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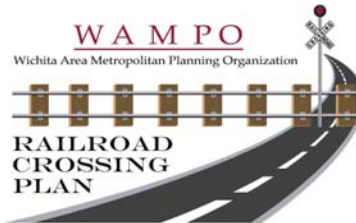


## The WAMPO Region's Transportation Newsletter

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### WAMPO Receives National Award

The Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) awarded the national award for innovation in metropolitan transportation planning to WAMPO for the WAMPO Railroad Crossing Plan (RRCP). The RRCP examines safety and congestion issues at almost 300 railroad crossings in the region. Located near the geographic center of the United States, the WAMPO planning area sees a vast amount of rail freight pass through the region. [More>>](#)



### Calendar:

January 28<sup>th</sup>  
Technical Advisory  
Committee, 10:00 A.M.  
455 N Main - 10th Floor

February 12<sup>th</sup>  
Transportation Policy  
Body, 3:00 P.M.  
455 N Main - 10th Floor

February 12<sup>th</sup>  
Paratransit Council, 1:00  
P.M., Sedgwick County  
Public Works Building

February 25<sup>th</sup>  
Technical Advisory  
Committee, 10:00 A.M.  
455 N Main - 10th Floor

March 11<sup>th</sup>  
Transportation Policy  
Body, 3:00 P.M.  
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March 18<sup>th</sup>  
Paratransit Council, 1:00  
P.M., Sedgwick County  
Public Works Building

March 24<sup>th</sup>  
Technical Advisory  
Committee, 10:00 A.M.  
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### What on earth is an MPO?

### What is WAMPO anyway?

Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) are federally required regional policy bodies in urbanized areas with populations over 50,000. MPOs recognize the critical links between transportation and other goals such as economic development, air quality, social equity, and quality of life. Locally, the Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WAMPO) is responsible, in cooperation with the State of Kansas, for carrying out the metropolitan transportation planning process. [More>>](#)

### WAMPO Adopts Regional Pathway System Plan

The Transportation Policy Body (TPB) adopted the Regional Pathway System Plan (RPSP) on September 11th. The RPSP is a blueprint that connects existing and future bicycle and pedestrian facilities throughout the WAMPO planning area. This Plan is a cooperative effort and included extensive participation by various stakeholders including WAMPO, federal, state, and transit agencies. The Plan provides an assessment of existing bicycle and pedestrian facilities and identifies, prioritizes, and recommends future connecting links for bicycle and pedestrian use. [More>>](#)



### WAMPO Develops Public Participation Plan



The Transportation Policy Body (TPB) adopted the Public Participation Plan (PPP) on November 13th. The plan outlines how WAMPO involves and educates citizens and stakeholders in the transportation decision making process. The PPP outlines several strategies and goals for public participation in WAMPO's transportation planning process. [More>>](#)

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## WAMPO to develop Safe Routes to School Plan

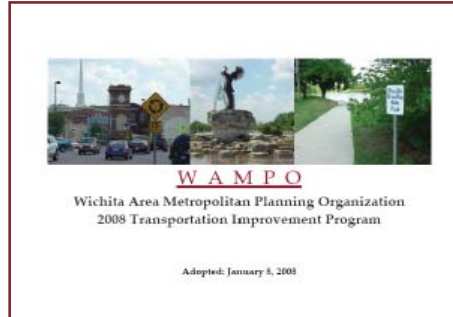


WAMPO has teamed up with Safe Kids Wichita Area Coalition, City of Valley Center, Valley Center Public Schools USD 262, City of Cheney, Cheney Public Schools USD 268, City of Haysville, Haysville Public Schools USD 261, and Harry Street Elementary School (Wichita Public Schools USD 259) to develop a Safe Routes to School Plan for the region. [More>>](#)

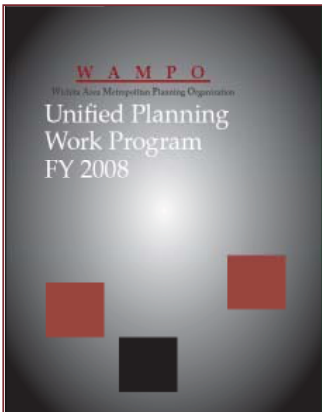


## WAMPO Approves the 2008 TIP

The Transportation Policy Body adopted the 2008 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) on January 8th. The TIP identifies investments for programs funded by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for four federal fiscal years plus two planning years. The TIP is an important program management tool to help the region manage limited transportation dollars. [More>>](#)



## WAMPO Approves the 2008 UPWP



WAMPO develops an annual Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to describe the planning activities that WAMPO planners will perform during the calendar year. The UPWP for the Wichita metropolitan area identifies specific planning tasks performed by WAMPO to address transportation concerns in the Wichita metropolitan area. Key projects for 2008 include the WAMPO Freight Plan, Congestion Management Process, WAMPO Transportation Safety Plan and much more. [More>>](#)

## Harry Street Ribbon Cutting

WAMPO has worked with the Safe Kids Wichita Area Coalition, the City of Wichita and Harry Street Elementary School to improve the safety at Harry Street Elementary. Thanks to a grant obtained by the Safe Kids Wichita Area Coalition, children that walk or bike to school will now have a safer route to travel to Harry Street Elementary School. [More>>](#)



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