discussed several detour options, including the Armour Bike Blvd. They will create a couple of google maps to send to city staff. Kim mentioned that it would be beneficial if the detour info or a QR code with the routes, could be posted on the barricades (laminated paper or sticker) as well as online.

2. Public Works – Project Presentations/WPBAP Feedback

Shawn Mellies, Engineer with the city presented the following four projects for discussion and feedback. Plans are attached following the minutes.

Exploration Place – EP is expanding their parking lot and the city has drafted plans that include a pedestrian sidewalk that connects the Keeper bridge to McLean and runs through the middle of the parking lot. In addition, pedestrian sidewalk will be added along the North side of McLean that currently has a gap and will include a signalized crosswalk (signal will be moved from the Mid-American Indian Center, as the parking lot across Seneca is no longer available).

Kim made a motion to accept the plans as presented, seconded by Aaron. Passed unanimously.

45th & Hoover – New sidewalk on north side of 45th that connects to the new park and a signalized crossing across Hoover at the park & neighborhood entrance. Speed on Hoover was a concern with city staff and several board members. Tia asked if the speed limit could be reduced on both streets. Staff are looking at a larger RFB signal and Alan asked if it could be red instead of flashing yellow to signal to drivers that they should stop.

Tia made a motion to accept the plans as presented with the condition to further review speed limits and the use of a larger signal, seconded by Monte. Passed unanimously.

Hillside & 53rd North – staff presented plans to install a signalized crossing near the main entrance of Wichita Heights High School to assist students with crossing Hillside. Approximately 300+ students cross here daily. In addition, pedestrian sidewalk is being designed along Hillside.

Tia made a motion to accept the plans as presented with the recommendation of the largest RFB signal possible, seconded by Trey. Passed unanimously.

55th South & Seneca – staff presented plans to install sidewalk along Seneca and 55th to connect several neighborhoods to the Ruth Clark Elementary and Campus High Schools. The project has been submitted for TIP funding, and if fully funded, sidewalk would be installed on both sides of the street, if not, one side will be chosen. There are a lot of utilities and easement issues. The 63rd Street signal will remain the same, but ADA compliant ramps and pedestrian push buttons will be installed.

Trey made a motion to accept the plans as presented with the condition to further review speed limits and the use of a larger signal, seconded by Lacy. Passed unanimously.

3. Bike Month ICT & Worksite Engagement

Shelley Rich from the Health & Wellness Coalition (HWC) presented briefly on the background and purpose of HWC and a new effort they are leading to encourage worksites to experiment with low or no cost bike commuting activities to encourage more employees to choose an active commute. She is looking for several worksites who are interested in testing a few strategies that may eventually lead to an Active Commute policy. Some activities could include turning an empty space into temporary bike parking, pop-up changing area, bike buddy program, etc. If interested, please email Shelley at hwcwichita@gmail.com for more info.

4. Boards & Commissions Review

Kim provided a handout, see attachment following minutes, that provided an overview from the February 24th Wichita City Council Workshop, where Fellow Ms. Ball made a presentation and recommendation to merge the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Board with the Transit Advisory Board. Staff stated that both share the goal of multimodal transportation and would reduce redundancy and staff time. The recommendation is to “sunset” the boards following their March 2026 meetings. At the workshop, four council members expressed their opposition to merging these two boards and suggested a more thorough review of boards. Staff’s recommendation is based on the Connected City board in Lawrence KS that is comprised of a handful of previously separate boards. A review of the agendas from both boards 2023 to present was completed and found only two minor agenda items, proving that there is not redundancy among these two boards. Kim and Alan met with Lawrence staff to learn more about their process and how it’s working. They learned that Lawrence has completely institutionalized their plans, including their master bike plan, and automatically funds the prioritized projects based on a scoring matrix. Because of this culture and set up at the city level, there is not a need for a separate advisory boards.

Additionally, Garette reviewed the WBPAB membership, which showed an 80% or greater attendance rate with only a few short vacancies over the years.

Alan also looked up the People for Bikes score, which scores communities across the US. Lawrence KS = 89th, Austin = 69th, and Wichita = 9th. These scores reflect the difference among multimodal functions of the city and between these communities. Typically, Oklahoma City, OK is utilized as a comparison city. Kim reported that they have a separate Transit Board, Traffic & Transportation Commission, and a Trails Advisory Committee.

After discussion, the board recommended drafting a letter to Wichita City Council members and the City Manager to inform them of these details.

Alan made a motion to draft a letter to Council that will be reviewed at the April WBAB meeting, seconded by Monte. Passed unanimously.

5. Bike/Ped Path Maintenance Update

Alan and Kim met with Public Works staff, Aaron Henning & Nick Steele, to learn how staff are prioritizing and selecting projects for the Path Maintenance line item for \$80,000 annually in the CIP budget. The call was very informative and staff explained that they conduct a windshield survey of the city paths and utilize a matrix to score the paths. Using this method, staff selected the Ad Astra Path (4 blocks total) for a complete

resurfacing for 2 blocks of it. This will use the entire budget for 2026. Kim asked if they include path utilization data (annual bike/ped count data) as part of the score, which they responded that they do not, but would be interested in adding that in. WAMPO and the City of Wichita jointly own cameras that can be moved around the city to collect utilization data. Alan informed staff that Bike Walk Wichita cycling instructors have conducted a review of the city paths and have created a prioritized list that he shared with staff. In addition, Alan mentioned some areas of the K96 Path that have inherently dangerous cracks and staff stated that “dangerous” issues would continue to be addressed as they are reported. All agreed it was a helpful meeting and board members will follow up with staff later in the year. This funding does not include sweeping.

**Main Agenda Items
(continued)**

Old Business

1. Bicycle Master Plan Performance Measure Targets

Garette recommended moving this agenda item to April due to the length of this meeting and the number of agenda items. Everyone agreed.

Staff Reports and Updates

1. Project Tracking Form Update

Stephanie provided an updated tracking form for review. Due to time it was not discussed during the meeting. Please find it attached following the minutes.

**Post Agenda
Items**

Announcements/Updates:

Media Training for Journalists: Aaron shared the article that he ran across on how to work with local news reporters and journalists to ensure better, more accurate reporting of crashes that involve a pedestrian/cyclist. Aaron asked that the board members read the article and he will make a presentation at the May meeting.

Pedestrian/Bicyclist Fatalities since Last Meeting

Garette took a moment to remember these individuals who have been struck and died.

3/11 – Tyrone Carter, 55 years old, on S. Topeka near Broadway

3/15 – Adam Condit, 29 years old, 5800 block of West Windmill (hit & run)

Adjournment – Aaron made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Thor seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:15 PM