

Spring 2026

WAMPO Quarterly Newsletter

The Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WAMPO) is the lead independent agency for coordinating priorities for regionally significant transportation investments, including roads, highways, public transit, railroads, and bicycle and pedestrian facilities. In cooperation with its member communities and state and federal partners, WAMPO supports the region's economic and transportation goals.

Spring Highlights:

- FFY2027-FFY2030 TIP development underway
- Safe Routes to School (SRTS) plans and Best Practices Guide in progress
- Regional Transit Coordination Committee approved
- East Kellogg Expansion Project launched
- Bike to School Day: May 6, 2026

Read some Spring 2026 regional transportation updates below and visit www.wampo.org to learn more.

FFY2027-FFY2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Development

WAMPO is in the process of developing the next Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which will cover FFY2027-FFY2030 (October 1, 2026 – September 30, 2030). All federally funded transportation projects within the WAMPO region, and any additional projects deemed regionally significant, are required to appear in the TIP. These projects are made into a prioritized, four-year list representing funding commitments from local, state, and federal partners. WAMPO updates its TIP every two years and conducts regular amendments, usually about four per year.



Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
Overview Video (opens in web browser)

The current TIP, new-TIP development details, and additional information are available on the WAMPO TIP webpage, www.wampo.org/transportation-improvement-program.

Transportation Planning Updates

Transportation Safety

Safe Routes to School

WAMPO is in the midst of an effort to develop Safe Routes to School (SRTS) plans for at least sixty (60) public and private K-12 schools in the region, as well as a Best Practices Guide. SRTS initiatives aim to make walking, rolling, and bicycling to and from school safer for students through various programs, policies, and infrastructure improvements.



Existing-conditions report development and issue identification stemming from the first round of data collection, in fall 2025, are in progress, and another round of SRTS data collection is underway, including completing walk audits at and around schools, collecting Student Travel Tally data, and conducting a parent/caregiver survey. Learn more about WAMPO SRTS at www.wampo.org/srts.

Behavioral Safety Awareness Toolkit Development

WAMPO, with the guidance of a Behavioral Safety Awareness Committee, is developing a toolkit of resources that may be used by local governments and community partners to engage residents and increase general awareness, understanding, and appreciation of what constitutes safe behavior on roadways. To learn more about WAMPO's safety initiatives, visit www.wampo.org/safety.

ICT Safe: A Regional Transportation Coalition

ICT Safe is a transportation safety coalition that brings together a variety of stakeholders with the mission of reducing fatalities and serious injuries from vehicle crashes. The next quarterly ICT Safe meeting is scheduled for May 6, 2026, at 9:30 AM, via Zoom. Learn more and access the meeting at www.wampo.org/ict-safe.

Multimodal Transportation

Regional Transit Coordination Committee

Formation of a Regional Transit Coordination Committee was approved by the TPB on March 10, 2026. This committee will serve as a forum for WAMPO member jurisdictions, transit providers, and invited stakeholders to share information, discuss transit initiatives, identify priority strategies, and support the fulfillment of WAMPO's adopted Regional Transit Implementation Plan. The first committee meeting is scheduled for July 1, 2026, at 10:30 AM via Zoom. More details will be added to the WAMPO website as the date approaches.

Regional Active Transportation Plan

WAMPO released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the development of a Regional Active Transportation Plan, February 17-March 4, 2026. A consultant contract is anticipated to be brought to the TPB in late spring 2026. The purpose of the forthcoming plan is to assess and catalog existing active transportation infrastructure, identify gaps in the nonmotorized travel network, and recommend strategies to improve active transportation options that connect neighborhoods, communities, and destinations within the WAMPO region.

Long-Range Planning

Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050 (MTP 2050)

It has been almost one year since the adoption of Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050 (MTP 2050)! A Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) is a federally required, strategic, long-term document guiding future transportation projects in the region. Serving as a guide for the expenditure of state and federal funds through the year 2050, MTP 2050 sets priorities for transportation, including safety, reliable travel times, managing environmental and economic impacts, and improving connectivity for all modes of travel, and then lists projects that are consistent with those priorities to potentially utilize available funding. MTP 2050 was approved by the TPB on May 13, 2025.



All MTP 2050 chapters & appendices are available at www.wampo.org/mtp2050. An Executive Summary of MTP 2050 is also available, in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

Household Travel Survey (HTS)

A draft contract for a consultant to perform a Household Travel Survey (HTS) has been developed and is anticipated to be brought to the TPB in late spring 2026. New, up-to-date HTS data will support WAMPO's federally required long-range transportation planning activities, which are informed by traffic volume and congestion forecasts from a Travel

Demand Model (TDM), whose continued accuracy is dependent on the collection, processing, and analysis of high-quality HTS data.

To learn more about what WAMPO does and to see our core planning documents, please visit www.wampo.org or click the boxes below to view the webpage for each highlighted topic.



Regional Transportation News

Updates & Announcements

KDOT Behavioral Safety Grant Opportunity

The KDOT Behavioral Safety Grant Application is open through May 15, 2026, for Federal Fiscal Year 2027 (October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027) for funding to conduct a variety of education and communication campaigns and other non-infrastructure safety countermeasures. Details are available at KSDOT.gov/EEER.

Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Notice of Funding Opportunity

The federal Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program funds regional, local, and Tribal initiatives to prevent fatalities and serious injuries from vehicle crashes. The USDOT recently released the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for FFY2026. The application deadline is May 26, 2026. Visit www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A for details.

Bike Month (May) and Bike to School Day (May 6)

May is nationally celebrated as Bike Month! Celebration details can be found at <https://bikeleague.org/bikemonth>.

On May 6, 2026, schools across Kansas and the country will celebrate Bike to School Day. This annual celebration is designed to encourage students and families to bike to school in their communities. Learn more at <https://saferoutes.ksdot.gov/btsd>.



Highlighted Significant Regional Projects

Redbud Path

Improvements to the Wichita portion of the Redbud Path are underway, with the path currently closed from Woodlawn Boulevard to K-96. The project includes, among other things, path widening and paving, crossing improvements, and a new pedestrian bridge over Rock Road. Work began in February 2026 and is anticipated to continue through mid-2027.

K-15 Corridor Management Plan

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) hosted a public meeting on March 24, 2026, to review findings from the K-15 traffic study, which focuses on K-15 from 95th Street in Derby to I-135 in Wichita. Study partners include the cities of Derby and Wichita, Sedgwick County, the Kansas Turnpike Authority, and WAMPO. Please visit the study webpage for the latest information: ksdot.gov/K15-Corridor.

East Kellogg Expansion Project

KDOT began work on the US-54/US-400/East Kellogg Expansion project in March 2026. This project involves modernizing US-54/US-400/East Kellogg from K-96, in Wichita, to just east of 159th Street, in Andover. The project will reduce congestion, prioritize safety, improve travel-time reliability, and support economic growth within the region. For more information and maps of the project area, visit <https://www.ksdot.gov/projects/south-central-kansas-projects/east-kellogg-k-96-to-159th-street>.

Have a project update for the next newsletter? Send us an email at wampo@wampo.org to let us know.

Engage with WAMPO

Upcoming WAMPO Meetings

Members of the public are welcome to join WAMPO meetings either in person or online via Zoom (some meetings are online only). Meeting dates and times are subject to change. In-person meetings are generally held at the Ronald Reagan Building, 271 W 3rd St., Room 203, Wichita, KS 67202, unless otherwise stated in the meeting agenda, and Zoom links are available on the WAMPO website at least one week before the scheduled meeting time.

- **May 6, 2026, at 9:30 AM:** ICT Safe: A Regional Transportation Coalition meeting (online only)
- **May 12, 2026, at 3:00 PM:** Transportation Policy Body (TPB) meeting
- **May 18, 2026, at 10:00 AM:** Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting
- **May 21, 2026, at 11:00 AM:** Executive Committee meeting (in Room 210 of the Ronald Reagan Building)
- **June 9, 2026, at 3:00 PM:** Transportation Policy Body (TPB) meeting
- **June 22, 2026, at 10:00 AM:** Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting
- **July 14, 2026, at 3:00 PM:** Transportation Policy Body (TPB) meeting
- **July 27, 2026, at 10:00 AM:** Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting

For more information about each committee, visit www.wampo.org/boards-and-committees.

WAMPO will be closed in observance of the following upcoming holidays:

- **May 25, 2026:** Memorial Day
- **June 19, 2026:** Juneteenth
- **July 3, 2026:** Independence Day

Information about meetings, office closures, and upcoming events can be found at www.wampo.org/events.

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