



MTPO 2050

Appendix A

Plan Development

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Planning Process

This planning process began in the fall of 2022 and concluded with the TPB approval of the MTP on **May 13, 2025**. The formation of the Plan Advisory Committee (PAC) was discussed with the TAC and TPB, as well as past members of the PAC to receive any input on potential improvements to the PAC. The PAC was formally approved by the TPB on December 13, 2022. The PAC met **six (6)** times over the course of the planning process.

PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

ROLE OF THE PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- Help engage stakeholders and the public
- Conduct public engagement discussions
- Provide expertise & guide WAMPO staff
- Recommend decisions to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Transportation Policy Body (TPB)

MEETING SCHEDULE

- At least twice a year (depending on where we are in the planning process)
- Meeting duration: 120 minutes

REPORTING RELATIONSHIPS

- The PAC reports to the Transportation Policy Body
- Regular updates to the TPB and TAC
- TAC members on the PAC will be asked to deliver updates

PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS

- The Project Selection Committee (PSC) will make recommendations to PAC on projects to include in the MTP
- PAC assist in the call for projects

First meeting
Choose
Chairperson

PAC MEETING TOPICS

1. MTP Purpose; Vision, Goals, Objectives, Needs; Regional Connections
2. Updated Data; WAMPO's Studies Progress Update; Project selection criteria
3. Alternative Scenarios; Cost Estimate Model; Call for Projects; MTP 2050 subreports
4. Project List; Congestion Management Process; Travel Demand Model; Public Engagement Round 1; Transportation Performance Measures
5. Public Engagement Round 2 Results; Public Engagement Round 3; Population Projections
6. PSC Recommendations
7. Public Engagement Round 4
8. Review Draft Plan

8/22/2023

PAC STAKEHOLDERS

- Bike Walk Wichita
- City of Andover
- City of Derby
- City of Maize
- City of Wichita
- City of Wichita Police Department
- FHWA
- FTA
- KDOT
- Sedgwick County
- Sedgwick County Association of Cities
- South Central KS Coordinated Transit District
- United Community Transit Coalition
- Wichita Transit
- Wichita-Sedgwick County Planning

The Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WAMPO) took a proactive approach to inclusive and collaborative transportation planning by establishing a series of meetings tasked with providing valuable public input for the development of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), a crucial long-range blueprint for the region’s transportation infrastructure. These meetings served as dynamic forums, bringing together diverse stakeholders, including community leaders, representatives from local government, transportation experts, and engaged citizens. The aim was to foster an environment where different perspectives could be shared, ensuring that the MTP would be a reflection of the collective needs and aspirations of the community.

Through a series of structured discussions, public forums, and interactive sessions, the meetings facilitated open dialogue, allowing participants to express their concerns, share insights, and propose innovative solutions. This collaborative approach not only enhanced transparency in the planning process but also empowered the community to actively shape the future of its transportation system.

The WAMPO meetings played a pivotal role in bridging the gap between policymakers and the public, fostering a sense of ownership and inclusivity in the decision-making process. By incorporating the diverse perspectives gathered through this initiative, the Metropolitan Transportation Plan was not only comprehensive but also reflective of the values and priorities of the community it serves. The success of this collaborative model serves as a testament to the importance of citizen engagement in shaping sustainable and people-centric transportation planning initiatives.

A consultant team of Professional Engineering Consulting (PEC), HDR, Venice Communications, and the Public Policy & Management Center at Wichita State University was hired in March 2023 to assist in specific aspects of the planning process.

