



# Title VI Annual Report

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The Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WAMPO) hereby gives public notice that it is the policy of the agency to ensure full compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, and related statutes and regulations in all programs and activities.

Title VI requires that no person in the United States of America shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity under the control of WAMPO. Requests for special accommodation and/or language assistance should be made to [wampo@wampo.org](mailto:wampo@wampo.org) or by calling 316.779.1313 at least 48 hours in advance.

Any person who believes they have been aggrieved by an unlawful discriminatory practice under Title VI has a right to file a formal complaint with WAMPO. Any such complaint must be in writing and filed with WAMPO's Title VI Coordinator within one hundred eighty (180) days following the date of the alleged discriminatory occurrence.

For more information, or to obtain a Title VI Discrimination Complaint Form, please visit [www.wampo.org/title-vi](http://www.wampo.org/title-vi) or call 316.779.1313.

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# Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

The Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WAMPO) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Wichita metropolitan area. As an MPO, WAMPO works to recognize the critical links between transportation and other societal goals, such as economic health, air quality, environmental resource management, and overall quality of life.

The Transportation Policy Body (TPB), WAMPO's governing body, guides and coordinates transportation investments in the region. In addition to the TPB, elected officials, transportation professionals, advocates, and residents have the opportunity to participate in the planning process by serving on TPB advisory committees and in working groups, including the following:

- Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
- Executive Committee (EC)
- Project Selection Committee (PSC)
- ICT Safe: A Regional Transportation Coalition
- Regional Transit Coordination Committee (RTCC)
- Project-specific advisory committees

## Commitment to Nondiscrimination

It is the policy of the Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WAMPO) to ensure full compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, and related statutes and regulations in all programs and activities, regardless of funding source.

WAMPO strives to create and maintain a transparent and accessible planning process by intentionally integrating Title VI principles into the WAMPO transportation planning process and by reaching out to less-engaged populations in the WAMPO region.

## Public Engagement

### Public Participation Plan

WAMPO adopted its current Public Participation Plan (PPP) in December 2022. The PPP outlines strategies for involving the public in transportation planning. Its goal is to ensure effective engagement throughout the 3-C (Continuing, Cooperative, and Comprehensive) process. The PPP emphasizes that public participation is vital for developing transportation policies, programs, and projects. WAMPO aims to collaboratively gather input from all parties, focusing on a variety of transportation needs, concerns, and ideas.

WAMPO's commitment to meaningful engagement forms the PPP's foundation. It recognizes that public input is crucial for quality transportation planning and project development and aims to make it easier for interested individuals to contribute by offering multiple avenues for involvement, from committee participation to open-house discussions.

The PPP also highlights Title VI requirements, which prohibit discrimination based on race, color, or national origin. WAMPO ensures compliance with these regulations and offers avenues for individuals to report discrimination. An update to the PPP is planned for 2027.

## **WAMPO 2025-2026 Public Events**

Meetings hosted by WAMPO are open to the public and announced through the WAMPO website, social media, paid newspaper notices, and email distributions. WAMPO meetings during August 1, 2025, through July 31, 2026, included those of the Transportation Policy Body (TPB), Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), ICT Safe: A Regional Transportation Coalition, and more. WAMPO staff also had interactions with the public through engagement activities conducted for various planning processes during this reporting period.

## **Interactions**

Between August 1, 2025, and July 31, 2026, WAMPO's public engagement activities were largely focused on outreach and engagement for Safe Routes to School (SRTS) planning. This included the use of a parent/caregiver survey as an engagement tool to aid in collecting public input. Outreach was conducted through social media, newsletters, stakeholder-group communication and presentations, tabling at community events, and attending and presenting at public meetings.

## **Language Accessibility**

Compliance with Title VI includes ensuring accessibility to programs and services for individuals not proficient in the English language, following Title VI provisions prohibiting discrimination on the basis of national origin. WAMPO maintains a Limited English Proficiency (LEP) plan that guides the provision of meaningful access to the transportation planning process for people with a limited ability to communicate in English. During all public engagement initiatives, WAMPO staff take care to engage members of the community with limited English proficiency.

Where applicable, the executive summaries of WAMPO's core planning documents are translated and made available on the WAMPO website in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese. During the period of August 1, 2025, through July 31, 2026, the FFY2027-FFY2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) executive summary was translated. Additionally, following an update to the Title VI Program Manual in December 2025, updated Title VI brochures were developed and made available in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

## **Ongoing Improvement**

WAMPO has an ongoing commitment to evaluate proactive and responsive strategies to engage all populations, including individuals with limited English proficiency, in the transportation planning process.

## Title VI Program Requirements

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requires that all direct and primary funding recipients document their compliance with the U.S. Department of Transportation's Title VI regulations. As a subrecipient of federal transportation funding, WAMPO demonstrates Title VI compliance through the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT). Updates to WAMPO's Title VI Program Manual and Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan occur every three years; both were updated in 2025 and approved by the Transportation Policy Body on December 9, 2025.

## Resources on WAMPO Website

### Title VI Webpage

WAMPO has a Title VI webpage, which serves as a one-stop shop for the public to locate Title VI-related information. This includes a Title VI brochure in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese. Also on the Title VI webpage is WAMPO's Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan.

Please visit [www.wampo.org/title-vi](http://www.wampo.org/title-vi) to view WAMPO's webpage dedicated to Title VI.

### Public Participation Webpage

The Public Participation page of the WAMPO website links to the WAMPO Public Participation Plan. Public comment opportunities, information on how to get involved in the transportation planning process, and a calendar showing upcoming meetings and events are also on this webpage.

Please visit [www.wampo.org/public-participation](http://www.wampo.org/public-participation) to view WAMPO's webpage dedicated to public participation.

## WAMPO Title VI Complaints

As of July 31, 2026, there have been zero reported Title VI complaints against WAMPO.

## Appendix A: Title VI Program Manual

View the WAMPO Title VI Program Manual at:

[https://www.wampo.org/files/ugd/bbf89d\\_62da87df31294339a30fdacd4c4801b6.pdf](https://www.wampo.org/files/ugd/bbf89d_62da87df31294339a30fdacd4c4801b6.pdf)

## Appendix B: LEP Plan

View the WAMPO Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan at:

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