

ICT Safe Meeting Notice Wednesday, November 1, 2023, @ 9:30 AM

Our Office

271 W. 3rd St Room 208 Wichita, KS 67202 Virtual

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Tentative Meeting Agenda Page # Welcome ١. **Discussion Items** II. A. What is ICT Safe? - Dora Gallo, WAMPO 2 to 3 B. Organizations Included/Seeking - Safety & Health Committee - Dora Gallo, WAMPO, Doug 4 Ballou, Drive Safe Sedgwick, and Brian Turner, Wichita Sports Commission C. CSAP & Vision Zero – Kendra Schenk, Burgess & Niple 5 to 6 D. Safe Routes to School (SRTS) - Dani Lasher, Nick Flanders, and Dora Gallo, WAMPO III. **Open Discussion** IV. Adjournment

V. Next ICT Safe Committee Meeting will be February 7, 2024.



ICT Safe's mission is to reduce transportation-related fatalities and serious injuries in the WAMPO region by implementing the WAMPO Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (<u>CSAP</u>). It includes a diverse range of stakeholders involved in education, engineering, enforcement, and emergency response. These organizations include:

- Area hospitals
- Health departments
- State and local transportation divisions
- Nonprofit organizations and businesses
- Law enforcement agencies at the local, county, and state levels

ICT Safe is an overarching Coalition with several smaller entities under its umbrella, including Drive Safe Sedgwick. ICT Safe will review Behavioral Safety Grant applications, as well as assume other responsibilities at the discretion of its members. Such additional responsibilities might include developing policy proposals for state and local governments, creating safety-policy toolkits, or disseminating information.

ICT Safe: A Regional Transportation Coalition

Drive Safe Sedgwick

Behavioral Safety Grant Administration

Other Activities



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Safety Webpage www.wampo.org/safety

What is ICT Safe: A Regional Transportation Coalition?

Behavioral Safety Grants

Members of ICT Safe will be responsible for administering a Behavioral Safety Grant program. All grants under this program must focus on at least one of the following emphasis areas: occupant protection, impaired driving, older drivers, teen drivers, and/or pedestrians & bicycle riders. Construction projects are not an allowable expense under this program, as all projects must focus on improving road-user behavior to encourage safety.

Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP)

The Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) will identify behavioral and engineering solutions to reduce severe crashes. This plan builds from WAMPO's 2021 Vision Zero Safety Plan but will be structured around the Safe System Approach. This Approach will help to think about systemic solutions for safer roads, safer road users, safer speeds, safer vehicles, post-crash care, equity, and culture. The Safe System Approach focuses on both human mistakes and human vulnerabilities, and it aims to design a system with many redundancies in place to protect everyone. View more information on the CSAP at <u>www.wampo.org/safety</u>.

Participation Matters

ICT Safe meetings occur quarterly and take place online. Attendees will come from the 22 cities and 3 counties in the WAMPO region and bring information from different areas of expertise. With greater collaboration, ICT Safe will identify strategies to reduce the occurrence of severe crashes, with an emphasis on intersections, speed, and vulnerable road users. Through a combination of education, enforcement, and other creative solutions, this Coalition will work toward reducing traffic fatalities in the WAMPO region and creating a safer Wichita metro area.

About WAMPO

The Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WAMPO) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Wichita metropolitan region. MPOs are federally required regional policy bodies in urbanized areas with populations over 50,000. MPOs recognize the critical links between transportation and other societal goals such as economic health, air quality, social equity, environmental resource consumption, and overall quality of life.

Locally, WAMPO is responsible, in cooperation with the State of Kansas and Wichita Transit, for carrying out the metropolitan transportation planning process in 22 cities and 3 counties in South Central Kansas.

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Agenda Item 2B: Discussion/Updates Organizations Included/Seeking: Safety & Health Committee Dora Gallo, Transportation Planner

Executive Summary

The Safety & Health Committee (SHC) was established in August 2020, in accordance with the WAMPO Metropolitan Transportation Plan, to develop reports and hold discussions on transportation safety- and health-related topics. The SHC's activities included, among other things, discussions of the Safety Data Initiative, a Vision Zero toolkit, and Safe Routes to School (SRTS) planning. The Safety and Health Committee has now transitioned to ICT Safe: A Regional Transportation Coalition.

Background

In August 2020, the Safety & Health Committee (SHC) was established in accordance with *REIMAGINED* MOVE 2040, the then-recently adopted WAMPO Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The SHC's primary activities involved updating, reviewing, and discussing data and technical reports on transportation safety-and health-related topics. Intended topics of discussion included:

- » Improving safety and health for the region
- » Safety of all modes of transportation
- » Updating safety & health data reports
- » Environment air quality and ozone
- » Strategies for reducing crashes in our region
- » Developing educational awareness tools
- » Exploring new initiatives, such as Vision Zero goals

Activity

- » 02/03/2021 Discussed the Safety Data Initiative.
 - Provides information about focus areas and target groups and predicts potential safety risks.
- » 08/18/2021 Discussed Vision Zero toolkit.
 - Vision Zero is a traffic-safety strategy that has a goal of zero fatalities and zero serious injuries from traffic collisions.
- » <u>05/04/2022</u> Discussed pursuit of Safe Routes to School (SRTS) planning.
- **»** Further actions taken to fulfill the purpose of the committee:
 - Coordination with local government agencies and organizations to educate the public about safety and enforce policies.
 - Using data from annual WAMPO bicycle and pedestrian count events in the consideration of where bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements would be called for.
 - Proposal, development, and public comment on the Coordinated Safety Action Plan (CSAP).

Next Steps

- **»** The Safety & Health Committee is transitioning to ICT Safe: A Regional Transportation Coalition.
 - ICT Safe's mission is to reduce transportation-related fatalities and serious injuries in the WAMPO region by implementing the CSAP.
 - ICT Safe is an "umbrella" coalition that includes Drive Safe Sedgwick (which will retain its identify and current focus on addressing impaired driving), Behavioral Safety Grant administration, and other activities.



Executive Summary

The Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) was developed through a ten-month process and was available for public comment from September 19 through October 19, 2023. Three public comments were received. In response to input from the public, WAMPO staff have prefaced the CSAP with a policy statement that safety is a priority in transportation planning and the project selection process. The CSAP is meant to promote the safety of all users of the transportation system. Following adoption of the CSAP by the TPB, the WAMPO region will be eligible to apply for Federal Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Implementation grants. WAMPO and the CSAP consultant team are also developing a Vision Zero toolkit that can be adapted to the needs of individual communities in the region to work towards eliminating traffic-related deaths and serious injuries.

Background

The public comment period for the Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WAMPO) Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) (<u>https://www.wampo.org/safety</u>) was open from September 19 through October 19, 2023. Three public comments were received during that period. These comments, as shown in the attached public comments document, were taken into consideration by WAMPO staff and their project consultant, Burgess & Niple (B&N) (with subconsultants TranSystems and Vireo). These comments will be included in the final CSAP plan.

Previous public engagement activities revealed the public's clear preference for prioritizing safety. To this end, WAMPO staff have prefaced the CSAP with a clear policy statement that safety is a priority in transportation planning and the project selection process.

WAMPO and Wichita-region communities and public agencies collaborated to develop the CSAP through a ten-month planning process. WAMPO staff and the consultant team engaged the community; reviewed existing plans, policies, and projects; conducted data analyses; applied the U.S. Department of Transportation's Safe System Approach (<u>www.transportation.gov/NRSS/SafeSystem</u>); and recommended specific steps the region should take to improve transportation safety for everyone. WAMPO will leverage the final plan as WAMPO staff and partners pursue funding for the recommended improvements.

Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)

The Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for this year was published earlier than expected, with grant applications due on July 10, 2023, prior to the expected adoption of the WAMPO CSAP, meaning the WAMPO region was not able to apply for any Implementation grants during this round of funding. Instead, WAMPO staff and consultants put together a Planning and Demonstration grant application in support of the development of the CSAP. We hope to hear if WAMPO was awarded funding in November 2023. WAMPO intends to then apply for an Implementation grant in 2024 or 2025.

Vision Zero Toolkit

As an extension of their CSAP collaboration, WAMPO and the consultant team are developing a Vision Zero toolkit for the WAMPO region. Broadly speaking, Vision Zero is rooted in the foundational belief that every





traffic fatality is preventable and sets forth broad goals aimed at eliminating traffic-related deaths and severe injuries.

The goals of Vision Zero may be appropriate for any regional planning organization or state across the country; however, it is acknowledged that the unique characteristics of each may demand a specific approach that is tailored to the needs of that locality. Therefore, the consultants at B&N plan to offer their insights into a Vision Zero toolkit that can be adapted to the specific needs of each community.

Next Steps

- » November 14, 2023: Update on the CSAP to the TPB.
- » November 27, 2023: The TAC will make a formal recommendation to the TPB on the CSAP.
- » December 12, 2023: The TPB will consider the CSAP for approval.

Attachments

- **»** Draft Comprehensive Safety Action Plan <u>https://bit.ly/DraftCSAPPlan</u>
- **»** Public Comments to Date <u>https://bit.ly/DraftCSAPPublicComment</u>