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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg Secretary of Transportation US Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590

July 10, 2023

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The City of Andover commits to continuing to support WAMPO's efforts and participate as a key stakeholder throughout the demonstration project and subsequent implementation of countermeasures and strategies recommended in the CSAP. We hope the Department will strongly consider WAMPO's collaborative approach to improving safety in the region.

Sincerely

Ronnie Price, Mayor City of Andover, Kansas



July 10, 2023

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Sincerely,

Jim Benage, Mayor

June 14, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg Secretary of Transportation US Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590



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Bike Walk Wichita commits to continuing to support WAMPO's efforts and participate as a key stakeholder throughout the demonstration project and subsequent implementation of countermeasures and strategies recommended in the CSAP. We hope the Department will strongly consider WAMPO's collaborative approach to improving safety in the region.

Sincerely,

Kim Neufeld,

Executive Director, Bike Walk Wichita, Inc.

Kimberly Neufeld

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Wichita, Kansas 67202



MAYOR'S OFFICE

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg Secretary of Transportation US Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590

June 19, 2023

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

The City of Derby strongly supports the Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's (WAMPO's) application for a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Planning and Demonstration grant. We hope you will too. WAMPO is seeking funds to pilot behavioral strategies and conduct before and after studies to determine the effectiveness of safety countermeasure specific to the region.

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The City of Derby is committed to WAMPO's efforts and will participate as a key stakeholder throughout the demonstration project and subsequent implementation of countermeasures and strategies. We hope the Department will strongly consider WAMPO's collaborative approach to improving safety in the region.

Sincerely,

Randy White



CITY OF HAYSVILLE, KANSAS

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June 13, 2023

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DJ BARKLEY DANNY WALTERS The Honorable Pete Buttigieg Secretary of Transportation US Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The City of Haysville supports the Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's (WAMPO's) application for a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Planning and Demonstration grant. WAMPO is seeking the necessary funds to pilot behavioral strategies and conduct before and after studies to determine safety countermeasure effectiveness specific to the Wichita region.

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Haysville commits to continuing to support WAMPO's efforts and participate as a key stakeholder throughout the demonstration project and subsequent implementation of countermeasures and strategies recommended in the CSAP. On behalf of the City of Haysville, I request strong consideration be given to the proposal from WAMPO for this grant to improve safety in the region.

Sincerely,

Russ Kessler

Mayor



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Laura Kelly, Governor

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Greg M. Schieber, P.E. Acting Secretary of Transportation State Transportation Engineer

June 26, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590

RE: Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Letter of Support for the Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Planning and Demonstration Grant Application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) wishes to express strong support for the SS4A grant application submitted by the Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization in conjunction with the City of Wichita, the City of Derby, the City of Andover, and Sedgwick County.

KDOT is dedicated to advancing projects that reduce the number of fatalities and serious injuries on roadways. From 2018 to 2022, 61 percent of all severe injuries occurred on local roads in Kansas. The SS4A program provides a unique opportunity to encourage local agencies to prioritize safety in transportation decision-making. To encourage participation in the SS4A program, **KDOT will contribute 15 percent to support the local match contribution for this Planning and Demonstration Grant if awarded**. We are excited to see a Kansan community pursue these competitive funds.

This Safety Action Plan will not only address transportation safety issues facing Kansans, but it will also support historically disadvantaged communities. As part of the Justice40 Initiative, this project will ensure that disadvantaged communities in Kansas receive the benefits of federal investments through both the creation and refinement of comprehensive safety action plans and their future implementation.

A Planning and Demonstration Grant would enable the Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization to adopt the Safe System Approach and to advance roadway safety within the community through engagement and strategy processes that are data and evidence based.

Thank you for your consideration of the grant application submitted by the Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization for Safe Streets and Roads for All program. KDOT asks that you favorably consider this project for SS4A funding.

Sincerely,

Greg M. Schieber, P.E.

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Acting Secretary of Transportation

State Transportation Engineer

Interim Director of Kansas Turnpike Authority





July 10, 2023

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Sincerely,

Richard LaMunyon, City Administrator

July 10, 2023

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,



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Although not directly in the WAMPO region, more than 50% of Harvey County/Newton residents commute to and from work, medical appointments, educational opportunities, shopping, and entertainment in the WAMPO region each day. The City of Newton commits to continuing support of WAMPO's efforts and to reduce fatality accidents in the region. We express our strong support of WAMPO's application, as well as their collaborative approach to improving safety in the greater Wichita area.

Sincerely,

Leroy Koehn Mayor

cc: Kelly McElroy, Newton City Manager Denise Duerksen, Newton City Clerk

Chris Towle, Newton City Attorney

REAP | Regional Economic Area Partnership

June 20, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg Secretary of Transportation US Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

The Regional Economic Area Partnership (REAP) is writing in support of the Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's (WAMPO's) application for a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Planning and Demonstration grant. WAMPO is seeking funds to pilot behavioral strategies and conduct before and after studies to determine safety countermeasure effectiveness specific to the Wichita region.

REAP is comprised of thirty city and county governments in ten counties of South Central Kansas. These jurisdictions have voluntarily come together to guide the state and national actions that affect economic development in the region. They also work together to adopt joint actions among governments that enhance the regional economy.

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Sincerely.

Chairman Pete Meitzner Sedgwick County Commission REAP Chair

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SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS



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June 21, 2023

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Sincerely,

Peter F. Meitzner, Chairman Board of County Commissioners



Department on Aging

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Annette Graham Director

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg Secretary of Transportation US Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590

July 10, 2023

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Sincerely,

Annette Graham, LSCSW Executive Director



July 10, 2023

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Sincerely,

Brent Clark

City Administrator



July 10, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg Secretary of Transportation US Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590

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Sincerely.

Dr. Brandon Whipple Mayor, City of Wichita



July 10, 2023

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Prairie Fire Race Series



The Wichita Sports Commission commits to continuing to support WAMPO's efforts and participate as a key stakeholder throughout the demonstration project and subsequent implementation of countermeasures and strategies recommended in the CSAP. We hope the Department will strongly consider WAMPO's collaborative approach to improving safety in the region.

Sincerely,

Kevin Jenks, President/CEO Wichita Sports Commission

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Wichita, KS 67202



June 30, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg Secretary of Transportation US Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

Please consider this letter of support for the Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's (WAMPO's) application for a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Planning and Demonstration grant. WAMPO is seeking the necessary funds to pilot behavioral strategies and conduct before and after studies to determine safety countermeasure effectiveness specific to the Wichita region.

The WAMPO region, which includes all of Sedgwick and portions of Butler and Sumner counties, is home to over half a million residents. Of those residents who are working, over 90% either drive alone in a personal vehicle (85%) or carpool in a personal vehicle (8%). With the majority of people in the region traveling by car, crashes can occur, impacting families, friendships, and the fabric of this community. Unfortunately, the number of driving fatalities in the region has continued to rise over the last few years. During a ten year-review from 2012-2021 and partial data from 2022, there were approximately 109,000 crashes within the WAMPO area. Moreover, a total of 240 fatal or serious injuries involving pedestrians occurred in the WAMPO region, and city crashes comprised approximately 60% of all fatal and serious injury crashes.

WAMPO's most recent long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), adopted in 2020, identified Safety and Health as a focus area, noting a desire to address increases in roadway fatalities in the region. The following year WAMPO completed a Vision Zero Plan to provide information and resources about the Vision Zero framework to its member communities. WAMPO is now working with regional partners to develop a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) that builds from the 2021 Vision Zero Safety Plan but is structured around the Safe System Approach. This plan will be completed later this year and will identify behavioral and engineering solutions to reduce severe crashes.

The SS4A Planning and Demonstration grant presents an opportunity to pilot some of the recommendations being considered for inclusion in the CSAP to determine which countermeasures could be most effective in the Wichita region.

The City of Wichita Transportation Department commits to supporting WAMPO's efforts and participating as a key stakeholder throughout the demonstration project and subsequent implementation of countermeasures and strategies recommended in the CSAP. We hope the Department will strongly consider WAMPO's collaborative approach to improving regional safety.

Sincerely

Michael Tann, Director