



WAMPO Spring Newsletter

March, April & May 2023



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Upcoming Dates

March

- 27th - Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting @ 10 AM

April

- 11th - Transportation Policy Body (TPB) @ 3 PM
- 19th - APBP Webinar: Give Your Bus a BOOST!
- 24th - Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting @ 10 AM

May

- 4th - Executive Committee Meeting @ 11:15 AM
- 9th - Transportation Policy Body (TPB) @ 3 PM
- 17th - APBP Webinar: Active Mobility for Older Adult Communities through Planning and Implementation
- 22nd - Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting @ 10 AM
- 29th - WAMPO Offices Closed

[2023 Calendar](#)

WAMPO Staff Updates

WAMPO is seeking to table or present at upcoming

meetings or events in your community (District Advisory Meetings, Citizen Advisory Board, Advisory meetings, Open houses, Festivals, etc.). Please take a few minutes to fill out this [SURVEY](#) to let us know when meetings/ community events are in 2023 so we can share our work and information with our community members. If you are having trouble or any issues with the survey, please reach out to Emily.thon@wampo.org.



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Please also feel free to forward this email along to those you believe would be beneficial to have WAMPO attend their events.

WAMPO Updates

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Sidewalk Map

Biking, walking, and other forms of active transportation are important alternatives to automobiles in the WAMPO region. To determine how connected and accessible the WAMPO region's sidewalk network is, WAMPO staff developed a comprehensive map of all sidewalks in the region.

The map's initial development phase was from April to October 2022 and began by using publicly available aerial/satellite imagery. WAMPO staff manually traced the locations of sidewalks and crosswalks into an ArcGIS feature class, creating a comprehensive map of the entire sidewalk network within the WAMPO region.

The map also displays different types of bikeways. There are eight different bikeway classifications on the map, including four classifications of on-road bikeways (bicycle lanes, marked/signed shared lanes, bicycle boulevards, and paved shoulders) and four classifications of off-road bikeways (shared-use paths, sidepaths, unpaved trails, and mountain-bicycle trails). For example, sidepaths are road-adjacent, above-the-curb, paved paths that are at least 8 feet wide, accommodating both bicycle riders and pedestrians. Meanwhile, shared-use paths are similar in design to sidepaths, but are not road-adjacent.

The full sidewalk map is available to the public on ArcGIS Online through the following link:

<https://bit.ly/WAMPOSidewalkMapUpdate>

For more information or comments email us at wampo@wampo.org.

MTP 2050 Progress

WAMPO is kicking off our long-range Metropolitan Transportation Planning process where we are collaborating with the region to determine the vision for transportation in our area for the year 2050. This plan is updated every five years and includes a multimodal list of priority transportation projects and strategies that fit within the region's anticipated funding capacity. A first round of public engagement will occur this spring. Please let us know if you'd like WAMPO staff to talk at your meeting or if there is an event, we can set up a table to discuss this planning process. Visit www.wampo.org/mtp2050 to follow the planning process.

For more information, please reach out to Ashley Bryers – ashley.bryers@wampo.org



K-96 Project

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) held an Open House on February 2, 2023, to provide the public an opportunity to review the proposed design concepts for the K-96 state highway corridor, between Interstate 35 and Interstate 135 in east Wichita. The project involves expanding K-96 from 4 to 6 lanes and improving seven interchanges.

For more information, please visit www.k96improvements.com

City of Wichita RAISE Grant Application

As part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, a Notice of Funding Opportunity was issued for communities to submit a grant application for the RAISE program. The program provides \$2.275 billion over the next five years for planning and construction.

The Kellogg and Eisenhower Parkway interchange serves as a gateway to travelers in west Wichita as well as visitors going to and from Dwight D. Eisenhower National Airport. The interchange is experiencing operational inefficiency and safety issues as a result of an obsolete design, increased airport travel and significant area development. Eisenhower Airport Parkway provides access from Kellogg to the airport, major cargo companies (FedEx and United Parcel Service), Flight Safety International, aerospace design and manufacturing companies, major retailers, restaurants, hotels, and other businesses. The north airport campus includes aging infrastructure and access challenges that are limiting economic development opportunities. Transit service to and from the airport is not currently available and bike/pedestrian accessibility is limited. The City will apply for planning funds to study and design the following: improved interchange and local road traffic flow and safety; drainage area enhancements; improved regional multi-modal opportunities and connectivity, with specific focus on transit facilities and routing; electric vehicle charging stations; and recommendations to enhance economic growth and development opportunities in the area. The grant application will include letters of support from across the community, regional partners, and state and federal elected officials. The announcement of RAISE grant awards is expected in the fall of 2023. A successful planning grant application would provide design for proposed improvements, to be followed by a grant application(s) for construction.

The grant application will include a total cost of \$3,000,000, with a request of \$2,400,000 in federal funding from the RAISE Grant Program. The required local match of \$600,000 would be funded by a combination of the existing budget and the Adopted 2023-2032 Capital Improvement Program funds for the Kellogg and Eisenhower Parkway aesthetics improvements project.

Source: [City of Wichita City Council Meeting \(02/14/2023\)](#)

[Wichita – Project Scope Map](#)



New TPB and TAC Leadership

On February 14, 2023, the WAMPO Transportation Policy Body (TPB) elected Wichita Councilmember Becky Tuttle to a one-year term as TPB Chair, succeeding Sedgwick County Commissioner David Dennis in that role. Councilmember Tuttle is the first female Chair of the WAMPO TPB. In the same meeting, the TPB also elected Andover City Council Member Troy Tabor as TPB Vice Chair and Haysville Mayor Russ Kessler as Chair of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).

WAMPO Staff Changes

WAMPO would like to welcome Kim Houston to our staff! Kim is our new Accountant/Audit/HR Assistant.

For more information, please reach out to Emily Thon – emily.thon@wampo.org

Comprehensive Safety Action Plan Progress

WAMPO is in the process of creating a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP). The Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) will identify behavioral and engineering solutions to reduce severe crashes. This plan will build from WAMPO's 2021 Vision Zero Safety Report but will be structured around the Safe System Approach. This approach will help us think about system solutions for safer roads, safer road users, safer speeds, safer vehicles, post-crash care, equity, and culture.

On January 25, 2023, the Transportation Safety Technical Advisors (TSTA) had their first Comprehensive Safety Action Plan meeting. The meeting introduced the plan, highlighted transportation safety successes in the region upon which to build, and identified challenges to overcome. A recording of a presentation given at the meeting is available at www.wampo.org/safety.

The second TSTA meeting will be on March 28, 2023, from 1–4 PM. The meeting will review the results of a public survey and a crash analysis to prioritize key safety needs in the region.

For more information, please reach out to Ashley Bryers – ashley.bryers@wampo.org

Regional Connections Report

In 2021, WAMPO invited eleven (11) WAMPO region cities to present at Transportation Planning Body (TPB) meetings about their regional connections. Regional connectivity relies on an efficient and accessible transportation network and understanding that networks allow WAMPO's partnering agencies to plan for transportation projections that improve a municipality's local quality of life and regional connection. WAMPO created a 2022 Regional Connections Report that relays how communities in the WAMPO region rely on each other, share their lives, and benefit from their commonalities and proximities.

Access Full Report: www.wampo.org/files/ugd/bbf89d_4277f3bb819d4f12922d347a61635435.pdf



2023 TPB Theme

The Transportation Policy Body (TPB) has a new theme for 2023 – What is your most innovative project and why is it regionally significant?

Member jurisdictions will be asked to present on the theme at specific TPB meetings. The presentations will be recorded and included in an “Innovative Project” playlist on YouTube. View other playlists at www.youtube.com/@wampokansas1627/playlists

Past themes include Regional Connections in 2021 and Economic Development in 2022.

For more information, please reach out to Ashley Bryers – ashley.bryers@wampo.org

Carbon Reduction Program – Call for Projects

WAMPO has opened a special Call for Projects, **March 1-May 1, 2023**, for transportation-project funding that is available through the new federal Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), which is geared specifically towards projects that are expected to reduce transportation-related carbon dioxide emissions. This initial Call for Projects will be for the distribution of approximately \$3.9 million to projects in Federal Fiscal Years (FFYs) 2024 and 2025.

For more information, please reach out to Nick Flanders – nicholas.flanders@wampo.org

Automatic Bicycle/Pedestrian Counters

WAMPO is preparing to purchase automatic bicycle and pedestrian counters for the Wichita region. We are wanting to purchase the best camera technology in the market. AI technology will help WAMPO staff and local jurisdictions retrieve data from the cloud to perform different evaluations that can lead to the construction of future bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and evaluations of past infrastructure projects.

WAMPO is currently seeking to conduct a pilot program to test the new automatic counters. Staff would like to partner with jurisdictions, installing cameras at various locations throughout the region. If any jurisdiction would like to participate in the pilot program, there is a local match of 20% requirement.

Please contact Dora Gallo if you’d like to participate in the pilot program.

For more information, please reach out to Dora Gallo – Dora.Gallo@wampo.org



Electric Vehicle Planning

WAMPO is developing the Electric Vehicle Plan in support of the Plug-In Electric Vehicle (PEV) market in the region by enabling municipalities and other stakeholders to address immediate infrastructure needs and long-term planning objectives, enabling the WAMPO region to become a nexus of electric vehicle (EV) corridors. The Electric Vehicle Plan will outline steps interested entities can take to support and encourage electric vehicle adoption and will deliver a comprehensive course of action to efficiently and effectively provide EV charging infrastructure and remove barriers to further EV adoption. The plan will serve as a starting point for private and public entities to grow more familiar with the opportunities and challenges of EVs, charging infrastructure, and EV adoption.

WAMPO is currently putting together the steering committee for this EV Plan.

For more information, please reach out to Dora Gallo – dora.gallo@wampo.org

Commuter Flows Report

When information about workers' residence location and workplace location are coupled, a commuting flow is generated. WAMPO has created a Commuter Flows Report that compiles data about the locations of workers' primary (non-home) workplaces and residences. Together, this data provides an understanding of commuter flows, showing the interconnectedness of communities and the interchange of workers and services between areas.

Access Interactive Webpage: <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/6c2ad6c5ea4e4edebbfd206eb5a0ced/>

Access Full Report: www.wampo.org/files/ugd/bbf89d_16caab1c2a794a309cdda9c8f508c422.pdf

For more information, please reach out to Alicia Hunter – alicia.hunter@wampo.org

5310 Selection

WAMPO is in the process of conducting a 5310-selection process. The call for projects closed on February 28.

This federal program (49 U.S.C. 5310) provides funding in the WAMPO urbanized area to assist with meeting the transportation needs of older adults and people with disabilities when the transportation service provided is unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate.

The program aims to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation service and expanding transportation mobility options. This program supports transportation services planned, designed, and carried out to meet the special transportation needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities in all areas

For more information, please reach out to Emily Thon – emily.thon@wampo.org



TIP Amendment 3 Public Comment Period

The Public Comment period for proposed Amendment #3 to the WAMPO FFY2023-FFY2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is open March 11-26, 2023. Additional opportunities for public comment will be available at the March 27, 2023, Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting and the April 11, 2023, Transportation Policy Body (TPB) meeting. Details on the proposed amendment are available at: www.wampo.org/transportation-improvement-program.

For more information or to submit a comment, please reach out to wampo@wampo.org

APBP Webinar Series

Members of the public are welcome to view the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP) webinars at the WAMPO offices. The webinars are from 2 – 3 pm on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Please RSVP your attendance by emailing wampo@wampo.org.

- **April 19:** Give Your Bus a BOOST!
- **May 17:** Active Mobility for Older Adult Communities through Planning and Implementation
- **June 21:** More than a cycle lane: How investment in better walking and cycling networks improves accessibility for people with disabilities
- **July 19:** Evolution of Bikeways - How Cities Have Progressed with the Ever-changing Design Guidance and Research
- **August 16:** Systemic Safety – From Analysis to Implementation
- September 20: Community-led Temporary Demonstrations & Partnerships
- **October 18:** Title is TBA (topic is accessibility)
- **November 15:** How to keep a statewide plan off the shelf; pedestrian planning in Minnesota
- **December 20:** Lighter, Faster, Drier: Beyond Quick-Build Towards Resilient Treatments for High-Quality Active Transportation Infrastructure

Information about each session can be found at: www.wampo.org/bicycle-pedestrian.



Performance Measures (1, 2, 3)

MPOs are required by [MAP-21](#) and the [FAST Act](#) to monitor and set targets for a specific set of performance measures covering various aspects of the transportation system under their jurisdiction. A series of rulemakings promulgated by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) specifically define the measures, calculation procedures, target-setting processes, and reporting requirements. To view these federal performance measures and WAMPO's adopted targets visit: www.wampo.org/metropolitan-transportation-plan.

For more information, please reach out to Alicia Hunter – alicia.hunter@wampo.org

KDOT Spring Cost Share Application Open

The KDOT Cost Share Program provides financial assistance to local entities for construction projects that improve safety, leverage state funds to increase total transportation investment, and help both rural and urban areas of the state improve the transportation system. KDOT opens the Cost Share program for application twice a year, generally in the Fall and in the Spring. The Spring Cost Share Application period is open from February 20, 2023, through March 23, 2023. For more information visit KDOT's website: www.ksdot.gov/CostShare/CostShareProgram.asp.

Current FFY TIP Project Progress

In accordance with the Reasonable Progress Policy contained in WAMPO TIP Policy (Appendix I of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP): www.wampo.org/transportation-improvement-program), WAMPO solicits progress updates from the sponsoring agencies of projects that are programmed to receive WAMPO-suballocated federal funding in the current Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) or that received such funding in a past FFY but are not yet complete. The most recent set of bimonthly updates was presented to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) on February 27, 2023, and the Transportation Policy Body (TPB) on [March 14, 2023](#).

For more information, please reach out to Nick Flanders – nick.flanders@wampo.org

KDOT Safe Systems Approach

KDOT staff will be discussing KDOT's procedures for implementing the components of the Safe System Approach in quarterly presentations at TAC and TPB meetings in 2023. The Safe System Approach includes safer vehicles, safer speeds, safer roads, post-crash care, and safer people. More information about the Safe System Approach can be found at www.transportation.gov/NRSS/SafeSystem.

For information about upcoming KDOT presentations, please reach out to Ashley Bryers – ashley.bryers@wampo.org



2022 Transit Ridership Data

There are several government-provided transit services within the WAMPO region including Wichita Transit, Derby Dash, Haysville Hustle, Sedgwick County Transportation, and Butler County Transit. The table below highlights the annual ridership for each of the three transit providers. Haysville Hustle began operations in November 2020, so ridership information prior to that date is not available. Butler County Transit numbers include ridership for the entire county.

Transit Provider	Annual Ridership				
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Wichita Transit	1,181,807	1,373,944	759,330	768,717	1,011,541
Derby Dash	11,013	10,394	7,098	9,289	8,142
Haysville Hustle	-	-	31	2,192	3,316
Sedgwick County Transportation	9,789	11,016	9,692	10,666	9,352
Butler County Transit	18,422	19,307	17,107	18,681	16,677

For more information, please reach out to Alicia Hunter – alicia.hunter@wampo.org

United Community Transit Coalition Goal

WAMPO has a new committee! The United Community Transit Coalition (UCTC) was developed through collaboration with area transit providers and Jessica Warren, the CTD #9 Mobility Manager. The UCTC focuses on both urban and rural area needs, goals, and strategies for public transit. To address the transit needs of the WAMPO region the UCTC is working to increase collaboration between the transportation systems in various jurisdictions. The UCTC held its first meeting on February 16, 2023. For more information visit: www.wampo.org/uctc.

For more information, please reach out to Ashley Bryers – ashley.bryers@wampo.org

Economic Development & Transportation Committee

In Spring 2023, WAMPO anticipates holding the first meeting of the new Economic Development & Transportation Committee. Initially, this Committee will help direct the development of an Economic Development Report for the WAMPO region, which will feed into the next Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP 2050, expected to be adopted in 2025). After the report is developed, the Committee is expected to continue meeting quarterly, providing guidance on the relationship between transportation investments and economic development.

For more information, please reach out to Nick Flanders – nick.flanders@wampo.org



WAMPO's External Audit of Financial Statements for 2022

WAMPO auditors, FORVIS, LLP; are currently in the process of performing our annual external audit for the period of 1/01/2022 through 12/31/2022. An external audit is an independent examination of financial records done by professionally qualified auditors who are external to the organization and independent.

WAMPO's audit is a detailed inspection or examination of the company's financial records and accounting documents. This external audit can help identify areas where books and/or accounting practices are no longer in compliance with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Generally Accepted Accounting Practices (GAAP) and other guidelines and/or regulations.

At the conclusion of the external audit, FORVIS, LLP will issue an audit report to WAMPO outlining their findings as to whether or not the financial reports prepared gives on a true and accurate picture of the financial operations and affairs. This information will be available to the public.

For more information, please reach out to Kim Houston – kim.houston@wampo.org

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