

FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

Tim Norton, Chairperson of WAMPO

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The development of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) 2035 for the Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WAMPO) region was an arduous and time intensive process. A diverse,

dedicated group of citizens and staff worked tirelessly to consider changing attitudes, limited funding mechanisms in a changing and uncertain economic environment, stakeholder and public input, and new thinking and ideas that moved us beyond just building roads. Through this process a greater regional perspective was developed with a common voice.

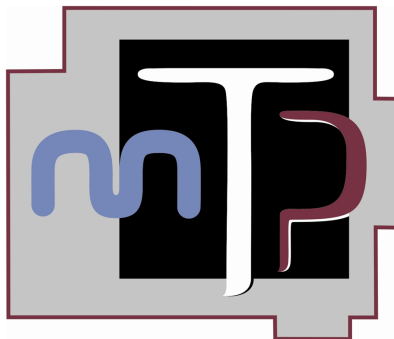
The broad goals were developed to make our transportation system safe, efficient, accessible, and affordable. These goals helped the group to look at every mode of transportation and the benefits of each on mobility, quality of life, livability, health, safety, security, air quality, the environment, and the economy. The effects on maintenance, operations, management of the system, economics, and public interests were used as a filter to

assure the wisest and most effective decisions were made for the region. Every effort was made to create avenues to garner public input and involvement through presentations, open houses, surveys, videos, and open and inclusive meetings.

I am proud of the final work product. It will guide our transportation investments over the next couple of decades even with the expiration of federal and State legislation looming ahead of us. Yet with this fiscal uncertainty, the MTP 2035 remained fiscally responsible, balancing revenues and

expenditures. This strong, multi-faceted transportation plan is well thought out and focused on the changing needs of our communities. It is indicative of how the region can and should work together to solve current and future transportation challenges. The MTP 2035 will be integral to the

continued sustainability of our regional economy, health and environment, and the increased mobility and safety of all modes of transportation. I am confident that it will help us make the WAMPO region an even better place to live, work, and play. To view the MTP 2035 and keep current our WAMPO activities, please visit our website: www.wampoks.org.



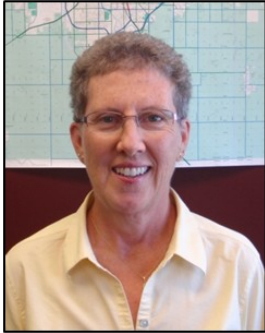
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FROM THE MANAGER

Nancy Harvieux, Planning Manager

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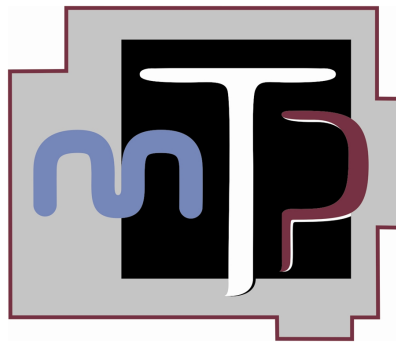
WAMPO staff, through an innovative public involvement process, worked with a variety of citizens and stakeholders to update the vision and guide for the region's transportation development. Through

the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) 2035, members of the region directed the future of a variety of transportation modes. The process is an example of how the region can and did work together to address the transportation needs of the region.

The task was daunting as the future of funding for transportation was hazy. The MTP is typically updated every five years with a twenty-five year look to the future. This update was developed with a number of unknown factors. Would the WAMPO region be in non-attainment in the near future? Will there be a fundamental shift in federal funding priorities? How will the state fund transportation? How will the region deal with the possibility of new green



house gas planning requirements? In light of these challenges WAMPO was still able to present a fiscally constrained plan that meets the transportation needs of the region.



The MTP 2035 will provide a basis for all future plans as it went in-depth on funding availability and need; stakeholder input; and provided a comprehensive gathering of the residents' goals, objectives, and

strategies to improve and maintain the system while addressing the public welfare of the residents. Like all WAMPO plans and programs the MTP 2035 is fluid, ongoing, striving to constantly plan to aid in improving the region's future.



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