



## Meeting Summary

ICT Safe: A Regional Transportation Coalition

Wednesday, August 7, 2024, @ 9:30 AM

Online meeting

Meeting Duration: 101 minutes

| Attendees  |   |  |
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| Raven Alexander, <i>Wichita Transit</i>            | Danielle Gabor, <i>Haysville</i>                      | Ron Nuessen, <i>Benesch</i>                        |
| Rosa Aranda, <i>KTSRO</i>                          | Dora Gallo, <i>WAMPO</i>                              | Lizeth Ortega, <i>Wichita</i>                      |
| Fabian Armendariz, <i>USD 259</i>                  | Jolene Graham, <i>Andover</i>                         | Nakooma Pelt, <i>KDOT</i>                          |
| Mike Armour, <i>Wichita</i>                        | Rene Hart, <i>KDOT</i>                                | Jodi Pew, <i>KTSRO</i>                             |
| Doug Ballou, <i>Blue Window</i>                    | Emily Jensen, <i>Sedgwick County</i>                  | Heather Plaza, <i>DUI Victims Center of Kansas</i> |
| Jack Brown, <i>KUMC</i>                            | Markey Jonas, <i>WAMPO</i>                            | Tia Raamot, <i>Sedgwick County</i>                 |
| Jane Byrnes  | Alan Kailer, <i>Bike Walk Wichita</i>                 | Noel Schneider, <i>KDOT</i>                        |
| Sheila Cairns, <i>DUI Victims Center of Kansas</i> | Corey Kenney, <i>Kansas Attorney General's Office</i> | Amy Sims-Shonka, <i>KDOT</i>                       |
| Georgie Carter, <i>Haysville</i>                   | Sruthi Kesa, <i>WAMPO</i>                             | Bill Sullivan, <i>KDOT LEL</i>                     |
| Collin Click, <i>JNA Advertising</i>               | Joel Lomurno, <i>Wichita Thunder</i>                  | Holly Terrill, <i>Bike Walk Wichita</i>            |
| Dylan Cossaart, <i>WAMPO</i>                       | Suzanne Loomis, <i>Newton</i>                         | Ingrid Vandervort, <i>KDOT</i>                     |
| Chaitanya Dodda, <i>WAMPO</i>                      | Patricia Middleton, <i>KTSRO</i>                      | Jessica Warren, <i>WAMPO</i>                       |
| Maura Fitzgerald, <i>KDOT</i>                      | Peter Mohr, <i>WAMPO</i>                              | Troy Wells, <i>KDOT LEL</i>                        |
| Nick Flanders, <i>WAMPO</i>                        | Lem Moore, <i>Derby</i>                               |  |
| Lisa Frey Blume, <i>KDHE</i>                       | Kim Negrete, <i>WAMPO</i>                             |  |

### I. Welcome

Kim Negrete, WAMPO, opened the meeting at 9:31 AM, welcoming everyone to the August 2024 meeting of ICT Safe: A Regional Transportation Coalition. This is the first joint meeting combining the Active Transportation Committee (ATC), Drive Safe Sedgwick, and ICT Safe.

### II. May 1, 2024, Meeting Summary

ICT Safe Members reviewed the May 1, 2024, Meeting Summary.

### III. Discussion Items

#### A. Introductions and Updates

Attendees introduced themselves and their agencies, noting any updates relevant to the ICT Safe mission and areas of interest.

#### B. WAMPO Updates

##### i. Safe Routes to School

Ms. Negrete explained that the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program is a national initiative in the United States that aims to improve the safety and accessibility of walking and bicycle routes for students traveling to and from K-12 schools. The primary goals are to promote safety, encourage active transportation, reduce traffic congestion, and create a sense of community. WAMPO is embarking on an extensive SRTS planning process and is in the process of developing a contract with a consulting firm to assist jurisdictions/schools with the development of SRTS plans.

## **ii. WAMPO/KDOT Behavioral Safety Grant**

Noel Schneider, KDOT, announced that the Behavioral Safety Office of the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) and WAMPO recently conducted a joint Call for Projects for Behavioral Safety Grants in the WAMPO region. Following a thorough review of the submitted applications, Bike Walk Wichita's application was selected. More details will be released soon.

## **iii. SS4A Demonstration Grant**

Ms. Negrete shared that WAMPO was awarded a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Planning and Demonstration grant in December 2023, in the amount of \$940,000. Several jurisdictions in the WAMPO region will conduct corridor safety studies and implement temporary safety measures to evaluate their effectiveness. Results will be utilized to update WAMPO's Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP), inform infrastructure improvements, and apply for SS4A Implementation grant funding in 2025. Planning & Demonstration projects and studies are anticipated to begin in Fall 2024.

## **iv. Annual Bicycle & Pedestrian Count**

Dora Gallo, WAMPO, explained that WAMPO coordinates an annual count of bicycle and pedestrian activity across the region. Data collected during this count help to estimate the number of people who bicycle, walk, and run, and the locations where they do so. To gather this information, WAMPO relies on a team of volunteers to spend a short period of time counting pedestrians and bicycle riders at designated locations. The 2024 dates and times available to volunteer are Wednesday, September 11, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM and/or 5:00 PM-7:00 PM; Thursday, September 12, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM and/or 5:00 PM-7:00 PM; and Saturday, September 14, 12:00 PM-2:00 PM. For more information and volunteer registration, please visit [www.wampo.org/bicycle-pedestrian](http://www.wampo.org/bicycle-pedestrian).

## **v. Automatic Bicycle & Pedestrian Counters**

Ms. Gallo gave an update on the procurement of automatic bicycle and pedestrian counters. Although WAMPO has successfully collected valuable data through the manual bicycle and pedestrian count that is conducted each September, challenges are presented every year, including volunteer shortages and adverse weather conditions. WAMPO, partnering with the City of Wichita, the City of Haysville, and Sedgwick County, issued a Request for Proposals (RFP), from February 14, 2024, through March 15, 2024, to procure advanced, camera-equipped, cutting-edge bicycle- and pedestrian-counting technology. By investing in state-of-the-art equipment, WAMPO aims to improve its ability to accurately monitor and analyze bicycle and pedestrian traffic patterns, enabling informed decision-making and better allocation of resources to enhance active transportation infrastructure and safety within the region. A contract has been developed for the purchase of the automatic counters and will be brought to the Transportation Policy Body (TPB) for approval on August 13, 2024.

## **vi. Regional Active Transportation Plan**

Ms. Negrete shared that WAMPO plans to hire a consultant to assist with developing the Regional Active Transportation Plan. The plan will build upon the Wichita Bicycle Plan and focus on connections between bicycle and pedestrian facilities throughout the WAMPO region. The Active Transportation Committee and related groups will be involved in developing the scope of work for the RFP, to ensure that collective goals and needs are included.

### C. Presentation: DCCCA

Jodi Pew, who works for the [Kansas Traffic Safety Resource Office \(KTSRO\)](#), under the umbrella of DCCCA, outlined their mission to promote public safety on Kansas roadways through education. KTSRO collaborates extensively with various entities, including KDOT, law enforcement, and community organizations to educate Kansans on traffic safety, covering topics from child passenger safety to distracted driving and impaired driving. The presentation highlighted significant statistics on traffic fatalities and injuries in Kansas, emphasizing the preventable nature of many crashes, and discussed various educational programs like Booster to Belts for school-aged children, a Driver's Education Toolkit, and programs for older drivers. DCCCA and the KTSRO aim to reduce risks and save lives across all age groups through comprehensive safety initiatives.

### D. CSAP: Progress Report & Next Steps

Ms. Negrete gave details about WAMPO's Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP), which is meant to promote the safety of all users of the transportation system and aims to eliminate serious-injury and fatal crashes. The CSAP was adopted by the TPB on December 12, 2023, and can be viewed at <https://www.wampo.org/safety>. The discussion focused on CSAP implementation and ongoing strategies, including tasks that are currently underway and upcoming this year. ICT Safe will meet regularly to carry out updates to the document and plan implementation.

### E. Committee Breakouts: Subcommittee Projects

ICT Safe members divided into committees to discuss current projects and brainstorm new ideas. Breakout rooms were created for the Active Transportation Committee, Drive Safe Sedgwick, and a general group for ICT Safe members.

### F. Committee Report-Outs

#### i. Active Transportation Committee

Alan Kailer, co-chair of the committee, shared the main topics discussed during the Active Transportation Committee (ATC) breakout session, emphasizing the need for volunteers for the upcoming bicycle and pedestrian count. The main focus of ATC will be the Regional Active Transportation Plan, which is scheduled to begin at the completion of the Wichita Bicycle Plan, which is currently being revised and hopefully will be completed and presented to the Wichita City Council for approval in the fall of 2024.

Mr. Kailer explained that in previous ATC meetings, since many jurisdictions already have internal bicycle and pedestrian plans, members agreed that the main emphasis for WAMPO's plan was the need for connectivity among and between the different cities in the region.

#### ii. Drive Safe Sedgwick

Doug Ballou, Blue Window (a marketing contractor for KDOT that serves as their proxy for enlisting marketing partners and is primarily focused on impaired driving), shared the main ideas discussed during the Drive Safe Sedgwick breakout sessions, highlighting that the CSAP does not explicitly mention impaired driving, so additional strategies will need to be developed. He provided an overview of the *Fans with A Plan* initiative that has already begun locally. To better prevent impaired driving, the approach needs to be more comprehensive and include the Hispanic community, along with other sectors of the community that are not involved in the coalition or initiative. Before the November ICT Safe meeting, the committee plans to meet and discuss the nature of *Fans with A Plan* moving forward and how to engage new partners.

### iii. ICT Safe

Ms. Negrete, WAMPO, facilitated the discussion in the ICT Safe breakout room. The group was asked to share any ideas or gaps related to CSAP strategies. It was mentioned that a valuable win would be a policy to allow EMS personnel to carry blood in the ambulances. This has been a proven strategy to reduce crash fatalities. In addition, first aid and Stop the Bleed training could be provided to residents. Ms. Negrete informed the group that part of the SS4A funding will be utilized to pilot the HAAS alert system with the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Department. The system alerts drivers to upcoming emergency vehicles and crashes. Lem Moore, Derby Police Department, mentioned that Derby plans to make Rock Road a safety corridor and Ms. Negrete mentioned that SS4A funds will also be used to assist with signage and other related projects on the corridor. More resources and signage need to be in Spanish, and ICT Safe will look at other sectors and people that should be involved in these efforts.

Jane Brynes reminded the group of the need to keep people as the focus, especially those outside of vehicles. The goal is to prevent these issues in advance with better engineering and design standards, instead of trying to retrofit safety measures.

### G. ICT Safe – Timeline/Next Steps

Ms. Negrete encouraged ongoing work on the current strategies and will work with the committees individually before the next ICT Safe meeting.

## IV. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:12 AM.

**The next ICT Safe meeting is scheduled for November 6, 2024, at 9:30 AM.**