



## United Community Transit Coalition Meeting Notice

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**Thursday, November 16, 2023, @ 2:00 pm**

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**In-Person**  
271 W. 3rd St  
Room 203  
Wichita, KS 67202

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<b>Tentative Meeting Agenda</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>I. Welcome</b> – Crystal Noles, UCTC Chair	5 min
<b>II. August 17, 2023, Meeting Summary</b>	2 min
<b>III. Agenda Items</b>	
A. Transit Providers Map and Press Release – Dani Lasher, WAMPO	5 min
B. Elevator Speech (Mission and Vision) – Mission and Vision Committee a. Committee Check In b. Coalition Vote	15 min
C. Upcoming Toolkit Timeline and Projects – Jessica Warren, Mobility Manager a. Timeline Discussion b. Committee and Project Selection	15 min
D. Small Group Discussions – Jessica Warren, Mobility Manager a. Toolkit Writing Group b. Data Gathering Group	30 min
E. Regional Transit Implementation Plan – Dora Gallo, WAMPO	5 min
F. Next Steps – Jessica Warren, Mobility Manager a. Data Gathering and Toolkit Writing	5 min
<b>IV. Open Discussion</b>	8 min
<b>V. Adjournment</b> – Crystal Noles, UCTC Chair	
Next Meeting Date: Thursday, February 15 at 2:00 pm	



## Meeting Summary

United Community Transit Coalition

Thursday, August 17, 2023, @ 2:00 PM

Hybrid meeting

Meeting Duration: 55 minutes

Attendance		
Nola Brown, <i>Volunteer Kansas</i> Ashley Bryers, <i>WAMPO</i> Ricki Ellison, <i>Greater Wichita Partnership</i>	Jenny Foster-Farquhar, <i>Derby Dash</i> Dora Gallo, <i>WAMPO</i> Jessica Hutton, <i>WAMPO</i>	Emily Jensen, <i>Sedgwick County Department on Aging</i> Crystal Noles, <i>Butler County Department of Aging (Chair)</i> Jessica Warren, <i>CTD 9</i>

### I. Welcome

Crystal Noles, Butler County Department on Aging, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the UCTC meeting at 2:03 PM. UCTC members introduced themselves and the agencies they work for.

### III. Agenda Items

#### A. Homework from the May Meeting

- i. **What is your vision for transit in the region? How will the toolkit help to achieve that vision?**

Jenny Foster-Farquhar, Derby Dash, explained the purpose of the homework assignment and opened the floor for discussion.

Ricki Ellison, Greater Wichita Partnership, asked what problem the toolkit would solve. Ms. Foster-Farquhar explained that it would contain templates, graphics, talking points, frequently asked questions, and information that explains how transportation works in the region. The goal is to create a unified message about transportation.

Emily Jensen, Sedgwick County Department on Aging (DOA), reported that she would like transportation services to be coordinated. She explained that outlying counties are dead zones, as evidenced by creating barriers for people to get into Wichita to access specialty appointments.

Ms. Foster-Farquhar reported the need to operate more efficiently and offer people more choices, as evidenced by expanding their transportation services outside Wichita and giving people more flexibility.

Ms. Noles reminded the group about the content they discussed including in the toolkit and asked how the toolkit would help the committee achieve its goals.

Ms. Ellison inquired about the target audience. Jessica Warren, WAMPO, explained that the toolkit would target various audiences, including, but not limited to, the general population, decision-makers, the medical community, and more. The committee's aim is to specify to whom the content of the toolkit is geared toward.

Ms. Ellison followed up by asking who would use the toolkit. Ms. Warren responded that the United Community Transit Coalition (UCTC) would use the toolkit.

Ms. Ellison then expressed interest in Transit adopting 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> shift transit ride options.

Ms. Noles reported interest in ensuring that the toolkit includes resources that let the public know what transportation options are available.

## **B. Upcoming Toolkit Timeline and Projects**

Jessica Warren explained the coalition timeline and upcoming projects and shared an example of what may be included in the toolkit. Ms. Warren requested volunteers to help develop the vision, mission, and elevator speech. Ms. Noles and Ms. Ellison volunteered. Ms. Warren and Ashley Bryers will also participate. The subcommittee will meet before November via Zoom.

The coalition's work is divided into 3 phases. The first phase is the 9-month Planning Phase, which began at the first coalition meeting in February 2023 and will conclude in November 2023. Next is the 9-month Data Collection and Toolkit Building Phase, which begins in November 2023 and concludes in August 2024. Finally, the coalition will move into the Toolkit Utilization and Upkeep phase, which will be ongoing starting August 2024.

**Discussion:** Ms. Ellison affirmed the committee for prioritizing accessibility in the toolkit and reported that it would be very helpful.

## **C. Coordinated Public Transit – Human Service Transportation Plan Progress Update**

Marcela Quintanilla, WAMPO, provided a progress update on the Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan (CPT-HSTP) survey. Ms. Quintanilla reported that WAMPO collected 262 surveys from community members and provided a presentation about the insights gathered from those surveys. Ms. Quintanilla then explained the goals of the survey, which include enhancing accessibility and inclusivity, removing transportation barriers, and increasing collaboration between transit providers. A draft of the CPT-HSTP can be accessed at <https://bit.ly/2023-CPTHS-Draftv6>.

## **D. Regional Transit Implementation Plan**

Ashley Bryers provided an overview of the Regional Transit Implementation Plan (RTIP). Ms. Bryers reported that WAMPO has selected a consultant who would develop a Regional Transit Feasibility report and develop and execute the plan and agreement between transit providers. Ms. Bryers then extended an invitation for members of the UCTC to participate in the RTIP steering committee.

#### E. UCTC Logo

Dora Gallo explained the process of selecting a logo for UCTC and identified the winning logo. Ms. Gallo shared that the Honorable Mention individual who submitted a logo would receive a gift card.

**Discussion:** Ms. Foster-Faquhar asked if the colors represented anything. Ms. Gallo informed her that they are WAMPO colors.

#### F. Next Steps

Ms. Warren shared that the elevator speech, vision, and mission would be available for final approval by the November meeting, at which point the UCTC would move to the next phase of the planning process.

#### IV. Open Discussion

Ms. Noles opened the floor for discussion. Ms. Ellison requested a copy of the presentation. She also asked if the CPT-HSTP presentation was available to share. Ms. Bryers informed her that it would be available for public comment soon, at which point the public could access the data.

#### V. Adjournment

Ms. Noles adjourned the meeting at 2:55 PM.

**The next meeting will be on November 16<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 PM**



## Executive Summary

In September 2023, WAMPO staff initiated research to compile data on 5310 applicants and transportation service providers within the United Community Transportation Coalition (UCTC). This information, including organizations with confirmed and potential transportation services, has been incorporated into a dynamic map and press release. Notably, organizations such as DBA Breakthrough, Heartspring, and Envision have applications suggesting transportation involvement, though their status remains uncertain due to a lack of response and limited publicly available data. The map and press release will receive continuous updates, and the coalition retains the flexibility to adjust the map's name for clarity. Ongoing efforts include improved communication with uncertain applicants and real-time data updates, aimed at providing an accurate and accessible resource for all stakeholders and the public.

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## Background

On September 26, 2023, research commenced to gather data on 5310 applicants that are actively or potentially involved in providing transportation services. (It's important to note that this “potential” category includes applicants such as DBA Breakthrough, Heartspring Inc., and Envision, whose applications suggest involvement in transportation services. However, due to a lack of response to correspondence and the absence of publicly available information on their transit services, their status remains uncertain.) This data was thoroughly reviewed and incorporated by the WAMPO staff into both the forthcoming map and press release. Rest assured; the map will undergo continuous updates as new information becomes available.

## Transit Providers Map

The Transit Providers Map, subject to potential name alterations by the coalition, is an interactive ArcGIS map with the following key features:

1. **Organization Toggle:** Viewers can easily enable or disable the display of an organization's service area by clicking on its name in the legend.
2. **Service Area Details:** Clicking on a provider's service area on the map will reveal a table offering comprehensive information, including fare structures, contact details, eligibility requirements, as well as the organization's phone number and website.

The map encompasses a range of transit providers, including:

### 5310 Applicants:

- » Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation
- » DBA Breakthrough
- » Envision
- » Heartspring Inc.
- » KETCH
- » Sedgwick County Transportation
- » Wichita Transit



**Agenda Item 3A: Discussion/Updates**  
**Transit Providers Map and Press Release**  
Dani Lasher, Public Outreach Planner  
Jaksyn Smith, Transportation Planning Intern

**UCTC Organizations:**

- » Harvey County Interurban Transportation
- » Butler County Transit

**UCTC Organizations with 5310 Funding Applications:**

- » Haysville Hustle
- » Derby Dash

## **Press Release**

The Transit Providers Press Release is a comprehensive document that introduces the map, highlights its key features, provides brief profiles of each included organization, categorizing them into government agencies and non-profit entities. Moreover, it offers convenient access to the websites of these organizations and a direct link to the map for easy navigation. It should be noted that this press release will be an initial introduction to the current map and in the future may not match the contents of the map. As the map updates, we may consider ways to announce changes.

## **Staff Recommendation**

Organizations that have provided clear evidence of their involvement in transportation services should be prominently featured in the map and press release, with detailed information about their service areas and offerings. For applicants like DBA Breakthrough, Heartspring, and Envision, whose applications imply involvement in transportation services but lack substantial supporting information, a cautious approach should be adopted.

## **Next Steps**

- » Continuous Monitoring and Updates:
  - The map and press release will be designed to accommodate real-time updates. We will actively seek out and verify information regarding the uncertain 5310 applicants and any other relevant organizations. As new data becomes available, it will be promptly integrated into the map to ensure accuracy.
- » Communication Efforts:
  - Ongoing attempts will be made to establish communication with applicants like DBA Breakthrough, Heartspring, and Envision to gather additional details about their transportation services. This will help us clarify their status and enhance the quality of the information presented in the map and press release.
- » Coalition 's Discretion on Names:
  - The coalition retains the discretion to modify the name of the map as necessary to accurately reflect its contents and ensure clarity to the public. Any such changes will be considered and implemented as needed.

## **Attachment**

- » **Transit Providers Map** – <https://bit.ly/Transit-Providers-Map>

## Public Notice: Transit Providers Map

UCTC & FTA Section 5310 Transit Providers Interactive Map

November 16, 2023



**Wichita, KS** – The Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WAMPO) is proud to announce the launch of a new, user-friendly, interactive, online map that will help residents access vital information about transit services in the region. The map showcases the service areas of public-transit agencies and human-services transportation providers from across the region, including those that have applied for FTA Section 5310 funding or submitted data to the United Community Transit Coalition (UCTC). New providers will be added as we learn of them.

### Key Features of the Interactive Map:

1. **Organization Toggle:** The map enables users to seamlessly toggle between various providers via the legend, providing a clear overview of each entity’s service area.
2. **Service Area Details:** Clicking on a specific provider’s service area reveals essential information, including fare structures, contact details, and eligibility requirements for transportation services (where applicable), as well as the providers’ phone numbers and links to their websites.

### Currently, the map includes the following governmental public-transit agencies:

- **Butler County Transit:** Provides service to the public. All vehicles are handicap accessible, but the agency does not furnish wheelchairs. Their operating hours are Monday through Friday, from 9:00am to 3:00pm, in Augusta and El Dorado, with no reservations needed; Monday through Friday, from 8:30am to 12:00pm, in Andover, with reservations required; and service to Wichita on Wednesdays and Thursdays, with arrival in Wichita at 10:30am and departure at 2:00pm.
- **Derby Dash:** Provides on-demand transportation for people traveling in Derby. Users must register for a ride at least 24 hours in advance. The hours of service are Monday through Friday, from 7:30am to 4:30pm, with service to designated destinations within Derby’s city limits.
- **Harvey County Transportation:** Serves the public with on-demand transportation. All vehicles are handicap accessible, including furnishings for wheelchairs and scooters. Transportation is scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. They transport passengers to designated destinations throughout Harvey County.
- **Haysville Hustle:** Provides on-demand transportation within the city of Haysville. Reservations are recommended but not required, and the hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 4:30pm.
- **Sedgwick County Transportation:** Serves older adults and caregivers, people with disabilities, and those who live in rural areas of the county. Scheduled hours are Monday through Friday, from 8:00am to 5:00pm, with reservations required. They will transport passengers from rural areas to the City of Wichita or neighboring communities within Sedgwick County.
- **Wichita Transit:** Provides fixed-route and paratransit service within the city of Wichita. They operate Monday through Friday, from 5:30am to 7:30pm, and Saturdays from 6:30am to 6:30pm.

### Currently, the map includes the following nongovernmental transportation providers:

*(Please note that most of these nongovernmental organizations are private providers who applied for FTA Section 5310 funding. Unless otherwise specified, these providers only provide transportation services to paying members of their organization or individuals who otherwise receive services from them, referred to below as “clients.”)*

- **Breakthrough Episcopal Social Services:** A nonprofit organization that offers transportation services to clients in Wichita, to and from their Breakthrough Clubhouse.
- **Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation:** A nonprofit organization that provides a non-emergency medical transportation service called Timber Lines. Timber Lines primarily serves residents of the foundation’s Timbers housing community, but they also extend their services to non-residents who have Medicaid. They will transport passengers within the Wichita city limits to medical appointments. They operate 8:00am-5:00pm and require a minimum of 24 hours’ notice for ride appointments.

- **Envision:** A nonprofit organization that offers transportation services to clients with visual impairments or intellectual/developmental disabilities. They transport clients to and from their PRIDE Adult Day Support Program in Wichita, located at: 2301 South Water St, Wichita, KS 67213.
- **Heartspring:** A nonprofit organization that offers transportation services to youth clients with special needs. They transport clients to and from Heartspring Therapeutic School, Outpatient Services, and Family & Community Outreach. Heartspring facilitated services such as therapeutics and medical will take place at the facility located at: 8700 East 29th St North, Wichita, KS 67226.
- **Kansas Elks Training Center for the Handicapped, Inc. (KETCH):** A nonprofit organization that offers transportation services for people with disabilities and seniors. They transport individuals to shop for necessities, access support services, and attend community events.
- **Starkey, Inc.:** A nonprofit organization that offers transportation services to their clients. They also work with Wichita Transit to ensure non-clients with disabilities can access paratransit services (facilitated by Wichita Transit). They transport clients to community events, employment, medical appointments, and volunteer events.

We hope that this tool will empower residents to make informed decisions about their transportation options and enhance access to essential services. Whether you're a community member, service provider, or an advocate for accessible transportation, the WAMPO Transit Providers Map is designed to be a valuable resource for all.

WAMPO invites you to explore the new interactive map by visiting: [link to: UCTC & 5310 Transit Providers Service Areas \(arcgis.com\)](#)

We are committed to fostering an inclusive, accessible, and informed transportation network for all residents in the Wichita metropolitan area.

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## **Agenda Item 3B: Action** **Elevator Speech (Mission and Vision)**

Jessica Warren, Director of Mobility Management

### **Executive Summary**

The establishment of mission and vision statements is vital for any organization or group. These statements make intentions and direction clear as well as provide the coalition with a clear vision for the future. On August 17, 2023, the UCTC formed a Mission and Vision committee to create these statements and a short elevator speech. The end document will be at the forefront of the UCTC Toolkit that is in development.

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### **Background**

In the August 2023 meeting, the UCTC selected a committee of 4 members to draft a mission statement, a vision statement, and an elevator speech. The purpose of these items is to ensure that the coalition remains focused on a shared vision. The elevator speech is a short guide for members to utilize when speaking to community members about UCTC.

Over the course of several months, the Mission and Vision committee met to create the proposed document as presented.

### **Action Options**

- » **Approve** the Mission, Vision, and Elevator Speech, **as presented**.
- » **Not approve** the Mission, Vision, and Elevator Speech.
- » **Approve** the Mission, Vision, and Elevator Speech, **with specific changes**.

### **Attachment**

- » **UCTC Mission and Vision Draft for Approval 11.16.23**

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## OVERVIEW

Consistency in messaging between coalition members is key. The mission and vision statements will define today's work and tomorrow's goals for transit in the region. Please feel free to reference the elevator speech when speaking to elected officials, the general public, funders, and other interested parties.

### Mission

The United Community Transit Coalition is dedicated to championing accessible, sustainable, and equitable public transportation solutions for all. We unite diverse stakeholders, advocate for smart policies, and foster community engagement to create transit systems that empower individuals, foster community growth, and contribute to a livable, more connected future for our region that enhances the well-being of our communities.

### Vision

Our vision is a thriving community where transportation is seamless, inclusive, and interconnected. We aspire to see a future where everyone enjoys reliable transit options that transcend barriers, reduce congestion, provide safety, and preserve our environment. By fostering partnerships and pursuing innovation, the UCTC is paving the way for a more interconnected tomorrow.

### Elevator Speech

The United Community Transit Coalition is a diverse, multi-jurisdictional group of transit champions endeavoring to provide a more seamless transportation experience for our residents. Through collaboration, various stakeholders work together with a shared vision of providing smart, inclusive, and interconnected transit.



## Executive Summary

On August 17, 2023, the Toolkit Creation Timeline was presented. This timeline outlines the coalition's work over 18 months, through 3 phases.

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## Background

The United Community Transit Coalition is in the process of creating a transit toolkit to assist stakeholders in creating a shared vision for transportation in the region. This toolkit will include local data, transit statistics, and a variety of guides for community engagement. The timeline acts as a guide for the toolkit design process and is laid out in 3 phases.

- » Phase 1: Planning (February 2023 - November 2023)
- » Phase 2: Data Collection and Toolkit Building (November 2023 - August 2024)
- » Phase 3: Toolkit Utilization and Upkeep (Beyond August 2024)

## Next Steps

This meeting acts as the beginning of phase 2, which will be broken down into 3 sections. Between November 16, 2023 and February 15, 2024 the work to be done includes:

- » Data collection of ridership, populations, fleet information, etc.
  - Due February 2024
- » The creation of heat maps and other visuals for the general population of Butler, Harvey, and Sedgwick counties (Demographics, specific population breakdowns, travel patterns, etc.)
  - Due February 2024
- » A guide for each tool
  - Approximately half due February 2024
- » The collection of motivational rider stories in the form of interviews, videos, written statements, etc.
  - Due February and May 2024

## Attachment

- » **UCTC Timeline Updated 11.8.23**

<b>Overall Timeline</b>	<b>Step</b>	<b>Timeline for Step</b>	<b>Responsibility for Step</b>
<b>Planning (9 months, February 2023 - November 2023)</b>	List of Knowledge Gaps (What tools would be best?)	Due August 2023	Mobility Manager
	Elevator Speech (Mission and Vision)	August 2023 - November 2023	Committee TBD
<b>Data Collection and Toolkit Building (9 months, November 2023 - August 2024)</b>	Collect Data: Ridership, Riders population and demographics, fleet information, BlackCat Data	November 2023 - February 2024	Transit Agencies and KDOT
	Collect Data: Heat maps, general population and demographics, travel patterns, etc	November 2023 - February 2024	WAMPO
	Guide for each tool (Guidance on how to create an infographic, for example)	November 2023 - May 2024	Committee TBD
	Motivational Stories - Interviews, videos	November 2023 - May 2024	All
	Collect Data: Overall statistics (transit impact, medical impact, economic impact)	November 2023 - May 2024	Mobility Manager
	Collect Data: Transit Cost, Journey of a Transit Dollar	February 2024 - May 2024	WAMPO and Mobility Manager
	Identify Key Stakeholders	February 2024 - May 2024	All
	Identify Key Storytellers	February 2024 - May 2024	All
<b>Toolkit Utilization and Upkeep (Beyond August 2024)</b>	Combine data and guides to create individualized but unified end products and messaging	May 2024 - August 2024	TBD
	Internal Knowledge List - What services are available? How do we become and present as the experts?	Ongoing	



## **Executive Summary**

The TPB signed a contract with a consultant group on July 11, 2023, to develop a Regional Transit Implementation Plan. The Plan will include the history of transit in the WAMPO region, a regional transit feasibility report, a future conditions and scenarios report, steps for establishing a Regional Transit Authority, an implementation plan, and a task to develop and execute agreements between transit providers.

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## **Background**

The TPB signed a contract with SRF Consulting Group, Inc., with sub-consultants Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc. and Shockey Consulting Services, LLC, on July 11, 2023, to develop a Regional Transit Implementation Plan.

The plan will build upon Connecting Communities: Wichita Area Transit Feasibility Study (2018) and will be a companion plan to the Wichita Transit Network System Redesign Study and the Coordinated Public Transit - Human Services Transportation Plan.

The planning process includes the following deliverables:

- » History of Transit in the WAMPO Region
- » Regional Transit Feasibility Report
- » Future Conditions and Scenarios Report
- » Steps to Establishing a Regional Transit Authority
- » Implementation Plan
- » Development of and Execution of the Plan/Agreement between Transit Providers

## **Steering Committee**

The United Community Transit Coalition (UCTC) has been proposed to serve as the basis for the Steering Committee for the Regional Transit Implementation Plan (see Table 1). However, as public transit is a workforce issue, additional entities that haven't traditionally been involved in transit planning are also proposed to be included.



**Agenda Item 3E: Discussion/Updates**  
**Regional Transit Implementation Plan**  
 Dora Gallo, Transportation Planner

Name	Organization
Crystal Noles, Chair	Butler County
Justin Constantino	City of Andover
Ted Henry	City of Bel Aire
Jenny Foster-Farquhar	City of Derby
Kristen McDaniel	City of Haysville
Kent Hixson	City of Mulvane
Brent Clark	City of Valley Center
Maria Cornejo	Futures Unlimited (Sumner County)
Ricki Ellison	Greater Wichita Partnership
Tami Bradley	Greater Wichita Partnership
Karen Kaufman	Harvey County
Rene Hart	KDOT
Kaylie Mistretta	Mulvane Senior Center
Madison Shriner	Park City Senior Center
Justin Shore	REAP
Keith Lawing	REAP/Workforce Alliance
Emily Jensen	Sedgwick County
Kate Young	Wichita State University (PPMC)
Raven Alexander	Wichita Transit
Chad Parasa	WAMPO
Daniel Nguyen	FTA

**Current Status**

SRF has completed the initial deliverable, "History of Transit in the WAMPO Region," and WAMPO staff has reviewed and provided feedback on it.

We conducted our inaugural steering committee meeting.