



WAMPO Winter Newsletter

December 2022, January & February 2023



Winter Safety Tips

Winter Driving Tips

Winter driving can be dangerous, especially for rusty drivers at the beginning of the season. After a long spring and summer, it is easy to forget how to drive on winter's slick roads and in low visibility. Common sense says to monitor the weather, travel only when necessary, keep your speed down, and drive defensively. The Patrol offers these additional suggestions for your safe winter travel.

Prepare Your Vehicle

First, prepare your vehicle. Extreme temperatures can be hard on vehicles. Check the fluids, ensuring that the radiator is winterized, the gas tank is over half-full, and there is plenty of windshield washing fluid. Check belts, hoses, and brake systems for excessive wear. Have the exhaust system checked – small leaks can allow carbon monoxide to enter the passenger compartment. Check tire treads for adequate traction, and replace windshield wiper blades if they are ineffective.

Survival Kit

Keep a survival kit that includes at least the following:

- 1st aid kit
- Extra blankets or clothing
- Flashlights
- Ice scraper and shovel
- Jumper cables
- Matches and candles or flares
- Non-perishable food
- Sand or kitty litter for traction
- Tow rope or chain

On the Road

On the road remember the following:

- Allow extra time for delays and slower traffic speeds.

- Buckle up and properly secure children in safety seats.
- Increase the distance between your vehicle and the vehicle ahead of you. Ice and snow significantly increase your stopping distance.
- Accelerate and brake gently. A light foot on the gas is less likely to make wheels spin on ice and snow. Braking is best accomplished by pumping the pedal. If your vehicle has an anti-lock braking system (ABS), it is very important that you understand how to use it. Read the owner's manual or check with a dealership for more information, and practice using it correctly.
- Make turns slowly and gradually, especially in heavily traveled areas (e.g. intersections that may be icy from the snow that melted and refroze).
- Visibility is very important. You must be able to see out, and other drivers must be able to see your vehicle. Clean frost and snow off all windows, mirrors, and lights. Use headlights as necessary.
- If your car loses traction and begins to slide, steer into the swerve, or in the direction you want to go. Anticipate a second skid in the opposite direction as the car straightens out.
- If you plan to drive, do not drink. Designate a driver or call a cab. Report impaired drivers to a law enforcement agency.
- Watch for deer, especially near dusk and dawn.

Stranded in a Winter Storm

If you are stranded in a winter storm, do not panic. Stay in the vehicle, keep fresh air circulating through a downwind window, run the motor sparingly, turn on the dome light, and stimulate circulation and stay awake by moving arms and legs. If you leave the car, work slowly in the snow to avoid over-exertion and the risk of a heart attack. If you have a cellular phone, call a Kansas Highway Patrol dispatcher by dialing *HP (47), or *KTA (582) while on the Kansas Turnpike.

WAMPO Staff Updates

Upcoming dates

December

23rd - Office Closed
26th - Office Closed

January

2nd - Office Closed
10th - TPB Meeting 3:00 PM
16th - Office Closed
23rd - TAC Meeting 10:00 AM

February

1st - SHC Committee 9:30 AM
2nd - Executive Committee Meeting 11:00 AM
14th - TPB Meeting 3:00 PM
20th - Office Open
27th - TAC Meeting 10:00 AM

2023 Calendar



WAMPO cares for the community it serves, and in that service mindset, WAMPO created our first donation drive for a local charity. The Children's Home received a donation of items over \$700.

WAMPO is seeking to table or present at upcoming meetings or events in your community (District Advisory Meetings, Citizen Advisory Board, Advisory meetings, Open houses, Festivals, etc.). Please take a few minutes to fill out this [SURVEY](#) to let us know when meetings/community events are in 2023 so we can share our work and information with our community members. If you are having trouble or any issues with the survey, please reach out to Emily.thon@wampo.org.

Please also feel free to forward this email along to those you believe would be beneficial to have WAMPO attend their events.

Share your info here!

WAMPO Updates

Here are WAMPO's updates on our current projects and happenings. Please click the button to read more!

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- Carbon Reduction Program
- 5310 Call for Projects
- MTP 2050
- Travel Demand Model Update
- Public Participation Plan
- 2023 Planned Activities
- 2022 Bike/Ped Count results
- Comprehensive Safety Action Plan

[Read more here!](#)

National & Local Updates

Don't see your project here? Let us know by clicking the button below and letting us know what is upcoming in your city and we can post it in our next newsletter!

[Email Us here!](#)



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WAMPO Upcoming Calendar

2023 WAMPO MEETING SCHEDULE

Meeting Location: ZOOM or 271 W 3rd St, Suite 203, Wichita, KS 67202

Meeting times and dates are subject to change by the Chair of that committee's discretion.

Transportation Policy Body	Technical Advisory Committee	Executive Committee	Active Transportation Committee	Safety & Health 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
JANUARY 10	JANUARY 23			
FEBRUARY 14	FEBRUARY 27	FEBRUARY 2		FEBRUARY 1
MARCH 14	MARCH 27		MARCH 1	
APRIL 11	APRIL 24			
MAY 9	MAY 22	MAY 4		MAY 3
JUNE 13	JUNE 26		JUNE 7	
JULY 11	JULY 24			
AUGUST 8	AUGUST 28	AUGUST 3		AUGUST 2
SEPTEMBER 12	SEPTEMBER 25		SEPTEMBER 6	
OCTOBER 10	OCTOBER 23			
NOVEMBER 14	NOVEMBER 27	NOVEMBER 2		NOVEMBER 1
DECEMBER 12			DECEMBER 6	

For more information, please reach out to Emily Thon – emily.thon@wampo.org

Carbon Reduction Program

The federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), enacted in November 2021, established various new funding programs for transportation projects, including the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP). Under the CRP, WAMPO is tasked with suballocating approximately \$1.2 million per year for five years, for local transportation-related projects



that will help reduce greenhouse gas emissions. In 2023, WAMPO will issue its first Call for Projects for CRP funding, asking local governments in the region to submit proposals for projects that could make good use of the funds and fulfill their stated purpose.

For more information, please reach out to: Nick Flanders – nicholas.flanders@wampo.org

5310 Call for Projects

The Section 5310 federal program (49 U.S.C. 5310) provides funding in the WAMPO urbanized area to assist with meeting the transportation needs of older adults and people with disabilities when the transportation service provided is unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate. The program aims to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation services and expanding transportation mobility options.

The Section 5310 Program is a cost-reimbursement program, as opposed to a standard grant or fixed amount award. All projects will require some level of matching funds. The Section 5310 Program is unique in that it is permitted to match federal funds with federal funds, provided that those funds do not originate from the Department of Transportation.

Section 5310 Call for Projects

WAMPO is hosting a call for projects for those in the WAMPO area community to apply for the grant. This is taking place online on: www.wampo.org/wampo-5310. There is a list of steps to apply on the website.

Eligible projects include both “traditional” capital investment and “nontraditional” investment beyond the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) complementary paratransit services. The federal funding amount available for this year’s 5310 program is made up of money from the Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 2021 (\$436,945) and 2022 (\$640,199). The program timeline for this year’s funding is July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2023.

Eligible applicants include private nonprofit organizations or a state or local governmental authority that is approved by a state to coordinate services for seniors and individuals with disabilities; or certifies that there are no nonprofit organizations readily available in the area to provide the service.

WAMPO staff hosted a Section 5310 Grant workshop on December 8th, 2022. The workshop was designed to walk potential participants through what the grant is for, can be used for, and how to fill out the application in its entirety. The workshop presentation was recorded and posted on the website: www.wampo.org/wampo-5310

Call for Projects Timeline

- » Public Notice Survey Due: **Friday, December 30, 2022**
- » Project Submittals Are Due: **Tuesday, February 28th by 5:00 PM**
- » Program Timeline: **July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2025**
- » Next Section 5310 Call for Projects: **Fall/Winter 2024**

To apply or receive more information on what is required for the application please see: www.wampo.org/wampo-5310.



For more information, please reach out to Emily Thon – emily.thon@wampo.org

MTP 2050

The Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization’s (WAMPO) long-range is the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Updated every five years, the plan includes a multimodal list of priority transportation projects and strategies that fit within the region’s anticipated funding capacity.

At present, WAMPO is in the early stages of MTP planning and development. For example, WAMPO is researching and collecting community outreach resources and contacts right now.

WAMPO encourages public input on the development of the MTP 2050 plan.

For future updates, please visit <https://www.wampo.org/mtp2050>.

Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050

For more information, please reach out to Ashley Bryers – Ashley.bryers@wampo.org

Travel Demand Model Update

In September 2022, WAMPO entered into a contract with JEO Consulting Group, Inc. (subcontracting with Caliper Corporation) to help update the official Travel Demand Model (TDM) for the Wichita metropolitan area. The TDM simulates all of the person trips and vehicle trips in the region on a typical weekday, using socioeconomic data to represent the likely origins and destinations of these trips and modeling the trips’ routes along the surface transportation network (e.g., roads, transit lines); in this way, the TDM indicates where transportation infrastructure and services are the most over- or underutilized in the present and where they are anticipated to be most needed in the future.

The current TDM-update effort will include using input data from a more recent year than the existing model (which has a “base” year of 2017), projecting out to the year 2050 instead of just 2040, making various improvements to the model’s structure and user interface, and using it to support various transportation-planning efforts throughout the region, most especially the development of MTP 2050 (see above). This work is expected to conclude in April 2024.

For more information, please reach out to Nick Flanders– nicholas.flanders@wampo.org

Public Participation Plan

The Public Participation Plan (PPP) is a document that describes WAMPO’s strategies and techniques for informing and engaging the public throughout the 3-C (Continuing, Cooperative, and Comprehensive) transportation planning process. The PPP is crafted through a strategic, federally mandated process. This ensures consistency of WAMPO’s practices from year to year and allows members of the public to know what to expect and how to be involved.

WAMPO’s commitment to meaningful stakeholder engagement is the foundation of this plan. This plan guides our processes and informs public expectations of WAMPO. All quality transportation planning and project development



require meaningful input from the public. In keeping with the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, WAMPO encourages inclusive participation from everyone in the region. This includes WAMPO working to make meetings and the planning process, including meeting times and locations, as accessible as possible.

There are many ways for the public to get involved with WAMPO, as outlined in the PPP. WAMPO’s advisory committees are open and accessible, and there are numerous ways to volunteer. The Techniques Toolbox lists many ways to get involved and stay informed, including public meetings, workshops, newsletters, and other activities held during the development of transportation plans, studies, and projects.

Since WAMPO’s last PPP update, in 2017, the structure, content, and style have been updated to reflect the program’s growth and development. WAMPO conducted a public comment period that took place from September 27th to November 11th, 2022. There were no public comments.

The new 2022 Public Participation Plan was accepted on December 13th, 2022. It is now posted here: www.wampo.org/public-participation

For more information, please reach out to Emily Thon – emily.thon@wampo.org

2023 Planned Activities

Every year WAMPO adopts a new Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), which is the primary budgeting document for planning activities WAMPO will undertake in the upcoming fiscal year. Every summer WAMPO begins preparing the next year’s UPWP by considering existing activities and adding new activities based on federal requirements, budgets, and input from FHWA, FTA, KDOT, Wichita Transit, TAC, and TPB. Potential tasks for the 2023 UPWP were presented and discussed with the TAC on July 25th and the TPB on August 9th, September 13th, and December 13th where it was approved by the TPB.

For the 2023 UPWP, the planning priorities and activities include:

- Beginning to develop the 2050 MTP
- Administering the FFY2023-2026 TIP
- Updating the Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan
- Completing a fiscally constrained regional transit study
- Finishing the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan
- Completing an Economic Development Report
- Updating our Intelligent Transportation Systems Architecture

For more information, please reach out to Ashley Bryers – Ashley.bryers@wampo.org

2022 Bike/Ped Count Results

The project goal of this event is to collect data that is representative of actual levels of biking and pedestrian activity in the WAMPO region. Understanding the trends and locations of existing bicycle and pedestrian activity helps WAMPO and its partners plan for future system improvements in the places where people actually use them. This year marked the eleventh annual count of bicycle and pedestrian activity across different locations within the WAMPO region (all of Sedgwick County and parts of Butler and Sumner Counties). This year, the number of count sites



increased to 42 from the previous year’s 38, to better help our municipal partners in understanding their own unique active transport needs.

The Top 10 Count Sites for this year were:

2022 Top 10 Count Sites			
City	Site Name	Site #	AADT
Wichita	Douglas and Washington	25	2752
Wichita	Broadway and 1st	37	2249
Wichita	Sedgwick County Park at 21st Street	112	1700
Wichita	Sedgwick County Park at 13th Street	111	1583
Andover	Redbud Path, Patrica Ln	116	1448
Wichita	Ark River Path, at Keeper of the Plains	43	1324
Wichita	Pawnee and Broadway	15	1261
Wichita	1st and Waco	81	1255
Wichita	Central at Nims	78	1007
Wichita	Broadway and Central	84	1002

For the 2012-2022 count report please visit: www.wampo.org/bicycle-pedestrian.

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

Comprehensive Safety Action Plan

A Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) is a data-driven plan for reducing fatal and severe injury crashes for all modes of transportation on the transportation network. A CSAP will identify and prioritize projects, strategies, and safety improvement that minimize the potential and/or severity of roadway crashes. WAMPO issued an RFP from July to September 2022 and received five proposals. A Consultant Selection Group made up of planning professionals from Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), Sedgwick County, and the City of Wichita reviewed and interviewed consultants, ultimately selecting the Burgess & Niple, TranSystem, and Vireo consulting team to lead and develop the CSAP. The project was kicked off in December and will have its first Transportation Safety Technical Advisors (TSTA) in January. The project plan will be completed by September 2023.

Additional information will be posted at: www.wampo.org/safety.

For more information, please reach out to: Ashley Bryers – Ashley.bryers@wampo.org