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Regional Transportation Survey

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A survey created by WAMPO requested people to rank 10 transportation related improvements in order from the most important to the least important. An additional section was available for the public to add comments. This document contains the comments categorized into themes.

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Alternative Transportation

General

Waiting for the federal government to act is tantamount to taking no action at all. Our Representatives and Senators have become beholden to big oil, the auto industry, etc. and will never put alternative transportation solutions on their agenda. We need to do what California did: have our own agenda that sets an example and not wait. We know what needs to be done. So let's do it.

Thanks for beginning to acknowledge that we must wean ourselves from cars, and government must begin that painful process ASAP. We must not streamline car travel and neglect alternative forms of transportation including healthful exercise.

Great Survey! We definitely need to improve access to alternative transportation in this region. As gas prices rise, more and more people will finally realize there are other forms of transportation besides their SUVs.

With rising gas prices and a global effort to go green, it will be imperative that our city transportation is more accessible to pedestrians and bikers. Mass transit/commuter opportunities will also need to be at the forefront of the planning.

Do everything possible to get people out of their cars.

Developing alternative transportation is very important.

Anything that can be done to reduce the number of cars on the road would be a step in the right direction. Look to the city of Portland, Oregon for examples of improving ways to get around town.

Gas prices are likely not to ever go down in the near future. So, we need to redirect our resources away from continuously upgrading highways because by the time the Kellogg freeway is finished, the only vehicles that can use it will be bicycles because of the cost of fuel. Given that even an idiot could have predicted Detroit's return to gas-guzzling behemoths as if the 70s gas crisis never happened, what we need is strong leadership that can encourage us to improve our attitudes and our decisions. Leadership on the local level can take the initiative since George W. Cheney & Company's "solution" is to shun alternative energies, drill for more oil and go to war in more oil-rich countries. Encouraging MASS TRANSIT, BICYCLE use and other "green" behaviors can start on a local level. National radio programs used to have their stars take a moment at the end of a program to encourage patriotic and wise behaviors. The Great Gildersleeve, for instance, would even produce a program based on a script that illustrated how much our schools needed our support; and then at the end of the program, would reiterate the main point the story line illustrated: "Support your local schools, friends. America's future depends on our schools." Since Reagan ushered in the "era of Me-First," and started labeling every governmental activity from fire departments to schools as "weak-kneed, pinko socialist conspiracies," Americans have rarely been asked to consider the well-being of the community as a whole. Well, it's time that we start putting out that message and telling the followers of Grover "drown-the-government-in-the-bath-tub" Norquist that America was built on mutual respect for each other's well-being and that we should all strive to make government functional - not try to destroy it.

Curbing urban sprawl is another way to increase walkability. Some cities only allow a certain amount. I wish Wichita would slow its outward growth and focus on the inner city

I believe we have a real opportunity to develop inward and make a sustainable choice with our current situation and plan for higher gas prices, rather than expansion.

Think green!

Everyone of these should be #1 because this city is so far behind the rest of the country! In Washington state you can live in the country and catch a bus to downtown in front of your farm house. This is the 21st century wake up!!!!

STOP ANNEXING! This will solve many of our transportation issues! We will not need more streets if we aren't buying more outlying areas. People who live close to shopping, entertainment and parks will not need new roads because they can WALK!

Don't put all our eggs (\$) in one basket and do try to work with transportation forms that don't just emphasize the auto.

Publicly promoting alternate means of transportation in a city is the first step toward increasing people's use of such alternatives.

It is paramount that municipalities anticipate the coming scarcity of petroleum and plan for drastically reduced usage of the personal automobile. Unless we redesign our settlement patterns and the distribution of essential services such as grocery stores, health care, etc., we will be in deeper and deeper difficulties in the very near future. For instance, why is there NOT ONE GROCERY STORE in the core area? This is nuts! There are thousands of people who live here, including my wife and I, and we have a minimum 5 mile round trip to just get food. Stop kowtowing to the real estate robber barons and get serious about making the core area more liveable. Sprawl will kill this city if not reined in.

The City's policy of aggressive widening roadways and more roads locks us into an increasing spiral of maintenance budget for streets and shrinking budgets for investment in other community amenities. With gas prices it should be a wake up call for our leaders to change the focus in this community transportation that promotes walking and biking!

In general, anything that can be done to make Wichita and its streets more amenable to mass transit and alternative transportation options should be priorities: doing so makes those options more appealing to motorists, thus reducing the number of cars on the streets, thus reducing pollution (and wear and tear on streets, too).

Let's allow Wichita to join the 20th Century before we get through the 21st! Public and mass transit have to take the high road and we have to have them. Emphasis should be on that, and maintaining infrastructure, long before addition to existing roads and roadways. Let's make this a real City - where people can get decent mass and alternative transit 24/7 and at reasonable cost.

My biggest disappointment with Wichita has been the recent development of roads, mostly on the east side of town. All the improvements along Douglas, Hillside, Central, Oliver etc. and not one bike lane was added to make commuting by bicycle safer. How can we compete with other cities without being more commuter and pedestrian friendly? We should look to Portland, San Francisco, even smaller cities like Olympia and Lawrence, to see what happens when a town puts the emphasis on alternative transportation and off of cars, trucks and bigger roads.

I really had a hard time ranking #1,2,and 3. I think they are all important - we need better, and safer, methods of transportation around here that don't involve autos - bikes, buses and trains.

Prefer systemic transportation changes along long-range plans to promote less need for automobile traffic to and from uptown/downtown and local attractions/businesses in the area.

Bicycle/Pedestrian

Wants to see more bike/pedestrian paths built especially the missing links

Any thing you can do to improve cycling in Wichita. We need more bike lanes on streets, more share the road signs, more education that bicycles are supposed to be on the road.

It is interesting to note that in Wampo bike/pedestrian path study it is noted that several extensions to the bike path system were said to be in planning stage. No work is yet evident.

Add and improve sidewalks!

Please tell Sue to stop studying, and start building more bike paths.

if people see other people riding and it is safe, they will try it. bike lanes have DAILY use potential - we need east/west and north/south bike corridors.

We need to embrace finding ways to make our community more friendly for walkers and bikers.

I most want to live in a community where my middle school aged kids can safely walk and bike without me, and we can't do that now. I want sidewalks and bikelanes.

The expansion of safe bike transportation options will ease many other problems, especially if the price of fuel remains high. A Bike friendly system will encourage additional commuters to view this form of transit as a viable option.

Repair of existing sidewalks would help in the urban areas a lot. The bicycle as transportation is actually hindered by some of the improvements that have been made. I believe that widening roads to beyond 4 lanes for traffic just gives the motorized vehicle license to speed.

It is nearly impossible to use my bike as a form of transportation in Wichita. I live a mile away from work and I end up driving because of safety issues. City streets need to have bike lanes. If there were more bike lanes more people would commute to work by bike without question.

If you widened the streets you could add a bike path along the major streets like in Denver. This could assure cyclists that they can achieve maximum speed without traveling distances to get to a bike path that might not be time effective

Improve connections between different trails/paths for fewer road crossings. Focus on making paths kid friendly and end result will be a better more useable system for everyone.
Stevens Point,WI has great walking paths... all the sidewalks connect and the town seems very safe... while i was there at a conference you could see tons of people riding their bikes, walking, running, roller blading and so forth... very nice to see!
As Wichita is rated one of the "fattest" cities in the US, we need to focus on exercise friendly, accessable walking and biking paths. This could not only assist us with health, but with the current gasoline prices provide some low cost alternatives. With those alternatives, we would also need to feel safe.
I am a cyclist commuter. Widening roads and educating drivers as to sharing roads would be beneficial. Many core area streets/roads are in only fair to poor condition.
Bike lanes downtown and throughout the city are badly needed. The current laws inhibit safe bike riding downtown. A safe place to ride is a win-win solution. (No pollution, no need for so many \$15,000 a piece parking spaces and healthier life style.)
Thanks for asking my opinion. With \$4 gasoline, it is more important than ever to promote cycling [for transportation to work, fitness, health & wellness]. Our community needs to become more 'bike friendly' by adding new bike paths, bike lanes and through public service announcements. Other communities, like Portland, has 6,000 bike commuters per day! City & County officials need to recognize the importance of cycling. Cycling helps reduce greenhouse gases, reduces air pollution and promotes wellness ... a 'win/win' combination.
We need more bike and walkable routes from residential to retail, medical, and shopping services
Bike paths can be great, and my #1 improvement for the city, but until you can take a bike path to where you want to go, it is not a viable option. Wichita roads, sidewalks, and drivers are not bike friendly.
Wichita would be a much healthier city with increased bike/running paths and walking paths.
Wichita needs to become more bike-friendly so that bikes may be used at viable transportation. Driver education regarding the rights of bicycles on the roads is a must and is lacking in our area.
Improvements to bicycle routes and facilities will also reduce wear and tear on streets plus improve the physical and financial health of citizens not to mention the benefit of reduced air pollution. Win...win...win...win.
I would bike to work if i didn't have to share the road with cars each morning. There are very few if any bike paths or lanes through the city.
More and more people are riding their bikes, this not only saves gas money, helps control pollution and congestion, it will also contribute to a healthier population. there are so many advantages to SEPARATE bike paths and lanes. Wichita is FLAT. there is no reason why it cannot be the Biking Capital of the US as well as the Air Capital.
As I couldn't use the same number twice, it was harder to rank. But we need to make this a friendlier biking community!
Start thinking ahead, Wichita is so far behind in terms of transportation alternatives. If you would build bike paths that are funtional for commuting people would use them. Thank you.
Riding a bicycle in Wichita is pretty dangerous. Most bicyclists I know ride illegally on the sidewalk to cut down on the amount of near accidents they have. Thanks.
I'm scared to ride my bike on Wichita streets. Anything to make riding a bike safer would increase use! Bike lanes, wider lanes, bike paths, bike racks on buses, etc.
More bicycle paths and bicycle lanes! A good place for bicycle lanes would be along wide lower speed limit roads like 1st, 2nd, and Douglas streets
I have lived in a number of midwest cities of similar size as Wichita - this is the least bike friendly of them all.
There is something to be said for the idea that many people actually feel safer walking the streets of New York or San Francisco than Wichita, Kansas. In addition to contributing to a lower crime rate, more pedestrian- and bike-friendly areas would result in more disposable income, as gas prices continue to rise.
The promise of bike paths, is a promise not fulfilled. Our children donot learn to ride bikes because there is no safe way for them to ride the streets.
It seems to be an important topic to educate drivers about the etiquette and rules for bicyclists.

There should be pedestrian access to all businesses and residential areas. If someone chooses to walk or bike they should be able to safely do so.
Bike lanes need to be painted on existing streets so people can ride safely. This is an inexpensive way to allow more people to get to work while lowering GHG emissions. Existing bike paths need to be widened to allow more riders to pass each other going either direction. Bike lanes near major shopping centers will allow people to ride rather than drive.
Let's work together to have a more active community and an outdoor freindly environment. Everyone needs to exercise. This would be much easier with more walking/jogging paths that connect. As well as strict rules to enforce safety of pedestrians and cyclists while sharing the roads. If people get our of their cars and are able to walk or ride to work this would also help with the gas prices/demand...Please put money into these efforts for a healthier community!
We need to start planning communities that are more walkable. Like the old brownstones back east with community greenspace. Higher density communities are easier to deliver services to and more enrgy efficient.
More bike routes should really be looked at for both convenience and safety issues.
We are unable to bike anymore as our physical condition will not allow this activeity. I would like to see walk ways along our Busy streets. Ones where you could walk safe from traffic and not get deluludged with water from road gutters when it rains (or melts).
It would be really nice to integrate the existing bike trail system with bike lanes along major thoroughfares, making various parts of the city more accessible for working people to bike from home to work. Good luck with your survey.
Along with my Number 1 choice to improve the bike route system - and are there any really??? - should go hand in hand with Number 4 to improve driver education in regards to respect for cyclists. If every motorist could experience being on a bicycle and having a car fly by them at 45 mph within 2 feet of their handlebar, they might feel differently about slowing down.
And this is answered by one who does not bike - but feel it is important for health and economy. Europe and Asia has a great public transportation system and biking routes.
I think people would be more inclined to bike around town if there were bike lanes--just like most other cities in the country.
Need to become like Portland and encourage bike riding by making it easier with bike lanes and not just downtown.
I am a cyclist and I think that more bike lanes would be great. If you look at the top "Family Friendly" cities, like Denver, their bicycle path system is very advanced. I have been hit by a car (had to have 122 stitches in my head when I hit the windshield). I have also been screamed at, honked at, told to get off the street, told to get off the sidewalk.. drivers and the public in general need more education on what is legal when it comes to cycling. I also believe it is crazy, as a nation not just a city, that we turn hundreds of thousands of people loose every day with a deadly weapon and we don't require more than a "no brainer" of a test, once, to qualify them to drive this weapon. With gas prices being crazy, and people moving to a more economical method of transportation, drivers need to be more educated and encouraged to accomodate cyclists. If they hit, hurt, kill a cyclist (or any pedestrian) the punishment needs to be severe. A two ton vehicle against a body, whether it is cycling or walking, is just not a fair fight. And for some of these people.. it is a fight. They are mad to see us out there "in their way" as if we have no right to the road. Bicycle education and accomodation is a must. Thanks for all you do!
I would like to see a campaign to make wichita a bike friendly city. It is probably one of the least bike friendly cities I have lived in or visited. I commute to work on a bike and do not feel safe. Thank you.
The Wichita Metropolitan Area is WAY BEHIND as a community when it comes to being walkable and bikeable. I see a lot of money being spent on the outskirts to rebuild / expand roads for future development (without including adequate sidewalks & and bike lanes) while in the core areas, the sidewalks, meager bike paths, and roads are left to break down and become unsafe. As long as the community continues to ignore infrastructure needs in the core areas, revitalizing any of them will continue to be a monumental task. Example: Improvements to Central between Edgemore and Rock, and Hillside between Douglas and Central are great. How about making similar improvements to Central from Edgemore to the river and pairing it with dedicated bike lanes on 1st and 2nd from Edgemore to the river, and improvements to sidewalks and crosswalks along all three, so a person could easily walk, jog, bike, or drive to the river from Edgemore?
Rough and broken bike paths and streets need replacement, not patching. Rough and broken bike paths are hard on both the bicyclist and the bicycle.
If we had expanded and improved bike lanes people would ride their bikes more. This would help out the enviornment by using less gasoline.
Making the city more bike and walk friendly will save money as well as improving the health of the citizens who will get extra exercise this way!

Wichita is the least pedestrian/bike friendly city I've ever been in. It seems the city is intentionally designed for fast, highway speed traffic even though everything is relatively close. I'm a vehicular cyclist, and get everywhere by either biking or walking, and it's extremely difficult to get to most places. I think modifying the city infrastructure to make it more accessible to human powered transportation is a must, and should be highly prioritized.

I bike alot, but have no use for bike lanes. Lower speed limits, working traffic light sensors, and more bike racks would be a start. Add to that maybe you could ask the police to begin enforcing the traffic law.

Most drivers in Wichita do not believe that a bicycle should be on the road at all. So the first thing that needs to be done is to make them aware that cyclists have the same rights to the road as they do. Look at how many cyclists are hit by cars in this city each year. Then the only major employer with a bike path leading to any part of their plant is Spirit. No bike path leads to Raytheon, Cessna, Learjet or any other major employer. The employers need to be given some incentive to encourage people to find alternate means of transport that doesn't pollute. Then the city and the large companies can work together to provide paths leading to them. Most large cities have bike racks on city buses. Wichita is still way behind times as usual.

I would like to see more bike access available from Wichita to surrounding towns and paths to major businesses like Boeing, Spirit, Cessna, and Beech.

Why is south Wichita without walking/bike paths? Especially the South Branch YMCA, Alford Library, Osage Center along 235 south (West St to Gold), 47th and 55th streets south. North to 31st & West. Why are there no connections to Watson Park bike/walking paths/trails? In economically challenged areas such as south Wichita, there should be safe walking/biking trails/paths, not sidewalks (5' or less away from curbs) along 40 mph roadways -- BE RESPONSIBLE TO THE CITIZENS SAFETY!

I would ride my bike to work and around town if we had bike lanes.

Dear WAMPO, I ride a bicycle for pleasure, and find a couple of the cities laws are very non-bicycle friendly.

The city of Wichita law is that it is a violation to ride on the sidewalks in a business district. The Downtown/Oldtown Wichita area is a great place to ride, explore, and patronize downtown/oldtown businesses, but I bike at speeds far less than a car, making it very dangerous to ride on the streets. Please change the law to allow bikes on the sidewalks in the business district, the downtown/oldtown area, at a safe speed and manner when pedestrians are on the sidewalks, give peds the right of way over bikes, but please don't make me a criminal for riding on the sidewalks of downtown/oldtown Wichita.

Also, I often on my rides, stop to eat and drink, often I like an adult beverage with my meal. I do this thinking that riding my bicycle after consuming adult beverages is smarter and safer than driving my car. BUT, in Wichita it is possible to get a DUI on a bicycle even though there is no motor vehicle involved, this is not right. DUI research I did a while back was that the Kansas State law is based on operating a MOTOR vehicle, and Wichita law is based on operating a vehicle, please double check this information. This allows a bicycle, rollerskates, skateboard, probably even those shoes with the built in wheels to be considered a vehicle, which could then allow a small child that has taken cough meds, or gargled with mouthwash an opportunity to get a DUI, that's not right. I believe that if a bicycle rider is that drunk to not be able to ride safely because they are intoxicated, at worst they could be cited for some kind of public intoxication violation, NOT a DUI, it should not be marks against the persons driving record or insurance. Wichita should make the DUI laws pertain to MOTOR vehicles only. And no I have never received a DUI, and drink responsibly so as to not get one.

Also, encourage merchants to provide bike racks or security bar that a bike could be secured. A security bar (that's my own idea) could be a strong steel bar about 1 foot from the ground and stands out from the building about 3 inches at a length determined by want or desire of the building owner, that is secured to a building front, or sidewalk, or incorporated into a light pole, so the bicycle rider security cable, chain, device may be easy to attach.

I like to ride my bike and Wichita is a wonderful place to ride, everybody should do it. Let's make Wichita's core area a more desirable, accessible, and safer place to ride. Thanks.

I'd really like to see the railbanked areas developed into the running/bike trails as the public documents seem to indicate that they will be. But generally speaking, there are currently no good east/west bike trails and the bike trails that do exist are largely unconnected.

Biking and walking not only decreases our impact on the environment, it also decreases our impact on the health system.

Additional bike safety education should be implemented - drivers need to be aware of existing laws and rights of cyclists.

Aside from maintaining our current transportation infrastructure I would most like to see changes in the biking and pedestrian areas. Bike lanes on major streets are almost non-existent. Why not use the old rail corridors as bike and jogging trails. Sure we have parks with these amenities already but those paths don't go any place. Using the old railway areas would allow people to combine the exercise with the transportation. Take a look at the city of Columbia, MO. They have found a way to weave trails all throughout the entire town making it much easier to bike instead of drive. I would gladly bike my way around if not for the fear of riding down certain roads in the early morning.

Bike lanes, bike lanes, bike lanes, please!! It seems like lots of other cities - even other cities in KS - have figured out that bike lanes make it easier for cyclists and motorists to co-exist. Let's get on the bandwagon!

Wichita and the area need to make the entire transportation system more people friendly, biking, pedestrian, and take actions to improve environmental quality.

I honestly believe if we had more bike friendly roads, more people would ride, and the health and fuel savings would pay for the upgrades.

need frequent media releases on the subject of sharing the existing roads with bicyclists. weekly news spots for stories of those that commute by bicycle.

Alternatives to car transportation require a commitment to make them viable - a "half way" system will bring only minimal increases. I am seeing far more people bicycling to work, but that won't continue or grow with the maze of roads/crossings that are so difficult to navigate.

I am an avid cyclist and would like to ride to work but am afraid of the traffic.

Public Transit

People might not use alternative transportation if avail., bus service important to older people, alternative downtown service will eliminate need for parking garages and driving downtown.

Improved transit services is greatly needed for everyone but in particular people with disabilities who want/need a social life after regular day time hours.

Public transportation is atrocious, even though Wichita is a major city.
It reduces its attraction because visitors have no reliable way to travel except cabs (which are expensive).
More buses, more routes, more visibility and more rail services are direly needed.

Though we also have a car, my husband and I live near the transit center and use the buses extensively. We would like to see busing expanded! Even starting slowly -- offering most routes on the 1/2 hour and running 'till 8 or so -- would improve our lives tremendously. I run into so many people on the bus whose lives are dictated by the narrow bus schedules. How is a person without a car to get ahead if their transportation dictatees their work hours?

Also, I would like transfer tickets to be honored anywhere in the bus system as long as they have not expired. They're almost useless now, when they can only be used in a handfull of places. I want to be able to get where I'm going with the bus fare I pay!

My husband and I are also rail enthusiasts and often use Amtrak to take our vacations instead of driving and flying. Imagine how much Wichita's economy would benefit from easy rail travel, from being able to take the train to Wellington or Newton! The old train station is for sale; let's put it to use again

It would be really nice for the bus system to run during the evening hours for those who work and go to school in the evening. From what I understand Topeka, Kansas has after-hours bus system already established.

I wish there were bus service into Wichita from Derby. Perhaps on a park & ride basis.

Aside from the 8 mile walk to a bus stop, the lack of service in the evening is a problem for me.

Please, please, please improve our public transport system! It's supposed to be more convenient for us to use it, not less. And times being what they are, I'd guess there would be plenty of people willing to use it.

The bus system definitely needs to be open longer or 24hour. There is a need for people who may work 2nd or 3rd shift. It is not easy finding rides to and from at the late and early hours when we could extend and hire new people, hence creating more jobs as well.

overhaul mass transit system completely repair existing streets & roads

<p>Bus transportation needs to be improved. Clients/people have a hard time making it around town in a decent amount of time. The fact that the bus system doesn't run after a certain hour on the weekdays, sundays, and on holidays makes it hard for some people to maintain decent employment or make it to appointments they need as the buses may not be running when they are finished or not running long enough for them to make it home. Maintance on streets is also important as pot holes and gravel roads make wear and tear on vehicles which may contribute to questionable vechiles breaking down.</p>
<p>Anything we can do to make the transition from cars to alternate transportation will pay dividends in the future.</p>
<p>The death knell is sounding for suburbia as fuel prices skyrocket. Wichita needs to reclaim its urban heritage, including top-notch public transit in the core areas of the city.</p>
<p>I really think y'all should get Bike racks on Buses and stop letting people bring their bikes on board. It's getting ridiculous.</p>
<p>I would take the bus if it didn't take nearly two hours to get from stop to stop. I would be great if we had a practical mass transit.</p>
<p>Improvements are needed in the transit department. Wichita needs more bus service. As fuel costs increase, Wichita buses carry more passengers--most of whom are people from the lower socioeconomic class who work late hours and would certainly take the bus home if a ride was offered. Further, if Wichita wants to compete with other major cities--even for notoriety alone--a much more effective transit system is necessary.</p>
<p>I cannot stress strongly enough my interest in improving and expanding our current transit services. I have been a bus rider for 10 years and have noticed an increase in riders over the last few months. I know more routes, more frequent buses, etc. would increase riders. Longer hours of operation especially on Saturdays and holidays would also be most helpful. Current schedules make it difficult for anyone who works other than 8-5.</p>
<p>WMTA needs total overhaul to include: more routes, later hours, sunday hours!!!!!!</p>
<p>Wichita needs to work on public transportation. Right now, MTA does not run on Sundays, a short schedule on Saturdays, only until 6:30pm and does not go to where people need to go. There should be a park and ride program set up. Even if the bus ran until 12:30 am so people could get to work and or get home from 2nd shift, that would be great. Wichita is a car town.....</p>
<p>I work in a bar, and if wichita really cared about all the people that drink and drive, if we really cared about saving lives, then we would have 24 hour public transportation like most large city's. If every person who went out drinking on friday night were to call a cab there wouldnt even come close to being enough.</p>
<p>Also as a person in need of maintaining a staff I find it difficult to get employees because of my location. The nearest stop is at least a mile or more away. My second shift gets out a 8pm and I think the buses stop before that time. We are a service company so we are open 7 days a week, 365 days a year.</p>
<p>please make wichita a place that doesn't rely so much on automobiles! Let's create a wichita that supports public transportation!</p>
<p>The number one issue is to work on reducing the need for privately driven vehicles. The only way to do that is to return the focus to public transportation. Along with those changes, Wichita must do some serious campaigning to make public transit appealing. Right now, the attitude is that only drunks and lowlifes ride the bus. I would be overjoyed to ride the bus if it met my needs.</p>
<p>It's obvious many more people are using public transportation, but the schedule is awful. No buses in the evening and none at all on Sundays. The routes are set up so it takes hours to do simple everyday chores. In great need of improvement.</p>
<p>Bus routes need to be made more intuitive and more visible to the public.</p>
<p>We need a better transit system. If it was better with the times and would go later, weekends I would travel that way. Some people I know can't use the transit because it takes them 3 hours to go across town. We also need to teach people who have never used the transit system how to use it. We need a system of travel that is easy to get to and from other cities also.</p>
<p>It is a sad thought to think that I live 2.5 miles away from work, and work a steady 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. five days a week, and CANNOT take a bus to work because of a lack of bus routes accomodating the area in which I live and the hours in which I work.</p>
<p>I believe that improving and expanding our public transit system should be paramount.</p>
<p>We need to start thinking mass transit. If our bus system were more destination friendly, perhaps more people would use it. I would think that public transportation between outlying ares would be good as well--Derby, Andover, Goddard, Augusta, Newton, etc.</p>

For a city this size, our public transportation is a joke. If we don't get on some environmentally friendly public transit soon, the whole town will have issues - people not able to get to work will lose jobs, etc. And with gas prices and environmental issues, we need to go as green as possible with public transport - let's think about the future, the long term, not just a band aid fix. Anyone with a brain should know that gas is NOT where the future is at. Let's show the country Wichita is a capable 21st century city!

a better bus system should be a huge priority in a town this populated.

Adding late night bus routes and routes to outlying communities. Decreasing the time between buses picking up at bus stops, etc. will encourage increased use of the bus system. It shouldn't take 3 hours to get downtown. Many of my clients would use the bus if they could get where they needed to go. The downtown transfer system may be economical for the city but many people just need to get around on their side of town. Also, a local rail pick-up point in Wichita, would encourage me to travel long distance by train if it were cheaper than flying.

Improve transit service (express bus routes, additional bus routes, longer hours of operation, more frequent buses, etc.). This choice must include suburbs: derby, haysville, goddard.

Bus transportation between Town East / Town West parking lot & Old Town & Arena district as an alternative to fighting traffic and parking problems when attending events or going out for an evening of entertainment.

Bus service could be much better than it is now, longer times running, cheaper fares, and more pickup/dropoff locations, use of smaller buses like the chance vehicles in the downtown area.

Bus system needs to operate with expanded hours. We have many offenders who work late shift work and need to have a way to get home safely. Post bus-route maps and schedules at bus stops.

our mass transit system is a travesty

Public Transportation is a major key to an improved life style. Our dependence on automobile transportation makes it very difficult for many people to participate fully in our economic activity. Many people do not drive and would benefit from better bus service as well as rail transportation to other cities.

Bike racks on buses. Orlando and other cities have bike racks on the front of buses.

All of the money being put into the downtown area would be greatly maximized by improving our transit systems. Wichita's bus system is really pathetic. We have tried many times to take a train and it is just too much hassle as it is never going where we need it to go. A connection to OKC would be my 1st priority.

As a driver who drives in from 30 miles away each day, and whose business is in Wichita, I would definitely like to see bus or van or light rail from the small towns into Wichita to save gas, save the air, and save time and wear and tear on my car!

For a city as large and diverse as ours it is a shame that we have not invested in a better system of mass transit. We are still working off of a bus system that has not really changed much since I was a child in the 70's and 80's. I have lived in several other large and mid sized cities that have rail systems or even bus systems that reach out into the suburban areas. Which could help to encourage economic growth in both Wichita and Andover. This could also open an avenue of continuing education for an adult without a vehicle at Butler County Community College. Not to mention a rail system could reach out to Eldorado lake, Park City, to the Colosseum.

We need a reliable shuttle bus to & from the airport running all the hours the planes are leaving & arriving.

Seems to be a waste of fuel to send all buses to a DT point only to have them drive away from same point. Cross-connecting routes would take some planning but could save gas. Maybe you could do some studies on (usually I see 8 or more buses at the Transit Center) how much extra fuel is being used for those extra blocks to and away from the station. Also, I wasn't able to rank it as highly as I would have liked, but many people bring their bikes ON the buses. a rack on the front would be great for them and the rest of us. Extended hours I'd like to request would be into the evenings. I don't have any way to get to a movie or Final Friday on my own. Thanks!

If you don't drive in Wichita and find it physically difficult to get around, there are not a lot of options in Wichita. Especially for our elderly and disabled populations, the options are nil unless they can pay for it. We need to expand the options for these individuals that is affordable for them and cost effective for the community.

If public transportation was transformed from a dingy, inconvenient bus system to a high-tech, environmentally friendly monorail, I believe the stigma surrounding public transportation would be lifted and more people would use (and enjoy) public transportation. Gas prices will continue to rise and deter people from going places once frequented, so it's time to start thinking of alternatives to get people around in a sensible and sustainable way.

As an over-60 person I'm looking forward to when I'm no longer able to drive and want improved public transportation that is convenient.

I ride the bus to work downtown and would like to have the smelly Wichita Transit buses upgraded with new buses that use clean alternative energy sources. Also, set up "Park & Ride" areas where people can catch express bus service. Work with businesses as well as local and state government agencies to encourage employees to take the bus. Get radio and TV stations to do free promotion. Expand the bus routes to include areas that are within the Wichita city limits, but currently not served. There is a definite lack of creativity by the City of Wichita when it comes to public transportation.

Timing of lights is a good thing to work on and designing logical intersections that lessen the idling time for vehicles. Also, many more right turn bays are needed. This city has some of the most poorly planned intersections I've seen, which encourage wasting precious gasoline.

I am a Social Worker and have MANY clients who have expressed our city's current bus system is a major barrier to finding and keeping employment. Clients have to spend an hour or more to go a couple miles and are at the mercy of the bus driver to get them to work on time - which I am told does not always happen. In addition, clients who work third shift are unable to take advantage of using the city bus.

With residents of Wichita becoming more concerned with the environment and gas prices, a well-planned bus route would benefit many. *It would be imperative when developing the new plan to destigmatize "riding the city bus." The bus system should be seen as an asset to the community instead of a means of transportation for the poor.

You MUST start paying the full amount of cost to disability transport providers instead of keeping the money for yourselves, which is against Federal guidelines.

Also, provide shelter for regular bus stops!!

There are many people on the West and East side of Wichita that drive themselves to Boeing and Spirit Aerosystems each day. There are about 18,000 people that work at these two companies in Wichita. They have one person in the car. Can Wichita provide an efficient bus schedule from for these people in order for us to save fuel cost and reduce pollution?

Using public transportation in its present form, it is impossible to commute in a timely manner from west to east or from north to south. We would benefit greatly from a public transportation system like the MetroLink in St. Louis, the Boston, Philadelphia, or Washington, DC systems. We should at least begin planning!

I would like to see bus service improved to the point that students and seniors who have no real need for cars most of the time could get around the city without having to walk far once off the bus.

A grid system of bus routes would make buses much more usable and less time-consuming. Crossing routes would make it easy for people to construct their own custom routes. Also, buses need to run later and everyday to be useable for workers. Not all jobs are M-F, 9-5. Thanks

please, add routes to our public transportation, have at least every 1/2 hour stops and have greatly extended hours of operation. I have been taking the buses here for a year, voluntarily, and everything just takes too long to do. thank you.

Once last year after one of many vacations to big cities, I felt I could just hop a bus after a flight into Mid-Continent airport. I had just been anywhere I wanted to go in San Francisco and Las Vegas via city bus, so I thought the bus would be easy to transport me to my just east of downtown home in Wichita.

After a complete tour of the way-west side of Wichita, and two semi-confusing transfers, I made it to my home in just under two hours.

The flight from Dallas to Wichita was much shorter than my city bus commute across Wichita.

Rail

Rail service to Newton and metro communities to the north of town!

Train service should be available.

Train services, rail system would be something to consider locally from east to west side of town, especially with gas prices going up and up.

Change over to streetcars, light rail, interurban rail, passenger trains, these modes of transportation have a fantastic passenger mile ratio (PMR) on fuel & cost plus a tremendous reduction in air, water, ground pollution (ie: greenhouse gases, CO 2, etc.)

Consider the corridor width for rail related transportation, compared to alley's, road's, street's, highway's, & Interstate corridor width's required for vehicles and consider the "non-taxable" status which falls back on the general budget to sustain it, being the fuel tax covers only 58% of the cost.

with the cost of air travel having risen to levels that are prohibitive for the average working class and lower middle class person rail travel should be a priority. In addition, increasing access to public transportation will not only reduce the amount of traffic on Wichita's streets, and save families money, it will reduce our environmental footprint

Havin rail service will bring \$ to us

My other major transportation dream for Wichita is to have rail service to Topeka, Lawrence, and Kansas City.

Rail service would be a great improvement. People are growing weary of air transportation and rail connections to Kansas City, Olka. City, Dallas, Denver, St. Louis, Omaha and Chicao would be very good.

Wichita is already better than most places I have to go to. However, I think rail travel should come back because of the price of fuel now and in the future.

Please, please, please support expanding the rail system from Oklahoma City to Wichita! I know as a senior citizen that I would utilize this mode of transportation often, and as the population ages, it will become even more important.

Wichita has an outstanding existing transportation system, continuing current levels of planning and construction would serve the population well. Reintroducing passenger rail service would be a major improvement and benefit to all citizens.

Commuting by train in and out of Wichita is very important!!

Make a metro link using the rail corridor from Andover to Bradley Fair, to the south side of WSU, to Wesley, to downtown, cross the river (we've lost the old bridge north of the Broadview) continue past Friends and to Newman and then to the Airport. Almost all of the right-of-way and/tracks are existing.

Trolley Cars like San Francisco

How about light rail or other mass transit to suburbs like El Dorado, Wellington etc. - smaller carbon footprint, less road congestion and more economic??

Wichita should look at their entire transit system and get a 10 year plan that would be more user friendly, utilize "green" thecnology and infastructure and connect us to other cities, moving the most people with the least expense to both individual, city, county, and state.

The passanger rail service to other cities sounds wonderful IF it would be affordable. I understand that taking a train from Newton to California costs the same as a flight. I don't understand why that is the case since it requires more time and costs less in fuel.

Rail service to other cities MUST be a priority

We need a city wide transportation rail system/fast track/subway system or other form of GOOD city transit system - this could extend to the outlying cities.

With the Economy getting to be such as it is and fuel prices, the passenger rail service would be a great alternative. And statistics show our younger drivers are way to inexperienced with all the new technologies, I think a law needs passed that no cell phones, text messaging allowed while driving.

I would like to see a rail service like they have in Denver so people could really use mass transit here and get all over town without a car and get to Andover or Derby or Bel Aire or the Coliseum or wherever we want to go.

Rail Service very important due to rising cost of air travel

Travel Demand Management

I think that the larger companies in the Wichita area should offer longer shifts and less days to all employees. This would cut down on the amount of rush hour traffic that is on our roads and it would also benefit the employee with the cost of gas being so high. Also, for the size of city that Wichita has become, its public transportation system is pretty much in the dark ages.

Provide employers with a tax incentive if they allow their employees to telecommute or encourage their employees to move closer to work, which reduces traffic and air quality problems. Ensure that future commercial/industrial development also contains sufficient residential space/development for the anticipated number of employees.

Incentives for car-pooling (specific lanes, etc) Something has to be done about excessive running of red lights!!

Consider working with employers with over 500 employees to add bike locker rooms with showers to encourage walking, running, biking to work. Those companies who put them in would get priority planning for bike, pedestrian friendly infrastructure.

All Inclusive

We need connections between transportation services. Have a connection from the airport to bus service (local and Greyhound) and rail (like other cities). Also, retailers need to be more bike friendly. Some retailers provide bike racks. Others force us to tether our bikes to bizarre and probably illegal structures like handicap signs

Bike lanes are preferable for transportation needs where the paths would be more for recreation. Widened roads should be done so with this in mind. Re-stripping could provide bike lanes on existing roads (if the width allows).

Bus stops at park and rides could help get more people in the suburbs interested in riding on the bus to other locations and not make more bus routes. The connector routes may be eliminated with a park and ride hub.

Rail service that could also be used as commuter train lines would hook together the smaller towns such as Mcpherson, Hesston, Newton, Wichita, Derby, Winfield and Ark City. There would have to be rental cars or taxi service at some of the hubs to access areas in the "destination" City.

Colour-code the City bus system, as many other cities do, for ease of understanding and usage!!

Need safe East-West bicycle & pedestrian routes in town for commuting. Most only run North-South along waterways.

Insist that all who drive marked gov't vehicles, especially police officers, use turn/lane change signals and follow proper lane change procedure (whenever possible) to set the example for others.

This was difficult! I would like to see the city encourage alternative travel modes, but improving connections doesn't help if the service isn't available anyway. In addition I'd like to see Wichita and the surrounding suburbs work together to connect, so we can cut down on commuter traffic.

I just returned from a trip to Portland, OR. Their bike lanes and bus and light rail systems are fantastic and greatly contribute to the quality of life there.

I know so many people who would bike to work if it were safer - I'm one of them. I currently drive to KC and catch the train when I travel to St. Louis or Chicago - I would love to be able to start from Wichita! Also, I know people who could carpool or ride the bus a couple times a week if it were less impractical. I've lived in cities that had incentives for bus riders and carpools - could something like that be developed here?

I think the sedentary nature of the majority of Wichita residents will seriously hamper any efforts made to encourage pedestrian, bike and other modes of transportation.

Add sidewalks in existing neighborhoods, especially leading to schools, churches and businesses. Wean ourselves off cars. Stop urban sprawl such as locating the bridge across the Big Ditch at 21st Street rather than at 25th-29th Street.

The City has expanded in all directions however the transit system has not. With rising gasoline prices and the need to conserve energy my husband and I would consider using the bus if it was available in our neighborhood. We would also consider traveling by train to other Cities if that was also available. When visiting large Cities such as DC we do use public transportation such as the metro rail and the bus. All systems should be wheel chair accessible with input given by those who use wheel chairs. There are more bicycles and motorcycles on the roads so lanes for bicycles would also be helpful for both the safety of the cyclist and also the motorist. I think Wichita does a good job at trying to improve current roads both by widening and repaving, etc

Future fuel costs and the additional cost to transport all goods and services will require alternative travel methods. Wichita should build upon the I35 corridor from Houston to Omaha as a transportation hub. Bring passenger rail service to ICT and encourage businesses to ship long distance by rail instead of by interstate.

We need to make Wichita more environmentally and pedestrian friendly. Also - a railway system would be very economical and cut down on traffic jams and roadway pollution!

Focus on downtown/old town and the inner suburbs, and make them REALLY walkable, bikeable, and served with good public transport — so there is someplace in Wichita where people who don't drive can live comfortably. Trying to make the whole sprawled city multi-modal will just dilute the effect to the point of uselessness.

More public transportation and bike-friendly paths.

Trains, Light rails, and bikes! That's where we need to be thinking short and long term. Young and old people would benefit from transportation improvements other than the car. Bringing people to the heart of the city by train, is a win win situation. You get to show off the best part of the city, more people would get to enjoy Wichita and the city would benefit economically. Just once I'd like to see Wichita think long term, and bring train transportation back.

more alternative to cars needed - public transportation, bike paths, sidewalks to encourage other ways to get around, easing congestion, improving the environment, saving people money

Please modify the zoning laws (land use, building setbacks, street/sidewalk/tree design) to create a more walkable city and provide incentives to encourage neighborhood services (grocery stores, restaurants, banks, post offices, laundromats, etc.) to locate in places where people can walk to them. I would like to see a plan to retrofit Wichita (and impose requirements on new construction) to make it conform to New Urbanist principles. See the following link for the "SmartCode" developed by urban planners Andres Duany and Elizabeth Plater Zyberk for more information: <http://www.smartcodecentral.com/index.html>

Drivers and bicyclists should be educated about how to safely share the road. Bicyclists could benefit from being given a list of streets to avoid (i.e. because they are too fast, too wide, or too busy for safe bicycling).

Bike lanes may improve safety, but can be problematic because they imply that bikes are not allowed on streets that don't have them--this should be thoroughly researched before implementing them. Bike paths can similarly create an impression that bikes and cars shouldn't share the roads, however, there may still be some locations where bike paths can serve both a recreational and transporational function.

Potholes are especially dangerous or damaging for bicycles, so road maintenance is an important part of encouraging bicycles as a means of transportation.

Traffic signal timing in the downtown area could possibly be improved in the downtown area during rush hour, either by having longer intervals or timing of lights from one street to the next or both of these things together.

I strongly support efforts to increase public transportation (better bus service, light rail, etc.) and the creation of pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly areas (self-contained living/business neighborhoods, more bike lanes, etc.) to reduce the dependence on individual car ownership and gasoline. I also support improvements and modernization of existing infrastructure.

Wichita needs more bike routes that connect to all areas, not just by the river and parks. Too dangerous to ride in the street or on the curb. Too many streets need maintenance. The traffic signal timing in quite a few spots is horrible, I almost put that as #1. I would like to see Wichita using Greyhound or something, that would improve transportation tremendously. Again, adding bike lanes to the main streets would be ideal, and would be current with other cities (Colorado springs, etc..).

I have had several foreign exchange students remark that in Wichita it is impossible to get around without a car. Sidewalks, bike paths and mass transit make to city more attractive to potential residents and demonstrate that Wichita is a progressive and environmentally friendly city.

<p>The bus routes need to be redone, my 5 mile drive to work would take a 1 mile walk and a 45minute ride thanks to having to change buses downtown. There should be a bus that loops Rock and Woodlawn N to S, 13th and 21st E W, etc.</p> <p>A special bus for the airport would be handy too, you request a day and time online, a computer looks at all of the requests and spits back a schedule of stops with emails to riders. The ride costs more than a normal bus ride, but less than a cab, shuttle, or parking.</p>
<p>Bring back downtown electric trolleys, or an overhead mini monorail or gondola that connects old town, the arena, the museums, and water walk. Something no other midwest town has, so we can rise above this ridiculous keep up with the Jones' gotta have a downtown arena, gotta have a boardwalk, etc. Otherwise you can't tell the difference between Wichita, Des Moines, Omaha, etc.</p>
<p>Sidewalks should be built with arcades to allow walking during all weather conditions. Most businesses don't have awnings, so pedestrians have no protection from the weather, so they drive instead.</p>
<p>Better transit service and rail service would make Wichita more competitive with other cities of its size. It would aid the economy, attract more visitors/residents, and help the environment. Greater awareness of carpools should also be on the agenda. Thanks</p>
<p>Option 9 and 10 of this survey should not be implemented at all. I think if you provide mass transit even after 6:00 p.m. in Wichita and provide bike and walk paths we can cut down on the amount of roads we need to maintenance and cut down on our carbon.</p>
<p>Improving transit service provides much needed options for those who cannot drive (elderly, handicapped) as well as those who should not drive due to alcohol, drug or other problems. And air quality would improve. Providing pedestrian and bike-friendly routes will help improve health and air quality.</p>
<p>We need an integrated system with bus, park and ride, train, and planning for rail and HOV lanes for the future. The bus service is very poor compared to other cities and it's crazy that there is no train service to OKC, Dallas or KC that runs at decent hours (at this time it doesn't exist, when it does it needs to run during the day and not just at 3 or 4 in the morning) Make it part of a regional plan. A bullet train like in Japan would really facilitate regional transportation, especially between Topeka, KC, OKC and Dallas.</p>
<p>Maintain what we have, help people use alternative transportation more (trains/buses/bikes/walking), limit sprawl by improving infrastructure in the core and making heart of the city more liveable / desireable to business.</p>
<p>A major complaint I have is the city busing and lack of safety/paths for bicyclers. I would gladly get rid of my car and take public transportation if it ran when i work (in evenings downtown.) I would love to have places for bikes on every bus, and increased driver awarness for bicyclers and pedestrians! We should have neon green lines at every stop light painted on the ground for people to stop behind so we walkers don't get kissed by bumpers!</p>
<p>the gasoline price is killing us! I would gladly take public transport, if it were readily available and convenient, as it is in Europe, in DC, in Chicago and in NY. It is time for us to get away from one-driver, one-car thinking and to think of efficient public transport, bike paths, subways and streetcars--the last 2 choices were not even listed in your survey of priorities, but I would add them!</p>
<p>We need much better public transportation so that people can cut back on auto use. The cost of gas, the health of citizens and of the environment all point to the necessity of making it easy for people to bike or walk or use buses or trains.</p>
<p>We are an aircraft manufacturing town and most of the aircraft workers cant ride the bus because of the horrible hours that the bus is in service. We have little to no bicycle paths that are not just a novelty sight seeing attraction. I remember East 9th street used to be part of a bicycle path, but they removed it long ago. It is safer in this city to ride your bike on the sidewalk, but then you can get a ticket for that. If streets could have a special lane for bicycles, that would be awesome, theyre are some around town, I dont know it is not more widespread. Maybe the right lane on certain streets could be reserved for bicycles when present.</p>
<p>Bike paths and sidewalks are almost nonexistent in this city. One side of a street could have a sidewalk and the other nothing but grass. You couldn't get around the city by public transit or footpaths (if you tried, you would be a hazard (walking or riding a bike) since no one understands the laws in bike safety or walking).Public Transport only runs in small areas as well; if it was an option I would use it to go to work.</p>

Construction

Specific Project Suggestions

Before building Northwest Bypass, fix I-235, K-96, I-135, K-254 Interchange

can we see where the growth is heading and build the road properly (wide with turn lanes) ahead of growth. Make maple and 151st, 25th and 119th, 21st and k96 ect. It seems we wait until the area is full of homes and then put the streets in and disrupt peoples commutes. I drive in KC and the streets are widened and put in place well in advance of new home construction. Just my 2cents.

Greenwich between Harry and Kellogg needs to be widened. Afternoon rush, especially Friday, can backup southbound from Harry all the way to Kellogg. Traffic lights should be installed at Pawnee and Webb. Currently 4-lane 4-way stop with left turn lanes. Can be chaotic when busy.

Make the left turn lane from Zoo Boulevard onto Central a double left turn lane.

Primary focus on the north I-135 / I-235 exchange.

Build a bridge over the Big Ditch at 13th or 21st. NOT at 25th.

First Street, east of Grove to Edgemoor. People tend to treat it as a single lane, driving willy nilly down the middle. Needs lane divider paint to help the flow of traffic. Same road, east of Oliver really needs repair. I've quit driving through that stretch because it's so rough. Bike lanes on busy streets would be really helpful for us who ride our bikes to work

I would urge and support the interconnection between U. S. 54 and K-96--known as the west K-96 bypass. I am the Executive Director of the K-96 Corridor Development Association and the completion of this system would provide direct access from I35 South to the Northwest part of Kansas---K-96 bypass around Hutchinson provide excellent access to the northwest and hopefully someday there will be at least a super 2 system from Hutchinson to I-70 in the Russell-Hays area

Please widen 21st st north to 4 lanes east of K-96 to county line. Major traffic tie-ups in the morning during the school year due to Trinity and Magdalen schools, with high traffic on this road.

26th 7 Bullinger..... on a dirt road!!!! My neighbors wont sign for paving. But it doesn't make sense when we are in 2008 and there are city roads that still are not paved!! We spend so much on RE paving roads when actually we need to pave all the ones that are not thus far

We do not need many totally new roads however we do need another bridge across the Big Ditch in the Northwest area.

There are some very difficult intersections around the city. Pawnee, West St and K42 is one of them. Better lane striping would be a huge improvement especially when traveling west on Pawnee and turning north onto West St. Since there are two right hand turn lanes it is not clear which you 'should' turn into. Cars in the north lane of Pawnee wanting to turn right on West and then left onto K42 turn across 2 lanes. Because this is not marked I am not sure if this is correct or not and I am not sure what I should be doing as a motorist. Another example of what did get corrected is the turn lane markings on the north bound exit off 235 to Zoo. Take a look at those then do the same thing at Pawnee, West and K42.

Do something about the train crossings (i.e. south Broadway, Pawnee, Mt Vernon, Washington/K-15, etc)... build roads over or under them!

Improve the interchange at I-135 and 254 !!!!! Evening rush hour backups are terrible. Traffic backs up onto K-96 during many evening commutes !!!!!

Extra turning lanes (or lengthen existing lane) needa to be considered for Northbound traffic turning east at 119th & Kellogg. Also extra lane to pass on right side of traffic turning left on 119th off K-42 Highway.

Left turn signals at Old Town and Downtown intersections (especially along Douglas) would help improve safety and traffic flow tremendously. The intersection of Douglas and Washington (Washington traffic) is ill equipped to handle everyday traffic and is especially cumbersome when traffic is re-routed off of Kellogg due to accidents or other tie-ups.

Build new roads and Maintenance and improv. which include pavement of gravel roads are one in the same. What needs to be a priority in the Northwest part of the county would be providing bridges. There are no bridges from Ridge Road to 151st street once you are north of the Big Ark River. This is a five mile gap. Please look at this for public safety reasons as well as urban growth.

FIX THE MESS YOU HAVE AT INTERSECTION OF I-235 & I-35 AS IT IS WAY PASS DUE. AM & PM RUSH HOUR IT IS LIKE PLAYING RUSSIAN ROULETTE WITH A AUTOMATIC.

What is the plan to deal with traffic created for the arena downtown? I know parking has been an issue but adequate access seems to be a silent issue. People are going to be very frustrated if there is not a plan developed. What would happen if 75% of the gathering facilities (arena...Century II) are being used at the same time?

I would like to see 135th W between MacArthur and West Kellogg paved because the people living in the outlying areas around that area would benefit from that greatly. The city needs a larger more traffic friendly intersection at 119th W and Kellogg.

Existing infrastructure must be maintained or improved, especially those deemed worst by the county. In particular 47th and I-135 since it is the oldest and poorest designed interchange along the 135 corridor and multi-million dollar eco-devo projects depend upon this upgrade. Being on the state transportation comm. this is project number 1 for me.

1. Get the intersection at 47th and I-135 redone!
2. Fix the new gap between 4-2-4 lanes for about a block that is going to be from redesign & improvement of Meridian & MacArthur..it is going to be a MESS!

47th street and 135 exchange needs fixed

For number 8, I'm referring to expanding Kellogg to Andover. This needs to be done. Remember, we lost the Target Distribution Center to Topeka because we didn't have an East/West thoroughfare. That was several years ago, and we still don't have one.

Something should be done about the interchange of 135/96/235 -when people are N-bound on 135, trying to go W-bound on 235/96 (towards Hutch), traffic gets bottled-up to one N-bound lane & it's very dangerous to have to come to a stop on the interstate.

build a bridge across I-235 and the big ditch on 13th st north with an interchange being an option same thing for west hary

The old rails on Central Ave., under the newly constructed elevated railbed need to be removed asap.

General Project Suggestions

As the population increases in the suburban communities outside of Wichita, greater emphasis should be placed on projects in those areas.

My job requires me to drive all over the west side of Wichita and in general those roads are fine. The roads on the south side of town could use some attention.

I assume that widen existing roads would include turning lanes.

Widening of existing roads or building new roads implies if needed not doing just to be doing.

Fix the streets please! I'm tired of shelling out money for repairs that aren't my fault.

Do more traffic circles, particularly in the county, replacing the energy wasting 4 way stops.

dedicated bike lanes for commuters should be required on all new and upgraded roads. Most cities in Colorado have this requirement

Put a moratorium on building new roads and concentrate on upgrading the ones we currently have.

Create taxing structure for new development to pay for future improvements for arterials prior to approving those development.

I would appreciate the bridges being built so I am not stuck at railroad crossings south of Douglas.

I would deeply appreciate roads being repaired.

Maybe if so much money was not being spent on Kellogg then the budget would loosen up enough to repair some of roads that are in deplorable shape!

Maintenance of our existing streets and bridges must be done before ANY new streets, roads, highways or bridges are built. Wichita needs to grow UP not create more urban sprawl. Zoning should restrict new developments and encourage multistory business and residential buildings.

Improving the number of roads that connect the West and East sides of town should be high on the list, and I think you already have plans for that.. keep up the good work.

slow lanes for the increasing population of motor scooter drivers

For over 40 years the draining of downtown Wichita has not changed better run off Any kind of rain and the whole downtown floods and City and County just keep building and spending money else where This was like this when I first came to Wichita and took my first job with Kraft Foods just out of college Sad sad Sad

Fix the streets we have in a more effective way or rethink what we are using to build with. Other countries with much more traffic and higher speeds, I have heard there streets are in great condition and don't have to be repaired time and time again. Ours seem like the planned obsolescence idea?

I would give my highest priority to properly maintaining the current streets in Wichita. Many are in terrible condition with pot holes, etc.

Instead of adding traffic light's put in more traffic circles Take out traffic lights in key routes to keep traffic flowing during rush hour exa.111th street going west on Kellogge a few people making an left turn will back up hundreds in both directions...maybe make it a right turn only during these times

Improve and enlarge street signs to meet the 2010 MUTCD standards for size and reflectability. Remember the surburban areas as the entire county, not just C.O.W.

On-ramps that are not safe: southbound on-ramp from HWY 254 onto 135 South--entering the fast lane of traffic during rush hour from the right hand side is not safe--there are only two lanes and the fast lane is not expecting to have to slow down for people entering from the right.
Another unsafe on-ramp is from east-bound Kellogg onto North-bound HWY 235. The entrance is curving upward sharply and lined with bushes that makes it impossible to see what the traffic will be like on 235 until you are up there; then you only have a short distance to squeeze in if you can. The alternative is to jump right back off the freeway and breathe a scared sigh of relief that there was an escape route!

There should be no dirt roads inside the city limits and teh city is not keeping up with the needs of some of heavily traveled streets, especially in the poorer parts of town.

New or widened roads can't improve transportation since the thoughtless and ignorant drivers of the area can't make efficient use of what they already have. Pedestrians ignore crosswalks regularly, I suggest closing some streets to motor vehicles instead of adding useless signals.

I would like to see more direct routes east to west and north to south. This will get citizens where they need to get in a shorter amount of time.

Maintenance is very important and could be greatly improved by having fewer workers leaning on shovels. And it is not necessary to run 2 street sweepers on the same residential street in a torrential downpour - there are better places to spend our tax money.

Timing of Construction

Perform road work at night, to limit the negative effects on commuters and expedite the work.

When road improvements are necessary, a better coordinated effort needs to be made not to close all exits from downtown at the same time.

Another huge frustration is how long construction on Kellogg has taken. In 1992, I wrote my final paper in transportation economics about how the Kellogg expansion was inefficient and behind schedule. Sixteen years later and still no end in site.

West K-96 needs to get a move on.

How about taking into consideration the areas impacted by improvements so that all traffic in an area isn't rerouted on to an already over-travelled route. Example: it's almost impossible to get to east Wichita from downtown these days unless you want to take Kellogg (a nightmare at rush hour) or spend an extra 30 minutes going up Central or Douglas - both of which ALSO have impediments. What the heck are people thinking when scheduling all that work all at the same time????

PLEASE STOP TEARING UP SO MANY ROADS AT ONE TIME! Please finish one road before you start another one. For example the bridge on Hillside - you tore it up - closed the traffic and havent done a thing with it since. That doesnt make any sense. Fix what you start before you start something else! PLEASE!!!

I do appreciate the fact that so much road/bridge construction is currently taking place, but the length of time to complete these projects seems a bit ridiculous.

It would be great if street projects could be done at night when there is less traffic. Kansas City does it.

Perhaps something could be done to reduce the amount of time it takes to complete intersectional projects and projects that otherwise take years (decades?!) to finish and remain torn up and detoured. Relative city size notwithstanding, Both Phoenix and Las Vegas built several hundred miles of beltways, interstate and connections in only a few years. much of Kellogg has been torn up since well before I moved to Wichita over three years ago.

Intelligent Transportation Systems (Timing of Lights)

Signal timing in this region is terrible.

Synchronize traffic lights like they do in europe

The timing of lights is very important to reduce CO2 emissions and efficiency- I have called the city several times to discuss this issue- Thank you for having this survey

I cannot stress this enough... If COW is unwilling or not competent enough to get our traffic lights timed to be more efficient, the citizens should NOT be the ones to suffer when our community's air quality is not in attainment. Also... incorporate additional transportation systems into the new airport. Listen to constituents! I know you cannot make everyone happy, but remember who you serve.

A way to stop red light runners and longer left turn signals when a long line of cars are turning. More left turn signals.

Traffic signal mis-timing adds to road rage, dangerous speeding to make up for lost time, and high air quality pollution impacts from unnecessary engine idling, acceleration exhaust, and brake dust, also adds notably to individuals fuel costs from stop and go driving.

having the lights timed to stop u everytime you approach a new light just reduces gas efficiency (sp) and increases pollution. Set the lights so they trip with the appropriate mph and we can all save time and money.

Traffic signal timing downtown is awful. If the city would correct this problem traffic wouldn't be so bad and maybe people would slow down because travel would flow better. Also instead of improving drivers ed, we should be banning the use of hand held cell phones while the car is in motion. I think California can only use hands-free phones in the car now. This would get rid of constant talking on the phone while driving, texting, and accidents. And the city would make more money through the tickets.

Priorities like traffic signal timing and maintenance of existing infrastructure are City of Wichita issues that the city should provide for without relying on federal and state funds that should be used to improve the regional transportation system.

A lot of these are ties for a 10 but you seem to want to over-rate some things with this grading scheme. You should have done a rate these EACH on a scale of 1 to 10. A lot of people would find a lot of them unimportant. If the lights were fixed then new road work wouldn't be needed as much. They are timed to hinder traffic. They didn't used to be timed that way.

I am a professional courier, and the flow from light to light is so frustrating in many parts of Wichita. 1st ST. got it right somehow, and now that's closed to work on the train overpass. I would love dearly to have streets like 13th, central, and 21st coordinated to flow more smoothly.

Our traffic light timing is awful. I can be the first car at a red light, drive the speed limit and the next light is red before I get there. Soooooo frustrating and I believe it causes more accidents as people run red lights because of it.

Hopefully the item "Improve traffic signal timing" includes improvements in vehicle detection and in sequencing. There should never be a time where there are no vehicles moving at an intersection because the green light is on for empty lanes.

Fix rough roads and traffic signal timing! My two biggest gripes!

Better timing of cross walks would be important and more pedestrian friendly for all ages and abilities (mom's with kids, disabled, older adults...)

Get the traffic signals timed so you don't stop every block, Years ago we used to do that and you could drive 1st or second or any of the one ways north or south with out stoping....Saves a whole lot of gas.

There is nothing more wasteful than to have to stop at every traffic light...and let your engine run on \$4.00 gas....

The timing of the traffic lights are horrible in Wichita. In fact, I'm not even sure the downtown or old town lights are timed because it is so bad. Wichita could be a much easier city to get around in if public transportation was marketed properly and encouraged a bit more, as well as creating bike, bus, and pedestrian route systems.

to improve safety for bicyclists major intersections should be made similar to the one at 21st & ridge rd where right turning traffic has a lane specific to them with an island. i almost was hit by a right turning car at 21st and maize rd because the right turning car wanted to beat the cross traffic when my and their (cross traffic) light turned green. In regards to signaling, in Germany the lights not only go green, yellow, red but red, yellow, green. If this was implemented the automobile at the light could more readily turn off their motor when stopped and turn on their motor when the light turns yellow and be ready to go when the light turns green. the signalling also should be changed at night after midnight where the system would sense the presence or approaching motor vehicle to determine which light is green. 2nd st & mC Lean in particular is poorly done. if a driver is northbound and the light turns red for southbound traffic the northbound car not only has to wait for the southbound traffic but also for the east/west light to cycle thru even tho there is no traffic on 2nd. if the sensors were used the northbound wouldn't have to wait for the 2nd st cycle. Central and Meridian is also a good example of how the signalization should be changed during the night time hours. many times travelling to work driving at the speed limit with normal acceleration from red lights (and being the 1st in line) i get stopped at every light along my route. the timing should be changed to take that into consideration. for instance the lights at k96 and webb rd if your stopped for red southbound on webb south of the overpass you have to accelerate hard and go over the speed limit to get thru a green light at eastbound off ramp from k96 and webb. returning to bike trails and paths and on road bike lanes. it should be taken into consideration when widening streets such as central at oliver to add 4 feet on each side to accomidate the bicyclist. thank you for your time

Other

Too many business areas have an entrance/exit onto streets that don't provide adequate space in a 5th/turn lane & the vehicle turning into that business is left obstructing a traffic lane, causing a traffic hazard, or backing up traffic. Sometimes, the backed up traffic spills into a nearby intersection causing a further traffic hazard.

Your survey should have had the option to rate some items the same. Some items such as bike lockers, bike racks are not as important as driver education and signal timing. However, what can your organization do about driver ed - not much. It's not the new drivers that need educating it's the older drivers that don't practice common courtesy

Get this survey to people who do NOT have convenient (or any) internet access. Spend the money and take it door to door if you have to. And if you do that, put the ten items on manipulatives that respondents can play "musical cards" with and place them in an order that a surveyor can then record.

This sequence makes our limited funds go much farther.

What about bridges?

Make it apparent there is a plan that starts with core improvement both in efficiency and economic impact. Make the movement of people an enjoyable experience for the masses and not just for the privileged who feel it is their God given right to have to have the public support their personal/individualized transportation vehicle at the cost and better good of the total population. Keep up the good work!

One big beef I have with traveling around Wichita, is that there needs to be good, clean, public restrooms available. Many big cities have public restrooms readily available for their guests. It doesn't matter if you are riding a bike, walking or driving, if you want people to use the parks and city shops, you must have good safe clean restrooms.

Round about use education is greatly needed.

I would probably put number 6 higher in priority if the city weren't already doing such a poor, very poor, job of completing construction projects already under way. The city has a double standard and credibility gap between what it expects from its citizens and what it expects of its own departments and projects. I have become very discouraged about living in Wichita which is really sad because I used to consider it the best place to live. However, the City government seems more and more distant from the reality and true needs of its citizens.

Wichita's roads are very good, overall. Few areas I frequent experience slow-downs due to volume.

I wish you were concentrating bulk of the fast traffic to the freeways--widening Central between Edgemoor and Rock Road has taken away much of the slower, neighborhood feel in this area. I hold my breathe every time I am crossing all those lanes to turn left onto Central.

After my #2, everything costs big money. We need to hold down taxes.

thanks for taking action in this
Have police enforce existing traffic laws, stop signs, speed limits, tailgating, ticket loud obnoxious stereo systems, enforce left turners yielding to oncoming traffic, aggressive driving.
Improve Pedestrian Education. Enforce improper turning/signaling ordinances. Ticket drivers phoning while turning. Stop Spending money on bricks at ped-crossings. Painted stripes will do, and art-work on kellogg. If you're looking at it, you're driving inattentively. More money is not the answer. enforcement of traffic ordinances is.
Work to decrease the costs of flying out of Wichita. For the air capital, it's ironic how expensive it is to fly in and out of Wichita.
Reduce the number of times I have to slow down. On/off ramps minimum speeds need increased. ticket drives who cruise at slower speeds in left lane. Use larger diameter roundabouts at intersections, they ones I have seen on ks highways are to small.
OF COURSE THESE ARE THE TOP 10... AS FAR AS I CAN SEE THEY SHOULD ALL BE 10s!
Would be nice to prioritize more then one area of concern with a higher rating of concern
County taxes levied on taxpayers not living in the corporate city limits of Wichita, should not be used for improvements, in the corporate city limits of Wichita! Such monies should be used for projects in county areas, or in the city where the taxpayer resides. Having the county arena inside the corporate city limits of Wichita, for the purpose of financially enhancing the downtown area of Wichita's businesses and boosting convention & tourism for that city, is a financial slap in the faces of every other city in this county! It is robbery of tourism dollars from every town and city, with total favoritism toward Wichita. The county arena or point of tourism, should have remained in an unincorporated area of the county! The sovereignty of all city governments in Sedgwick County are under constant threat from your organization and others who are constantly working toward policies and programs that drag us toward consolidation of everything! People who live in cities other than Wichita or in county areas do not want to live in Wichita and we never will! Wichita's government leaders and county government leaders can hardly take care of their own backs! It is a good thing to look at transportation or other services to be shared throughout the county, but those members of your organization who have any idea of future anexation by Wichita of the entire county, had better get it out of your heads! Other cities in Sedgwick county do not want to be surrounded and strangled to death, like the city of Eastborough has been. Your organization and others would be wise to continue its recognition of every city's sovereignty and area of influence. The possibility of future growth of each community is paramount and to annex, surround or incapsulate any city in this county with the City of Wichita, would be viewed in most places of the world as an aggression deserving of war. The nineteen cities of Sedgwick County are neighbors, but not family members and we want it kept that way!
Why bother? Wichita will do what it usually does which is put together committees of knowledgeable people who come up with rational solutions to desperate problems, then... ignore them and do something really unbelievably stupid which will, in turn end up costing the tax payers more than it's worth (remember how the Coliseum was going to reduce our taxes after it was paid off???) Good luck.....
WAMPO qualification criteria for projects is a disservice to all communities but Wichita.
Use cities that are slightly larger than Wichita as models for what we could become. Be able to show that Wichita is a healthy and safe place to live. Thank you!
Take a look at Albuquerque and Salt Lake City.
thank you for asking for my opinion, & that of other residents in this community. i hope these infrastructure improvements will be implemented soon!
Education does not seem to be a part of this in terms of relating to the other items. Don't see why this cannot be done in addition to transportation improvements, as through schools etc.
Most people do not know you can make a left turn on red in downtown, traffic circles seem to stump people, more education would help