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Appendix N

Amendment Process



Amending the Plan

Trying to project twenty or more years into the future is fraught with difficulty. Circumstances change, the needs and desires of the population change, and the resources available to meet those needs change. For those reasons, federal regulations require MPOs, like WAMPO, to update their Metropolitan Transportation Plans every five years. Even with updates every five years, unforeseen circumstances will almost certainly arise before the next scheduled update. Cities and counties in the WAMPO region update their Capital Improvement Programs as often as every year. The Kansas Department of Transportation considers new projects for the Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program (IKE) every two years. The federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law was enacted on November 15, 2021, authorizing transportation funding through September 2026; as of this writing, federal transportation funding has not been authorized beyond that date. All of these developments, and many more, have the potential to impact Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050.

Member Driven Authority

Any member of the WAMPO Transportation Policy Body (TPB) may request an amendment to Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050. Though not represented on the TPB, the Kansas Turnpike Authority carries out regionally significant transportation projects in the WAMPO region and can make amendment requests as well.

REQUEST PROCEDURES

Requests should be made to the WAMPO Executive Director in writing or via email. In addition, WAMPO staff, at the discretion of the Director, may issue a “Call for Changes,” proactively asking member jurisdictions and planning partners to request specific changes to the plan. These changes then become the basis for an amendment.

Amendment requests should describe the proposed amendment in sufficient detail for WAMPO staff to develop a written description of the changes to the plan and the reasons for the amendment. Staff will work with planning partners and member jurisdictions in developing the amendment text, laying out the change to the plan in detail along with supporting material and the reasons for the amendment.

REQUEST PROCEDURES

All amendments will, at a minimum, follow the public participation procedures laid out in the most current version of WAMPO’s Public Participation Plan which may be found at <https://www.wampo.org/public-participation>.

DECISION-MAKING

Amendments must be consistent with applicable federal regulations. The requested amendment will be presented to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), accompanied by a staff recommendation of whether or not to approve the amendment. The TAC, in turn, will make a recommendation to the TPB on whether or not to approve the amendment. The TPB will make the final decision on adopting the amendment.

Administrative Modifications

In addition to formal amendments, WAMPO may modify the plan through administrative modifications. Administrative modifications are limited to minor changes to project/project phase costs, minor changes to anticipated funding sources of previously included projects, and minor changes to project/project phase initiation dates/time bands. Administrative modifications can be initiated by WAMPO staff. They must still be approved by the TPB, but they do not require public review and comment or a redemonstration of fiscal constraint.

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