

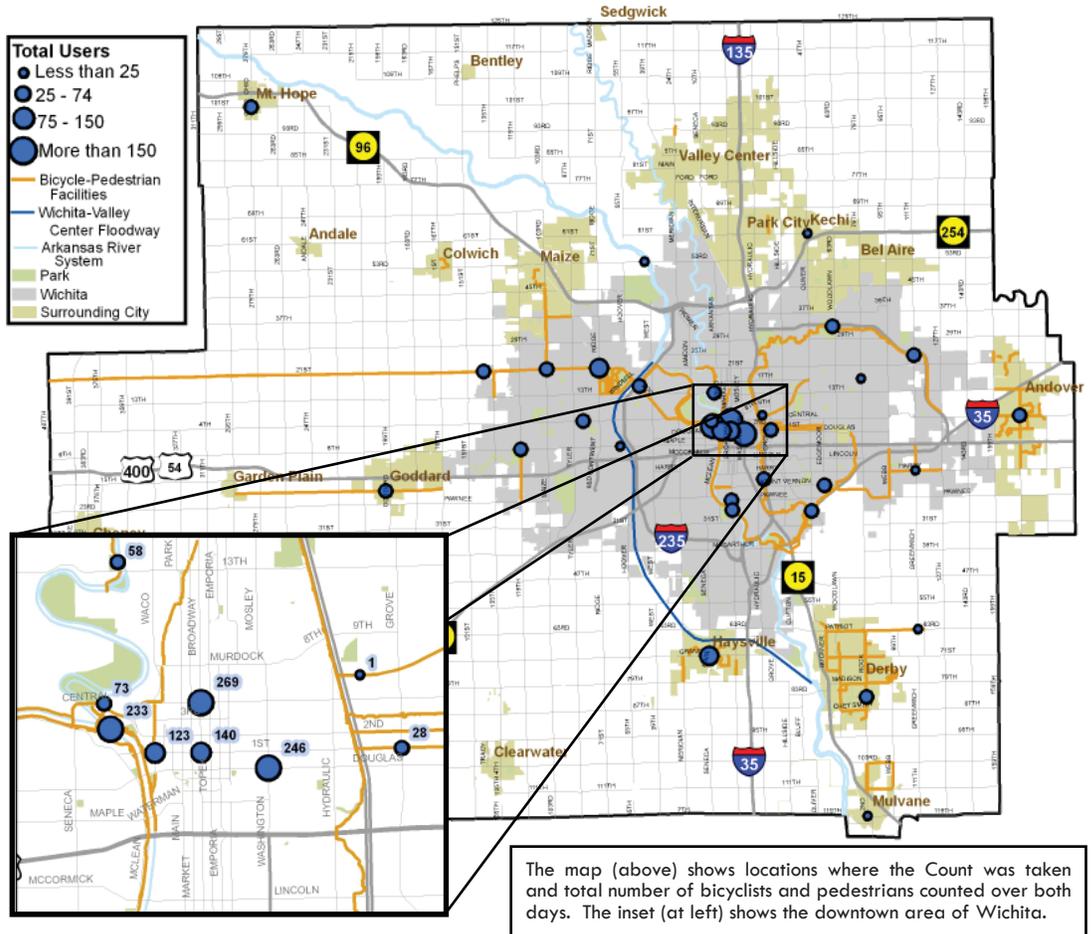
2012 Bicycle – Pedestrian Count

THANK YOU:



- Arthritis Foundation
- Boy Scouts of America
- City of Andover
- City of Derby
- City of Haysville
- City of Wichita
- Wichita Downtown Development Corporation
- Interfaith Ministries
- Kansas Ultrarunners Society
- Life Ventures
- Oz Bike Club
- Run Wichita
- Sedgewick County
- Association of Cities
- Sedgewick County Medical Corps
- Visioning Wichita
- Walk Kansas
- Wichita Bike-Walk Alliance
- Wichita Independent Neighborhoods
- Wichita State University
- Young Professionals of Wichita

... and our more than 60 volunteers!



The map (above) shows locations where the Count was taken and total number of bicyclists and pedestrians counted over both days. The inset (at left) shows the downtown area of Wichita.

WAMPO counted the number of bicyclists and pedestrians in the greater Wichita area in September. At each of the 35 sites (shown above), volunteers manually counted the number of bicyclists and pedestrians over the course of two hours on two different days - one weekday and one weekend day. The project goal was to collect data that was representative of actual levels of biking and pedestrian activity in the region.

How many bicyclists and pedestrians were counted? 2,300 over both days.

What is a pedestrian? For our purposes we included walkers, runners, people in wheelchairs, other assistive devices, and kids in strollers.

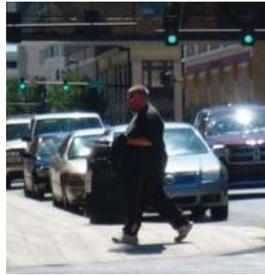
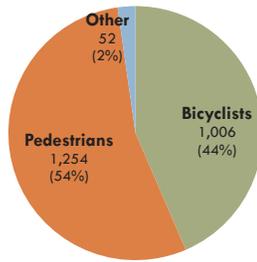
Why did WAMPO want to know this kind of information?

WAMPO and many of our planning partners need this kind of information to better understand the trends and locations of existing bicycle and pedestrian activity to best plan for future system improvements. There is currently no data source that tracks the number of bicyclists and pedestrians in the greater Wichita region, so we collected our own data.

TOP 10 COUNT SITES:	
1. Broadway & Central	6. 1st Street & Waco
2. Douglas & Washington	7. Grand & Main, Haysville
3. Arkansas River Multi-Use Path	8. I-135 Canal Route Multi-Use Path
4. Broadway & 1st Street	9. Central & Nims
5. 21st Street & Ridge	10. K-96 Multiuse Path

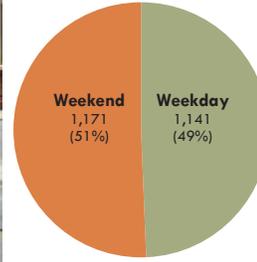
Bicyclists vs. pedestrians?

Pedestrians slightly outnumbered bicyclists. (The “Other” category included rollerbladers and rollerskaters.)



Weekend vs. weekday?

The number of people counted (weekend vs. weekday) was virtually the same for both days.



Methodology is Important

WAMPO followed the National Bicycle and Pedestrian Documentation Project methodology (NBPD) (<http://bikepeddocumentation.org/>) developed by the Institute for Transportation Engineers. It is designed to provide a consistent, nation-wide approach to estimate the level of bicycle and pedestrian activity in a community.

It specifies the dates and times to count, the criteria to use to select the sites, the number of locations to count, the number of counts per location, and the types of counts. It also includes guidance on volunteer training and is used by communities across the nation.

What factors were considered when selecting which sites to count?

The NBPD specifies the following factors when choosing which sites to count. Ideal count locations are those that:

- are bicycle and pedestrian crash sites
- have been designated as planned facilities
- have had counts done in prior years
- are gaps and pinch points in the system
- are representative locations (urban, suburban, and rural locations)
- are corridors or areas for bicycle and pedestrian activity

WAMPO mapped these factors, identified candidate sites, scored and ranked each site based on the number of criteria factors it met, and selected the sites that met the most factors. The top scoring candidate sites were reviewed by local traffic engineers, planners, and the project advisory committee to come up with the final list of sites to count.

Volunteers Made it Happen

Thanks to the willingness of over 60 people, our first regional Bicycle-Pedestrian Count was a success! People from a variety of service organizations, health groups, walking, running, and biking clubs volunteered. As part of their service, they attended a mandatory training that reviewed what to count and what not to count. Overall, the volunteers were excited and responsible, and they provided great feedback on ways we could improve the Count next year.

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For more information on the WAMPO Bicycle-Pedestrian Count, please see: <http://www.wampoks.org/bikepedplanning>. For information on the National Bicycle and Pedestrian Documentation Project, please see: <http://bikepeddocumentation.org/>.

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VOLUNTEERS HAD A LOT TO SAY ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCE:

“It was much fun... The time went fast, the weather could not have been better and we had a great time.”

“Look forward to receiving results!”

“Congratulations to you on a well organized event. Overall the count from my perspective went very well. I had no difficulties whatsoever. Training and instructions provided in the packet were all clear.”

“Both sessions were quiet and uneventful.”

“I think we would of had a better count if we would have started, like, at say 7:00am to 11:00am for Saturday count for all the people who walk when it is cooler. That's a thought for next year maybe.”

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