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Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

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 by serving on the following TPB advisory committees and working groups:

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

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.

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.

2022 Update

2022 Title VI Coordinator

As part of the new Title VI Plan approval on July 12, 2022, Emily Thon, Public Outreach Coordinator was named as WAMPO's Title VI Coordinator.

Her contact information is:

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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 all WAMPO reports and publications. WAMPO added a phone service called 'Hola Doctor', which allows WAMPO staff to call in and request immediate translation for immediate needs.

Title VI Update

WAMPO's Title VI program includes administrative/oversight activities, regional demographics, board/committee demographic make-up, and planning/programming activities per federal requirements. To date, no Title VI complaints have been received by WAMPO.

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requires WAMPO to document its compliance with Title VI by submitting a Title VI Program once every three years. The last Title VI Program submitted to FTA was in the year 2015.

The updated Title VI Program contains both the program and plan updates as well as reporting on the new FTA requirements. The following is a summary of some key elements and findings within both documents:

- The update to the Title VI Program included the new requirement of reporting both board and committee demographics, more specifically minority population representation. The distribution of the existing board/committee make-up showed opportunities for diversification among representatives.
- Another new requirement included an analysis of the WAMPO region minority populations overlaid with the existing distribution of State and Federal transportation funds. The purpose of this analysis was to determine if there were any disparate impacts associated with the funding distribution to minority populations in the WAMPO area. The findings of this analysis showed that there were no disparate impacts.

Limited English Proficiency Plan

WAMPO's Limited English Proficiency Plan (LEP) plan includes a four-factor analysis recommended by the USDOT that includes the number and proportion of LEP persons served, the frequency of contact with LEP persons, the importance of programs and services to LEP persons, and the resources available and overall costs of providing language services. The LEP plan also includes LEP implementation plans, and complaint procedures regarding LEP activities. To date, no LEP complaints have been filled by WAMPO.

The LEP analyzes the prevalence of individuals with limited English proficiency in the WAMPO area. The LEP is updated based on new census data, which showed both Vietnamese and Spanish-speaking individuals as the two primary LEP populations in the WAMPO area.

The plan also includes steps WAMPO staff can take to provide meaningful access to the transportation planning process. Steps include how to handle face-to-face interactions, over-the-phone requests, and document translation requests. WAMPO hopes that including these steps will encourage the participation of LEP individuals.

Changes to the LEP Plan:

- Census data from the 2013 American Community Survey (ACS) Five-Year Estimates were updated to 2020 ACS Five-Year Estimates:
 - Language Spoken at Home: ACS Table C16001
- Table 1 (WAMPO Region Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Profile): Data now based on data from 2020 ACS Five-Year Estimates
- Table 2 (WAMPO Region LEP Categories): Data now based on data from 2020 ACS Five-Year Estimates
- Factor One: Number of Proportion of LEP Persons Served/Encounter now includes a map of the percentage of LEP population by Census tracts
- Language Identification cards are now obtained through LEP.gov and include the identification of 71 languages
- LEP regional population average increased from 5.13% to 5.3%
- Inclusion of translation feature to our wampo.org website
- Table 3 (Estimated Document Translation Cost): Change vendors for Translation services based on vendors from the Sedgwick County Boards of Bids and Contracts.
- Inclusion of the translation of vital documents both in Spanish and Vietnamese based on findings of the 2015 Approved Plan
- Resources for translation services from the City of Wichita are no longer included
- Included information about the translation service WAMPO will be used if a translation request cannot be completed by WAMPO staff in Appendix D
- Included Title VI: Complaints procedures in English, Spanish and Vietnamese in Appendix B

- Included a list of steps WAMPO staff can follow to best assist LEP populations in Appendix C
- Included a list of staff in the building that can assist with language interpretation in Appendix E

Public Participation Plan

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.
- A system for tracking characteristics of public meeting attendees (low income, race/ethnicity etc.)
- Title VI considerations

This plan is currently being updated and it is anticipated that it will be completed by the end of 2022.

Ongoing Improvement for WAMPO

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.

Title VI Program Requirement

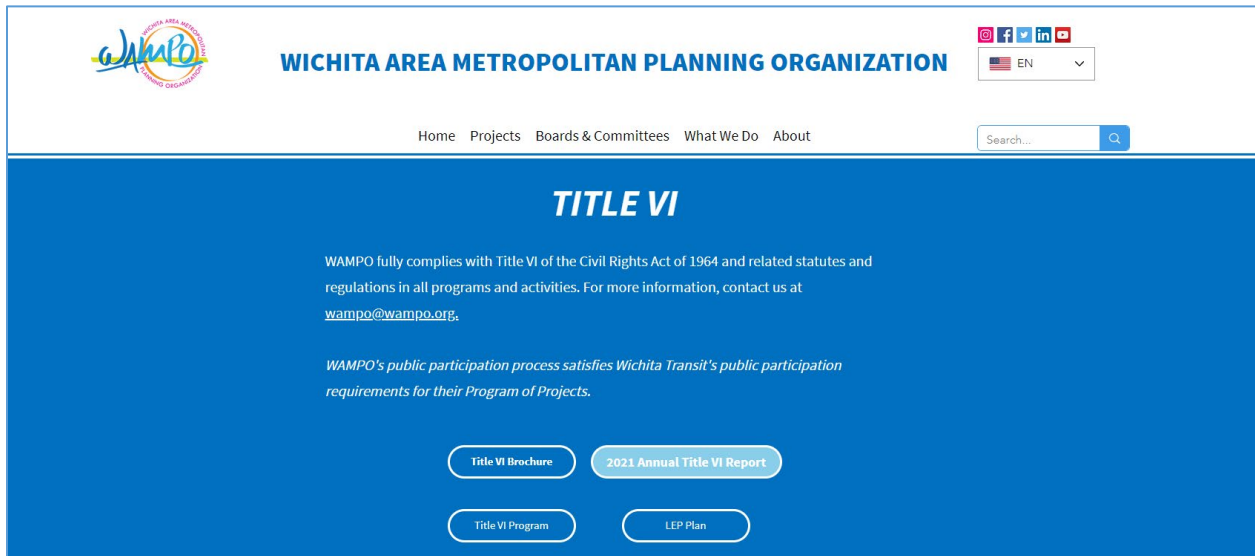
The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requires that all direct and primary recipients document their compliance with the Department of Transportation's Title VI regulations by submitting a Title VI Program to their FTA regional civil rights officer once every three years or as otherwise directed by FTA. The WAMPO Title VI Program was updated on July 12, 2022.

WAMPO Website

Title VI Webpage

WAMPO has updated the “Public Notice” webpage into two separate pages, one called ‘Title VI’ and “Public Participation”.

The “Title VI” page, which serves a one-stop shop for the public to locate Title VI related information as seen in the photo following this section. WAMPO has also incorporated the KDOT Title VI brochure in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese to better serve the identified populations. Also located on the page is WAMPO’s Limited English Proficiency plan that guides how to assure the accessibility of access our office can provide to those that are limited in English.¹



¹ <https://www.wampo.org/title-vi>

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.

PRESUNTA DISCRIMINACIÓN

Si usted cree que alguien ha sido excluido por motivos de acuerdo a raza, color de piel o origen nacional o que ha sido denegada de los beneficios o ha sido sometido a discriminación por parte de Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WAMPO) o 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, hay để nhận được Mẫu đơn Khiếu nại bị Phân biệt Đối xử theo Khoản VI, vui lòng ghé thăm www.wampo.org hoặc email wampo@wampo.org.

Nhấp vào đây để có thêm thông tin

WAMPO TITLE VI PROGRAM

[YOUR RIGHTS UNDER TITLE VI BROCHURE](#)

[TITLE VI COMPLAINTS \(PROCEDURES\)](#)

[TITLE VI COMPLAINTS \(FORM\)](#)

[2022 TITLE VI PROGRAM](#)

MORE TITLE VI DOCUMENTS

Click underlined text to download.

Citizen's Guide

- [English](#)
- [Spanish \(Guía para ciudadanos\)](#)
- [Vietnamese \(Sổ tay cho người dân của MPO\)](#)

Discrimination Complaint Form

- [English](#)
- [Spanish \(Forma para reclamos\)](#)
- [Vietnamese \(Mẫu đơn Khiếu nại bị Phân biệt Đối xử theo Khoản VI của\)](#)

Complaint Form Procedures

- [English](#)
- [Spanish \(Procedimientos para reclamos de discriminación\)](#)
- [Vietnamese \(Thủ tục Khiếu nại bị Phân biệt Đối xử theo Khoản VI của\)](#)

Limited English Proficiency Plan

- [WAMPO LEP Plan \(Approved July 12, 2022\)](#)

DIVERSITY & EQUITY

Transportation projects have long-lasting physical impacts on communities, and it is important to evaluate fairness and equity as part of the development of transportation policies and funding decisions. No group of people – by race, ethnicity or socio-economic status – should bear a disproportionate share of negative impacts as a result of decisions made at the federal, state, regional or local levels.

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WAMPO fully complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes and regulations in all programs and activities.

Public Participation Webpage

The “Public Participation” page serves as a place for those looking for the Public Participation plan and public comment opportunities.

The screenshot shows the WAMPO website's "Public Participation" page. At the top left is the WAMPO logo, followed by the text "WICHITA AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION". To the right are social media icons for Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and YouTube, along with a language dropdown menu set to "EN" and a search bar. A navigation menu includes "Home", "Projects", "Boards & Committees", "What We Do", and "About". The main content area has a blue background with the heading "Public Participation" in white. Below the heading is a paragraph explaining the Public Participation Plan (PPP) and its goal of maximizing participation and effectiveness. At the bottom of the content area, there is a button labeled "2017 Public Participation Plan".

Public Participation

A Public Participation Plan (PPP) describes an MPO's strategies and techniques to inform and engage the public in transportation planning issues with the goal and purpose of maximizing participation and effectiveness. Public participation is integral to good transportation policies, programs and projects. Without meaningful public involvement, there is a risk of making poor decisions or decisions that have unintended negative consequences. The MPO is responsible for actively involving all affected parties in an open, cooperative and collaborative process that provides meaningful opportunities to influence transportation decisions. WAMPO is committed to understanding our communities diverse transportation needs, concerns and ideas about what needs to change or be improved.

Any public comments can be sent to Emily Thon at wampo@wampo.org

[2017 Public Participation Plan](#)

WAMPO 2021 to 2022 Public Events

Interactions

WAMPO held a Bike/Ped Count Networking Event in August 2021 to train volunteers for that year's count. It was held at the large conference room of the Ronald Reagan Building.

WAMPO interacted with the public during the first MTP amendment that occurred in December 2021. There was an open house at the large conference room of the Ronald Reagan Building.

Another Open House for MTP Amendment 2 and 2023-2026 TIP took place in the spring of 2022 where we had 10 people attend. Of those who attended 2 of the majority white attendees were non-white. This open house was held at the Advanced Learning Library branch of the Wichita Public Library.

Meetings hosted by WAMPO are open to the public and posted on our website, calendar, and sent out through email contact. Those meetings are the Technical Advisory Committee, Transportation Policy Body, Safety & Health Committee, and Active Transportation Committee.

WAMPO Title VI Complaints

As of July 31, 2022, there have been zero reported complaints against WAMPO's Title VI efforts.

Appendix A: Title VI Program

View the Title VI Program at: www.wampo.org/title-vi

Appendix B: LEP Plan

View the LEP Plan at: www.wampo.org/title-vi