City of Wichita  
City Council Meeting  
December 6, 2016

TO: Mayor and City Council  
SUBJECT: Bylaws - Wichita Transit Advisory Board (All Districts)  
INITIATED BY: Wichita Transit  
AGENDA: New Business

**Recommendation:** Approve the bylaws.

**Background:** In November of 2008, the Wichita City Council created the Wichita Transit Advisory Board. Its purpose is to advise the City Council on all matters relating to the operation of the transit system and what may be required for the effective and efficient regulation of transit activities within the City. Policy recommendations resulting from its deliberations are presented to the City Council for consideration and action utilizing appropriate procedures for agenda items.

Bylaws for the current board were first approved by the board in April 2010 and later amended in 2012. During the October 2016, regular meeting of the Transit Advisory Board, revised bylaws were voted on and approved unanimously. The Advisory Board presents these revised bylaws to the City Council for approval.

**Analysis:** The Transit Advisory Board is an advisory board charged with creating bylaws in accordance and compliance with the standard bylaws format of the City Council, which become effective when approved by the City Council. Bylaws may also cover other matters pertaining to the operation of the board that are not mandated by ordinance or administrative policy and procedures.

In 2015, City Manager’s office and Transit staff reviewed the structure of the Transit Advisory Board. In the review it was determined that the current structure did not provide for representation from all council districts. In addition, it was recommended that the bylaws formalize representation from strategic stakeholder groups. The bylaws, as presented, provide each City Council member and the Mayor the opportunity to appoint a representative to the Advisory Board. In addition the Mayor can appoint five representatives from various strategic partners such as WSU, Greater Wichita Partnership and major employers. One seat would continue to be appointed by the Access Advisory Board. Finally the revised bylaws reduce the size of the Advisory Board from 15 to 13 members.

**Financial Considerations:** None.

**Legal Considerations:** The Law Department has reviewed and approved the bylaws as to form.

**Recommendations/Actions:** It is recommended that the City Council approve the bylaws and authorize the necessary signatures.

**Attachment:** Wichita Transit Advisory Board Bylaws