



Winter 2023-2024 WAMPO Quarterly Newsletter

WAMPO 2024 Meeting Schedule

Meeting Location: ZOOM or 271 W 3rd St, Room 203, Wichita, KS 67202, unless otherwise stated
Meeting times and dates are subject to change at the committee Chair's discretion.

Transportation Policy Body	Technical Advisory Committee	Executive Committee	Active Transportation Committee	ICT Safe: A Regional Transportation Coalition*	United Community Transit Coalition	Economic Development & Transportation Committee
3:00 PM unless otherwise stated	10:00 AM unless otherwise stated	11:00 AM unless otherwise stated	9:30 AM unless otherwise stated	9:30 AM unless otherwise stated	2:00 PM unless otherwise stated	10:00 AM unless otherwise stated*
JANUARY 9	JANUARY 22					
FEBRUARY 13	FEBRUARY 26	FEBRUARY 1		FEBRUARY 7	FEBRUARY 15	
MARCH 12	MARCH 25		MARCH 6			
APRIL 9	APRIL 22					
MAY 14	MAY 20	MAY 2		MAY 1	MAY 16	
JUNE 11	JUNE 24		JUNE 5			2024 EDTC Schedule TBD
JULY 9	JULY 22					
AUGUST 13	AUGUST 26	AUGUST 1		AUGUST 7	AUGUST 15	
SEPTEMBER 10	SEPTEMBER 23		SEPTEMBER 4			
OCTOBER 8	OCTOBER 28					
NOVEMBER 12	NOVEMBER 25	NOVEMBER 7		NOVEMBER 6	NOVEMBER 21	
DECEMBER 10			DECEMBER 4			



*ICT Safe was formerly the Safety and Health Committee

*Meeting Location: Online or Wichita State University, Woolsey Hall, Room 302, Wichita, KS 67208

MTP 2050 Progress

The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) is a strategic, long-term document guiding future transportation projects in the WAMPO region. By federal mandate, Metropolitan Planning Organizations must involve the public throughout the planning process. The MTP 2050 must be completed by May 2025. WAMPO is in the process of conducting the call for projects and the second round of public engagement.

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

Round 2 Public Engagement Progress

WAMPO is in the second public engagement phase of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050 (MTP 2050) process. The first round (05/13/2023 – 07/31/2023) provided insight into the transportation priorities for the region, aiding the development of the plan vision, goals, and objectives. This round (12/01/2023 – 02/29/2024) will build upon and clarify data gathered in the first round. Engagement efforts include a second MTP 2050 survey, a pin activity at tabling events, and general outreach to help increase WAMPO's presence in the community. To date, WAMPO has participated in 4 pop-up events, with more scheduled in 2024, to gather public input via the MTP 2050 Round 2 surveys. Please help us gather input by the January 31, 2024, deadline by sharing the survey with friends, family, and colleagues who live and work in the WAMPO region. Access the MTP 2050 survey at: www.wampo.org/mtp2050.

For more information, or to invite WAMPO to attend an event, please reach out to Dani Lasher – danielle.lasher@wampo.org

MTP/TIP Call for Projects

On September 15, 2023, WAMPO opened a combined Call for Projects for the long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050 (MTP 2050) and the short-range FFY2025-FFY2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Because

there is a single Call for Projects for both planning documents, jurisdictions that need to add or modify a project in both of them only need to submit a single application (any project that will use federal funding or be regionally significant must appear in the TIP, which must be consistent with the MTP). Jurisdictions are asked to submit their applications by January 5, 2024. The FFY2025-FFY2028 TIP is due to be approved by the WAMPO Transportation Policy Body (TPB) in August 2024 or earlier. MTP 2050 is due to be approved by the TPB in May 2025 or earlier.

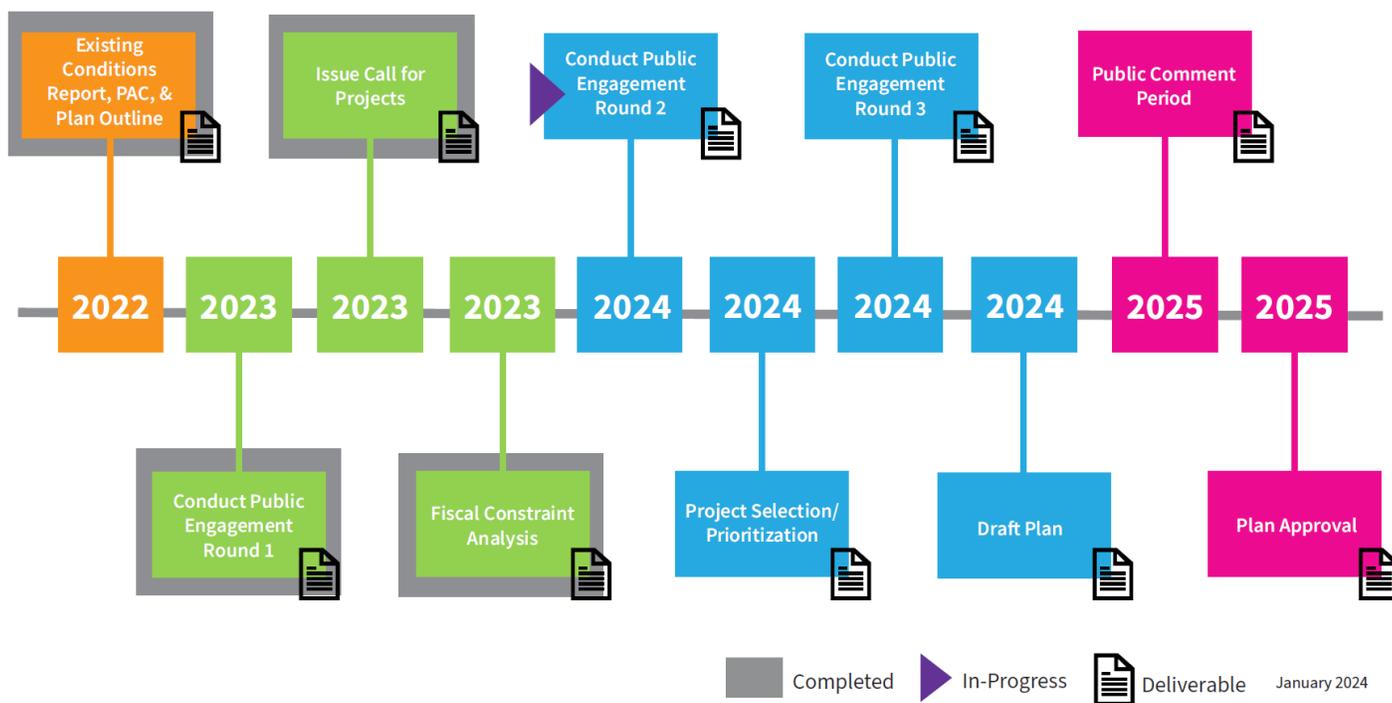
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Planning Timeline

The plan will be completed in May 2025. However, there are many steps between now and then. The timeline graphic below shows the high-level deliverables.

Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050

Progress



Transportation Planning Updates

Electric Vehicle Network Plan Survey Results

The Electric Vehicle Network Plan survey results have been analyzed and staff has developed a report that can be found on our website at <https://www.wampo.org/electric-vehicles>. WAMPO staff is currently in the process of developing the Electric Vehicle Network Plan which is proposed to be open for public comment in early 2024.

Comprehensive Safety Action Plan Updates

The Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) was crafted with meticulous attention to enhancing the safety of drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists within the region. Developed over a 10-month period, the CSAP was shaped with stakeholder participation and public input. This collaborative approach has been vital in customizing the plan to meet the unique needs and characteristics of WAMPO's transportation network. This December the CSAP was submitted for Transportation Policy Board approval and it was subsequently adopted. The CSAP not only aligns with the regional transportation objectives but also opens new opportunities for securing future safety-related infrastructure funding.

The adoption of a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan is a prerequisite for applying for a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Implementation Grant. This federal grant is designed to support community initiatives aimed at curtailing transportation-related fatalities and serious injuries. This grant focuses on the execution of strategies within the CSAP that may involve major infrastructure improvements and could mark a significant step in reinforcing the region's commitment to creating safer, more secure streets for its residents. WAMPO intends to begin developing an SS4A Implementation Grant application over the course of the next year.

To view the WAMPO Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, visit <https://www.wampo.org/safety>.

Safe Routes to School

The Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program aims to make walking and biking to school safer for students in the United States through infrastructure improvements, enforcement, tools, and safety education. Passionate about the goals of promoting safety, active transportation, and community engagement while reducing traffic congestion, WAMPO has worked to direct additional Transportation Alternatives (TA) funding for SRTS planning assistance in the region. In early 2024, WAMPO will reopen the application period for jurisdictions and schools/school districts who wish to receive help from WAMPO-hired consultants in the development of their SRTS plans. Once such plans are in place, the projects and activities called for in those plans (e.g., new crosswalks and sidewalks, safety-education programs) will be better positioned to take advantage of future funding opportunities.

For more information about Safe Routes to School, visit <https://www.kansasrsts.org/>

Regional Transit Implementation Plan

WAMPO is collaborating with SRF Consulting Group, Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates, and Shockey Consulting Services to develop a Regional Transit Implementation Plan, building on the 2018 Wichita Area Transit Feasibility Study. The plan's deliverables include, among other things, a History of Transit, Feasibility and Future Conditions Reports, Steps to Establishing a Regional Transit Authority, and an Implementation Plan.

The Regional Transit Implementation Plan is currently undergoing its public engagement phase. WAMPO staff have been and will continue to participate in public events until February. The primary objective of this engagement phase is to gain a deeper understanding of public sentiments and perceptions regarding public transit in the region. An interactive dot activity is being employed at tabling events to facilitate this deeper understanding.

2023 Bike-Pedestrian Count Results

WAMPO conducts an annual count of bicycle and pedestrian activity from 38 different sites in the area, including in Park City, Goddard, Andover, Mulvane, Wichita, and other cities in the WAMPO region.

The data collected during the count help to estimate the number of people who bicycle, walk, and run, and the locations where they do so. Once collected, the data are used to plan the locations of future bicycle and pedestrian investments. To effectively gather this information, we rely on a team of volunteers to spend a short period of time at each site counting bicyclists and pedestrians.

To review the results and/or look at our interactive map, please visit <https://www.wampo.org/bicycle-pedestrian>.

Upcoming Office Closures

WAMPO will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

- **January 1, 2024:** New Year's Day
- **January 15, 2024:** Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- **May 27, 2024:** Memorial Day

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

Upcoming Meetings and Events

WAMPO Meeting Schedule

Members of the public are welcome to join WAMPO meetings on Zoom or in person at the WAMPO office (when applicable – some boards/committees meet online only). Meeting dates and times are subject to change at the discretion of each committee's chairperson. Zoom registration links will be available on the WAMPO website at least one week before the scheduled meeting time. Please register for the meeting to receive a personalized Zoom link. Registration is not required to attend meetings in person.

- **January 9:** Transportation Policy Body Meeting at 3:00 PM
- **January 22:** Technical Advisory Committee Meeting at 10:00 AM
- **February 7:** ICT Safe: A Regional Transportation Coalition Meeting at 9:30 AM
- **February 13:** Transportation Policy Body Meeting at 3:00 PM
- **February 15:** United Community Transit Coalition Meeting at 2:00 PM
- **February 26:** Technical Advisory Committee Meeting at 10:00 AM
- **March 6:** Active Transportation Committee Meeting at 9:30 AM (Tentative)

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



Follow WAMPO On Social Media

WAMPO has enhanced its digital marketing efforts to achieve specific public participation goals. The WAMPO staff aims to ensure that the organization's digital marketing strategy aligns with WAMPO's public participation plan. To stay informed about and get involved with WAMPO's transportation planning process, follow WAMPO online.

- Follow and like WAMPO's **Facebook** Page: <https://www.facebook.com/wampoks>
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