

**Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization**

**August 1, 2020 to July 31, 2021**

# **Title VI Annual Report**



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The Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WAMPO) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Wichita metropolitan area. As the MPO, WAMPO works to recognize the critical links between transportation and other societal goals such as economic health, air quality, social equity, environmental resource consumption, and overall quality of life.

The local 24-member Transportation Policy Body (TPB) guides and coordinates the transportation investments of the WAMPO area. In addition to the TPB, elected officials, transportation professionals, advocates, and citizens have an opportunity to share their expertise with the TPB by serving on the following advisory committees and working groups:

- Executive Committee
- Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
- Metropolitan Transportation Plan-Project Advisory Committee (PAC)
- Project Selection Committee
- Regional Safety Committee
- Regional Active Transportation Committee
- Regional Freight Committee

## Commitment to Nondiscrimination

It is the policy of the WAMPO organization to assure full compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, Executive Order 12898 on Environmental Justice (EJ), Executive Order 13166 on Limited English Proficiency (LEP), and related statutes and regulations in all programs and activities regardless of funding source.

WAMPO strives to create and maintain a transparent and inclusive planning process by intentionally integrating Title VI, EJ, LEP principles into the WAMPO transportation planning process and intentionally reaching out to traditionally underserved populations in the WAMPO region.

## Title VI Program Requirement

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requires that all direct and primary recipients document their compliance with the Department of Transportation's Title VI regulations by submitting a Title VI Program to their FTA regional civil rights officer once every three years or as otherwise directed by FTA.

### 2021 Update:

WAMPO is not currently an FTA direct/primary recipient and is no longer required to update every 3 years. The current program, associated notices, practices, and plans, will remain online and available to the public at [www.wampo.org/public-notice](http://www.wampo.org/public-notice).

WAMPO has rolled out an updated website with a dedicated "public notice" page, which serves a one-stop shop for the public to review current notices as well as locate Title VI related information as pictured on the following page. WAMPO has also incorporated the KDOT Title VI brochure in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese to better serve the identified populations.



## TITLE VI

WAMPO fully complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes and regulations in all programs and activities. For more information, contact Kathryn Chambers at [kathryn.chambers@wampo.org](mailto:kathryn.chambers@wampo.org).

*Please be advised that WAMPO's public participation process satisfies Wichita Transit's public participation requirements for their Program of Projects.*

[Title VI Brochure](#)

[2020 Annual Title VI Report](#)

## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WAMPO) hereby gives public notice that it is the policy of the agency to assure full compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, Executive Order 12898 on Environmental Justice, Executive Order 13166 on Limited English Proficiency, and related statutes and regulations in all programs and activities.

Title VI requires that no person in the United States of America shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which WAMPO receives federal financial assistance.

Any person who believes they have been aggrieved by an unlawful discriminatory practice under Title VI has a right to file a formal complaint with WAMPO. Any such complaint must be in writing and filed with WAMPO's Title VI Coordinator within one hundred eighty (180) days following the date of the alleged discriminatory occurrence.

You can file a complaint directly with the Federal Transit Administration's Office of Civil Rights, Attention: Title VI Program Coordinator, East Building, 5th Floor-TCR, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE, Washington, DC 20590.



## WAMPO PROGRAM

[2015 TITLE VI PROGRAM](#)

### PRESUNTA DISCRIMINACIÓN

Si usted cree que una persona de acuerdo a raza, color de piel o origen nacional haya sido excluida o denegada de los beneficios de, o sometido a discriminación por Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WAMPO) en relación a cualquier programa o actividad administrada por WAMPO, sus sub-beneficiarios, o sus consultores/ contratistas, por favor haz clic aquí.

[Haga clic aquí para más información](#)

### THÔNG BÁO CÔNG KHAI VỀ KHOẢN VI RÚT GỌN

WAMPO tuân thủ tuyệt đối Khoản VI của Đạo luật Quyền dân sự 1964 và các quy định và quy chế có liên quan trong tất cả các chương trình và hoạt động. Để biết thêm thông tin, hãy để nhận được Mẫu đơn Khiếu nại bị Phán biệt Đối xử theo Khoản VI, vui lòng ghé thăm [www.wampols.org](http://www.wampols.org) hoặc email [tricia.thomas@wampo.org](mailto:tricia.thomas@wampo.org)

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## Public Participation Plan (PPP)

The WAMPO Participation Plan (PPP) continues to reflect the process by which WAMPO will operationalize the commitments of the Title VI program. Considerations of this plan include:

- Inclusion of the full Title VI notification to the public.
- Procedural considerations related to accessibility of meetings and information (including language translation and interpretation).
- Engagement and strategy considerations of traditionally underserved populations including populations with characteristics that would include environmental justice considerations.

## Ongoing Improvement

WAMPO has an ongoing commitment to evaluate proactive and responsive strategies to engage traditionally under-represented populations including minorities and individuals with limited English proficiency in the transportation planning process.

During the 2015 review period WAMPO received a MPO Title VI Program Review Questionnaire from KDOT that requested information about specific Title VI processes and activities. The highlights of the feedback received from this exercise is summarized below and includes relevant updates occurring since the prior review period:

- Recommendation that WAMPO develop and implement a system for tracking characteristics of public meeting attendees (low income, race/ethnicity etc.)
- Recommendation that Title VI considerations be more specifically incorporated into the upcoming PPP.
- Recommendation that equity be incorporated into the planning process through the use of equity evaluation criteria used for project scoring.

**Completed** during the last review period **with ongoing commitment** for future improvement.

## 2021 Update:

### Equity in the Decision-Making Process

Following many months of coordination, outreach, and engagement with stakeholders, partners, and the public, WAMPO identified five key focus areas for the *REIMAGINED MOVE* 2040 Plan. One of those areas was Equity and Diversity.



#### **EQUITY & DIVERSITY**

A strong and connected regional transportation system increases accessibility to jobs, medical care, recreation, and other destinations -- regardless of age, race, economic status, or ability.

The incorporation of equity into the decision-making process continued to be an ongoing effort at WAMPO. During this review period, staff incorporated equity into the WAMPO Funding Process and Selection Criteria based in part on the information reported in the 2020 Title VI Annual Report.

Equity and Diversity continued to be an important consideration during the implementation of WAMPO's Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and subsequent TIP amendment periods.

### Language Accessibility

Engagement efforts during this review period also incorporated expanded language accessibility in the final engagement push, which offered both an English and a Spanish version of "Future of Transportation" survey as well as Vietnamese translations upon request. WAMPO has also commissioned the translation of the *REIMAGINED MOVE* 2040 Executive Summary into Vietnamese and Spanish for use online and with the public.