

# Appendix F: Plan Development and Public Comments



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# PLAN DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

## PLAN DEVELOPMENT

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) lists all federally funded transportation projects within the Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization planning area. The TIP provides a prioritized, four-year list of projects planned for the WAMPO area. The Federal Fiscal Years (FFYs) 2023 through 2026 are planning years to develop projects to the point they are ready to move into the TIP in the next year or two. The project-selection process for WAMPO leverages the *REIMAGINED MOVE 2040* investment strategy and goal statements for project selection criteria. Each project’s eligibility criteria for inclusion in the FFY2023-FFY2026 TIP depended on whether it originated as a project in the current TIP (FFY2021-FFY2024), as a new local- or state-government project, or as a new WAMPO-suballocated project. To receive WAMPO-suballocated funding, a project must be reviewed by the Project Selection Committee (PSC), recommended by the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), and approved by the Transportation Policy Body (TPB).

### **PROCESS OVERVIEW**

Figure F1, below, describes the process for the TIP development.

**Figure F1: TIP Development Timeline, with Phases**

<b>TIP DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE</b>	
<b>TIP Development Phase</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
Review/Update TIP Project Form	1/20 - 1/31
Determine Anticipated Available Funding	1/25 - 3/8
Call for Projects	2/9 - 3/9
Call for Projects Workshop	2/18
Staff Review & Map Projects	3/10 - 3/18
Project Selection Committee Meetings	3/28 - 4/19
TAC Recommendation of Selected Projects	4/25
TPB Approval of Projects	5/10
Update the Text of the Document	3/10 - 5/23
State/Federal Review	5/24 - 6/8
Public Comment Period	6/15 - 7/15
Public Open House	6/29
Review Public Comments for Plan Incorporation	7/16 - 7/18
TAC Recommendation for Approval	7/25
TPB Approval - Public Hearing	8/9

## **PROJECT SOLICITATION AND SUBMISSION**

WAMPO opened a TIP Call for Projects for FFY2025 and FFY2026 funds on February 9, 2022, which closed on March 9, 2022. Project sponsors/member jurisdictions were e-mailed Access-database (or, upon request, Excel-workbook) forms to use for submitting projects. Project sponsors needed to review the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Funding Menu to confirm whether each project being submitted for WAMPO-suballocated funds is listed in the MTP. Because the TIP is required to be consistent with the MTP, no TIP project may have more WAMPO-suballocated funds awarded to it than what the MTP Funding Menu shows as available for that project or project type. A Call for Projects Workshop was held virtually on February 18, 2022, from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM, to answer any questions project sponsors had.

The Transportation Policy Board (TPB) approved the following process for the FFY2023-FFY2026 TIP Call for Projects: WAMPO staff accepted applications for MTP-Funding-Menu projects, projects that are in the MTP but not in the Funding Menu, and projects that are not included in the MTP (but meet MTP goals), then scored all projects, regardless of their MTP status. Then, the PSC reviewed the scores and evaluated all submitted projects, without distinction on the basis of MTP status. If the PSC recommended awarding funds to a project that was not in the MTP Funding Menu or that was not in the MTP at all (but met MTP goals), an MTP amendment would be necessary. Such an amendment could be completed concurrently with the TIP update. This process was for the FFY2023-FFY2026 TIP only, due to disruptions and opportunities resulting from the ongoing pandemic, the recently enacted Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, and new developments specific to the WAMPO area since MTP projects were last selected in 2018-2019 and approved in 2020.

## **EVALUATION CRITERIA**

Evaluation criteria for regional transportation projects are based on federal goals, as well as regional goals. The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), enacted in 2012, included provisions to make the U.S. surface transportation system more streamlined, performance-based, and multimodal, and to address challenges facing the transportation system, including safety, infrastructure condition, traffic congestion, efficiency of freight movement, environmental impacts, and delays in project delivery. The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act builds on the changes made by MAP-21, including providing a dedicated source of federal dollars for freight projects.

On October 12th, 2021, at a Transportation Policy Body (TPB) meeting, a project-evaluation methodology and scoring criteria were presented for approval, with the intention to better organize additional data to assist the Project Selection Committee in prioritizing MTP and TIP projects in future updates of the MTP &

TIP. The methodology would not be implemented until the FFY2023-FFY2026 TIP update in 2022. The TPB approved the proposed methodology and criteria.

The evaluation criteria can be found by visiting:

[https://www.wampo.org/files/ugd/bbf89d\\_f5cbe71dbf3f45e18e60040da0eefb40.pdf](https://www.wampo.org/files/ugd/bbf89d_f5cbe71dbf3f45e18e60040da0eefb40.pdf)

The federal-aid highway program primarily focuses on the following goals:

- **Safety** - To achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads.
- **Infrastructure Condition** - To maintain the highway infrastructure asset system in a state of good repair.
- **Congestion Reduction** - To achieve a significant reduction in congestion on the National Highway System.
- **System Reliability** - To improve the efficiency of the surface transportation system.
- **Freight Movement and Economic Vitality** - To improve the national freight network, strengthen the ability of rural communities to access national and international trade markets, and support regional economic development.
- **Environmental Sustainability** - To enhance the performance of the transportation system while protecting and enhancing the natural environment.
- **Reduced Project Delivery Delays** - To reduce project costs, promote jobs and the economy, and expedite the movement of people and goods by accelerating project completion through eliminating delays in the project development and delivery process, including reducing regulatory burdens and improving agencies' work practices.

The evaluation of regional transportation projects is specialized for the following types of transportation improvements:

- Bridge Rehabilitation/Replacement
- Traffic Management Technologies (Roadway System Mgmt.)
- Roadway Reconstruction/Modernization/Automation
- Roadway Expansion
- Multiuse Trails & Bicycle Facilities
- Pedestrian Facilities/Safe Routes to School
- Transit Expansion/Transit Modernization

Weighted scoring criteria:

- Role in the Regional Transportation System and Economy
- Usage (number of users)
- Equity and Housing

- Infrastructure Condition
- Congestion/Air Quality
- Connecting Communities/Regionalism
- Safety
- Multimodal Elements and Existing Connections
- Consistency with Regional Plans
- Public Engagement/Risk Assessment (ROW acquisition, proximity to historic properties)
- Cost Effectiveness

### PROJECTS SELECTED

The projects in Tables F1 through F3 were selected by the PSC, recommended by the TAC, and approved by the TPB for either definite or possible new WAMPO-suballocated funding in the FFY2023-FFY2026 TIP.

**Table F1: Projects Selected for 80% Funding**

WAMPO I.D.	Lead Agency	Project Title	Would Require MTP Amendment	In Current MTP	New TIP Project or Additional Funding	Cost of Qualifying Project Phase(s)	Requested Revised Fed. \$ minus \$ Already Programmed	Scorecard	Staff-Generated Score
INT-19-01	Kechi	Oliver and Kechi Rd. Intersection	Yes	Yes	Additional Funding	\$3,042,317	\$909,629	Road Reconstruction/Modernization	51.75
40-541	Derby	Nelson Drive Realignment	Yes	Yes	Additional Funding	\$8,498,914	\$1,759,855	Road Reconstruction/Modernization	38.25
P-23-01	WAMPO	MTP 2050 Planning Assistance	No	Yes	New TIP Project	\$400,000	\$320,000	N/A	N/A
P-23-03	WAMPO	Safe Routes to School Planning Assistance	No	Yes	New TIP Project	\$250,000	\$200,000	N/A	N/A

**Table F2: New Projects Initially Selected for Up to 80% Funding**

WAMPO I.D.	Lead Agency	Project Title	Would Require MTP Amendment	In Current MTP	New TIP Project or Additional Funding	Cost of Qualifying Project Phase(s)	Requested Revised Fed. \$ minus \$ Already Programmed (NOT EQUAL TO INITIAL AWARDED AMOUNT)	Scorecard	Staff-Generated Score
40-511	Sedgwick Co.	Maple Street Pathway	Yes	Yes	New TIP Project	\$1,650,000	\$1,320,000	Multiuse Trails/Bicycle Facilities	56.50
40-538	Haysville	Seneca & 63rd Street Bike Ped Pathway	No	Yes	New TIP Project	\$945,816	\$756,652	Multiuse Trails/Bicycle Facilities	56.25
40-537	Butler County	SW Butler Rd Improvements from SW 170th St to SW 155th St	No	Yes	New TIP Project	\$11,683,800	\$9,347,040	Road Expansion	79.75
40-510	Wichita	17th St N, I-135 to Hillside	Yes	Yes	New TIP Project	\$3,000,000	\$2,400,000	Road Reconstruction/Modernization	73.50
40-517	Wichita	Douglas, Seneca to Meridian	No	Yes	New TIP Project	\$4,890,000	\$3,900,000	Road Reconstruction/Modernization	72.75
40-540	Derby	Rock Road Corridor Improvements	No	Yes	New TIP Project	\$4,890,000	\$3,912,000	Road Reconstruction/Modernization	64.50
40-056	Wichita	Wichita Intelligent Transportation System - E 21st St N	Yes	Yes	New TIP Project	\$5,250,000	\$4,200,000	Traffic Management	69.00

**Table F3: New Projects Prioritized for Funding if Extra Becomes Available**

WAMPO I.D.	Lead Agency	Project Title	Would Require MTP Amendment	In Current MTP	New TIP Project or Additional Funding	Cost of Qualifying Project Phase(s)	Requested Revised Fed. \$ minus \$ Already Programmed	Scorecard	Staff-Generated Score
40-522	Wichita	Redbud Path. Woodlawn to K-96	Yes	Yes	New TIP Project	\$5,000,000	\$4,000,000	Multiuse Trails/Bicycle Facilities	65.50
40-015	Bel Aire	45th St N, Oliver to Woodlawn	Yes	Yes	New TIP Project	\$13,640,000	\$10,912,000	Road Reconstruction/Modernization	63.50

### PSC MEETINGS

There were three Project Selection Committee (PSC) meetings held on March 28, April 11, and April 15, 2022. The PSC reviewed the project scores and discussed the project’s merits and the available funding. As there were 33 submitted projects, whose combined costs qualifying for federal funding were over \$117 million, and only about \$28 million was projected to be available for suballocation in FFY2025 and

FFY2026, the PSC worked diligently to select projects that were spread across the WAMPO area and would fit in the financial constraints. The PSC’s recommendation was submitted to the TAC at their April 25, 2022, meeting. The TAC approved the PSC’s project list. The TAC’s project recommendations were given final approval by the Transportation Policy Body (TPB) at their meeting on May 10, 2022.

## DOCUMENT DEVELOPMENT

After projects were selected and prioritized, WAMPO staff developed this TIP document. The document was available for a thirty-day public comment period during June 15-July 15, 2022. In addition to being available on the WAMPO website, at the WAMPO offices, and through e-mail distribution lists, the information for the Public Comment Period was also posted on social media (e.g., Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram, and Twitter). An Open House was held on June 29<sup>th</sup> at the Advanced Learning Library in Wichita, KS. The document was presented to the TAC for review and recommendation of approval on July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022, and to the TPB for review and approval on August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

The public comment period was held from June 15<sup>th</sup> through July 15<sup>th</sup>. Two comments were received.

View the comments and WAMPO’s response to them below.

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The 159<sup>th</sup> St. East, from US-54/400 to Central Ave. Project (WAMPO 2020 TIP R-19-05 & KDOT 008N-0692-01) cost estimate has increased due to rising construction costs in part, and the addition of Wichita Water & Sewer Dept water line & relocation work, which wasn't in the original scope or cost estimate. Combined the inflation and additional work have increased the total project cost approximately 39%. Without the additional water line and relocation work the increase is only approximately 19%, which could be approved by WAMPO Staff. The current total project cost and TIP cost estimate are illustrated below:

	<u>2020 TIP</u>	<u>Current Estimate</u>
Utility	\$180,000	\$55,713(Actual)
Right of Way	\$333,000	\$333,000
PE	\$487,500	\$488,293.73(Actual)
Construction	\$4,875,000	\$8,312,314.90
CE	<u>\$731,250</u>	<u>Included in const. line</u>
<b>Total Project</b>	<b>\$6,606,750</b>	<b>\$9,189,321.63</b>

39% increase

The City of Andover respectfully requests that the TIP be adjusted to reflect the current scope of work and construction estimate.

## WAMPO Response: Changes Made

Comment received on June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at the Open House in Wichita, KS:

Gavin B. said he was interested in increasing the reach of public transport in the area. Possibly including bus service to Andover, Park City, and Valley Center. He is also interested in expanding railway services, such as introducing light rail in western Kansas.

WAMPO Response: Comment was noted and acknowledged.