

Summer 2026

WAMPO Quarterly Newsletter

The Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WAMPO) is the lead independent agency for coordinating priorities for regionally significant transportation investments, including roads, highways, public transit, railroads, and bicycle and pedestrian facilities. In cooperation with its member communities and state and federal partners, WAMPO supports the region's economic and transportation goals.

Summer 2026 Highlights:

- FFY2027-FFY2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) approval upcoming
- Regional Active Transportation Plan and Household Travel Survey (HTS) underway
- Goddard Go Transportation and Andover Rideshare Vouchers
- WAMPO website data updates and GIS data portal

Read some Summer 2026 regional transportation updates below and visit www.wampo.org to learn more.

Annual Bicycle and Pedestrian Count Event

The 2026 Bicycle and Pedestrian Count is approaching, and you are invited to participate! Volunteer participation is crucial for comprehensive data collection and aids WAMPO's efforts to create a more pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly community.

Volunteering is simple - sign up and indicate your preferred days/times and locations - WAMPO staff will provide you with everything else!

The 2026 Bike-Ped Count will take place on the following dates and times:

- Wednesday, September 16: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- Wednesday, September 16: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
- Thursday, September 17: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- Thursday, September 17: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
- Saturday, September 19: 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Sign up today and secure your spot as a volunteer! For more information and to register, please visit www.wampo.org/bicycle-pedestrian.



Transportation Planning Updates

WAMPO Core Documents

FFY2027-FFY2030 Transportation Improvement Program

All federally funded transportation projects within the WAMPO region, and any additional projects deemed regionally significant, are required to appear in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). These projects are made into a prioritized, four-year list representing funding commitments from local, state, and federal partners.



*Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
Overview Video (opens in web browser)*

A public hearing on the draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Federal Fiscal Years (FFYs) 2027-2030 (October 1, 2026 – September 30, 2030) will be held during the regularly scheduled TPB meeting on Tuesday, August 11, 2026, before the TPB votes on whether to approve the adoption of the FFY2027-FFY2030 TIP.

Additional information about the TIP, the draft FFY2027-FFY2030 TIP, and an executive summary in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese are available on the WAMPO TIP webpage, www.wampo.org/transportation-improvement-program.

2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) describes what planning activities WAMPO staff and consultants will undertake, and how federal planning funds allocated to WAMPO will be used during the year (January 1-December 31). Development of the 2027 UPWP is underway. Updates and information about the 2027 UPWP will be added to the UPWP webpage, www.wampo.org/upwp.

Transportation Safety

Safe Routes to School

WAMPO is in the final stretch of a consultant-supported effort to develop Safe Routes to School (SRTS) plans for at least sixty (60) public and private K-12 schools in the region, as well as a Best Practices Guide. SRTS initiatives aim to make walking, rolling, and bicycling to and from school safer for students through various programs, policies, and infrastructure improvements.



School-specific reports are being finalized for the initial group of schools and will be completed by the end of the year. Following this initial SRTS effort, WAMPO staff will continue working with schools and school districts in the WAMPO region to assist with the completion of SRTS plans. Learn more about WAMPO SRTS at www.wampo.org/srts.

Multimodal Transportation

Regional Active Transportation Plan

In June 2026, the TPB approved a contract between WAMPO and RDG Planning and Design for the development of a Regional Active Transportation Plan. The purpose of the forthcoming plan is to assess and catalog existing active transportation infrastructure, identify gaps in the nonmotorized travel network, and recommend strategies to improve active transportation options that connect communities across the WAMPO region. Visits by the project team with member jurisdictions are underway to understand each community's active transportation priorities and potential opportunities. An Active Transportation Advisory Group (ATAG) is being formed, and a project-specific webpage is being developed.



Regional Transit Coordination Committee

The Regional Transit Coordination Committee (RTCC) held its first meeting on July 1, 2026. Members discussed the committee's purpose, an overview of the Regional Transit Implementation Plan, current transit initiatives across the region, and priorities for future meetings. The committee will meet quarterly, primarily in person, with the option to attend virtually. The next meeting is anticipated in early October 2026. Meeting agendas and updates will be posted on the RTCC webpage, www.wampo.org/regional-transit, as they become available.

Long-Range Planning

Household Travel Survey (HTS)

In June 2026, WAMPO entered into an agreement with ETC Institute for the performance of a regional Household Travel Survey (HTS). New, up-to-date HTS data will support WAMPO's federally required long-range transportation planning activities, which are informed by traffic volume and congestion forecasts from a Travel Demand Model (TDM), whose continued accuracy is dependent on the collection, processing, and analysis of high-quality HTS data.

To learn more about what WAMPO does and to see our core planning documents, please visit www.wampo.org or click the boxes below to view the webpage for each highlighted topic.



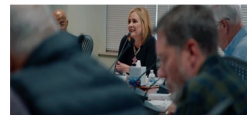
Long-Range
Planning (MTP)



Short-Range
Programming (TIP)



Data & Reports



Boards &
Committees



Public
Participation

Regional Transportation News

Updates, Announcements, & Highlighted Significant Regional Projects

Goddard Go Transportation

The City of Goddard is expanding mobility options for older adults and individuals with disabilities through the new Goddard GO transportation program. Starting soon, the program will provide local transportation operated by the Goddard Senior Center to help residents access medical appointments, run errands, participate in community activities, and stay connected to essential services. Learn more: <https://www.goddardks.gov/415/Goddard-Go-Transportation>.

Andover Rideshare Vouchers

The City of Andover is encouraging safe transportation for concertgoers this summer with the "Concert Vibes, Safe Rides" campaign. As part of the campaign, attendees at select concerts at the Capitol Federal Amphitheater can receive vouchers for up to \$20 off rides to and from the venue. Learn more: <https://www.andoverks.gov/rideshare>.



The Hub Now Open

Wichita Transit's new multimodal transportation center, The Hub, officially opened on June 6, 2026, in Wichita's Delano District. The facility serves as the new central transit hub, bringing together bus service, walking, bicycling, scooters, rideshare, and parking in one location.

City of Wichita FY 2026 BUILD Grant Award

The City of Wichita has been awarded a FY 2026 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant for Eisenhower National Airport Interchange Planning and Design. More information about BUILD grants is available at www.transportation.gov/BUILDgrants.

Data on WAMPO Website

WAMPO recently updated the Data & Reports section of its website to provide easier self-service access to reports, datasets, demographic and socioeconomic tables, and geographic information system (GIS) resources.

Reports Webpage: www.wampo.org/reports

Dashboards & Tables Webpage: www.wampo.org/dashboards-tables

GIS Data Portal: <https://wampo-gis-data-portal-wampo.hub.arcgis.com/>

Have an update or announcement for the next newsletter? Send us an email at wampo@wampo.org.

Engage with WAMPO

Upcoming WAMPO Meetings

Members of the public are welcome to join WAMPO meetings either in person or online via Zoom (some meetings are online only). Meeting dates and times are subject to change. In-person meetings are generally held at the Ronald Reagan Building, 271 W 3rd St., Room 203, Wichita, KS 67202, unless otherwise stated in the meeting agenda, and Zoom links are available on the WAMPO website at least one week before the scheduled meeting time.

- **Transportation Policy Body (TPB):** August 11, September 8, and October 8, 2026, at 3:00 PM
- **Technical Advisory Committee (TAC):** August 24, September 28, and October 26, 2026, at 10:00 AM
- **Executive Committee:** August 13 and October 29, 2026, at 11:00 AM (Room 237)
- **ICT Safe: A Regional Transportation Coalition:** August 5 and November 4, 2026, at 9:30 AM (online only)

For more information about each committee, visit www.wampo.org/boards-and-committees.

WAMPO will be closed in observance of the following upcoming holidays:

- **September 7, 2026:** Labor Day
- **November 11, 2026:** Veterans Day

Information about meetings, office closures, and upcoming events can be found at www.wampo.org/events.

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July 30, 2026