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## The WAMPO Region's Transportation E-Newsletter

### Safety Plan Update



An update to the WAMPO Safety Plan is nearly complete. The Safety Plan is a coordinated, strategic, and informed effort to reduce fatalities, injuries, and crashes on all public roads in the WAMPO region. A multi-jurisdictional, multi-disciplinary Safety Advisory Group was formed to guide the update process. The Safety Advisory Group determined objectives for the Plan, identified the safety needs and priorities of the region based on crash data, and determined prioritized countermeasures and strategies to improve transportation safety.

The Safety Plan update will be available for public review and comment from November 16, 2011 through December 2, 2011 on the WAMPO website ([www.wampoks.org/Public+Involvement.htm](http://www.wampoks.org/Public+Involvement.htm)). The Safety Plan will go to the WAMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for recommendation on December 5, 2011 and to the WAMPO Transportation Policy Body (TPB) for action on December 13, 2011.

Transportation safety is a shared responsibility between communities, families, individuals, local jurisdictions, agencies, and more. We can all do our part to prevent crashes and improve transportation safety, and once the Plan is adopted WAMPO, in coordination with transportation safety partners, will begin implementing identified strategies in the Plan.

### Wichita Transit—Community Outreach Study



On November 16, 2011 the City of Wichita launched [www.WichitaTransitTalks.com](http://www.WichitaTransitTalks.com), an interactive virtual "town hall" dedicated to soliciting ideas from the community about transit services. The site provides a convenient way for the public to share ideas, offer opinions, and make recommendations on a broad variety of transit subjects.

The City of Wichita will use ideas and comments from the site [www.WichitaTransitTalks.com](http://www.WichitaTransitTalks.com), surveys, and feedback from past stakeholder meetings to draft transit scenarios, which will be presented to the public in meetings and online in January. A preferred scenario will be developed based on feedback and presented to the Wichita City Council in February/March.

Your participation is encouraged and valuable to the development of this study. To participate, go to [www.WichitaTransitTalks.com](http://www.WichitaTransitTalks.com).

### Household Travel Survey

Have you ever wondered what the average commute time is for the WAMPO region? how many trips are taken by households in the WAMPO region? what types of transportation do people use? or, how does vehicle availability affect types and numbers of trips taken by a household?

The WAMPO Household Travel Survey is the place to find these answers and various other information related to travel behaviors of residents in the WAMPO region. This study was completed with the use of over 3,500 survey respondents who completed surveys on their travel behaviors. The participation by the public through these randomly distributed surveys reflects significant public participation and helped produce a statistically valid survey and analysis for the Household Travel Survey. A PDF version of the Executive Summary and the complete Household Travel Survey Report can be found at [www.wampoks.org/Publications/HTS+2010.htm](http://www.wampoks.org/Publications/HTS+2010.htm).

### Hispanic Elder Transportation Access (HETA) Action Plan

In April of 2011, the Central Plains Area Agency on Aging (CPAAA) was awarded one of four "Breaking New Ground" grants from the National Center on Senior Transportation (NCST). This grant is intended to address mobility needs of culturally and ethnically diverse elders in order to enhance their ability to live independently. CPAAA's focus for this grant is to improve public transportation access among the Hispanic elders in Sedgwick County.

The HETA project outlines potential activities various organizations in Sedgwick County could be implementing to help minimize barriers the elder Hispanic population may face in using public transportation. This action plan is currently available for the public to view on the CPAAA website ([www.cpaaa.org](http://www.cpaaa.org)).



### WAMPO Meeting Schedule

The following meetings are held at:  
455 N. Main—10th Floor, Wichita, KS

#### Transportation Policy Body

**December 13, 2011**  
3:00 P.M.

**January 10, 2012**  
3:00 P.M.

#### Technical Advisory Committee

**December 5, 2011**  
10:00 A.M.

**January 23, 2012**  
10:00 A.M.

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### Public Review and Comment Periods

Public Review and Comment Periods for the following WAMPO documents are open from **November 16, 2011 to December 2, 2011**. Please send comments to [wampoks@yahoo.com](mailto:wampoks@yahoo.com).

- 2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #1
- Regional Pathway System Plan (RPSP)
- Safety Plan



### November Open House Meetings

Join WAMPO at one of the upcoming open house meetings in November to provide your input.

WAMPO Safety Plan / Regional Pathway System Plan (RPSP) Combined Open Houses

**November 29: 4:00—6:00 P.M.**  
City of Maize City Hall  
10100 W. Grady Ave.  
Maize, KS 67101

**November 30: 4:00—6:00 P.M.**  
Wichita Fire Department Fire Station # 20  
2255 S. Greenwich  
Wichita, KS 67207

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