

WICHITA AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

September 12, 2011

TO: Transportation Policy Body

FROM: John Schlegel
WAMPO Director

RE: **ACTION ITEM:** Resolution to Participate in a Consortium of Counties and Other Entities for a HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant.

The Regional Economic Area Partnership (REAP) has been invited to apply for a United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant. It must establish a regional consortium, which may consist of Sedgwick, Butler, Harvey, Reno, and Sumner Counties, the Cities of Wichita, El Dorado, Newton, Hutchinson, and Wellington, as well as the WAMPO and other private and non-profit entities within the region. Funding from the grant would be applied to develop a Regional Plan for Sustainable Development.

A prime consideration in the review of the grant application is partnerships between and among local jurisdictions. WAMPO must participate in the consortium for REAP to be eligible to apply. A Resolution is provided as *Attachment 1* authorizing WAMPO to participate in the Consortium. There is no financial commitment required of the WAMPO.

The Transportation Policy Body (TPB) has the option to:

- 1) Authorize the TPB Chairperson to sign the Resolution; or
- 2) Not authorize the TPB Chairperson to sign the Resolution.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

- 1) ***Authorize the Transportation Policy Body (TPB) Chairperson to sign the Resolution.***

Attachment(s):

- 1) *Resolution Authorizing the Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WAMPO) to Participate in a Consortium of Counties and Other Entities to Apply for a HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant.*

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WICHITA AREA METROPOLITAN
PLANNING ORGANIZATION (WAMPO) TO PARTICIPATE IN A CONSORTIUM OF
COUNTIES AND OTHER ENTITIES FOR A HUD SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES
REGIONAL PLANNING GRANT**

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has invited the Regional Economic Area Partnership (REAP) to apply for a Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant; and

WHEREAS, the grant program requires REAP to establish a regional consortium which may consist of the counties of Sedgwick, Butler, Harvey, Reno, and Sumner and the cities of Wichita, El Dorado, Newton, Hutchinson, and Wellington, as well as the Wichita Area Metropolitan Area Planning Organization (WAMPO) and other private and non-profit entities within the region, for the purposes of submitting a HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant application; and

WHEREAS, the grant program, if awarded, would last three years, and would result in a coordinated plan for sustainable development for the five-county region to help build the region's capacity to compete in the global economy; and

WHEREAS, REAP desires to submit the grant application, implement the grant and carry out the duties of the consortium. REAP is proposing to hire a project manager to oversee the development of the plan; and

WHEREAS, Sedgwick County has been asked to serve as fiscal agent for the consortium; and

WHEREAS, the WAMPO's participation in the consortium is required in order for REAP to be eligible to submit an application. But, there is no financial commitment required from the WAMPO; and

WHEREAS, the WAMPO Transportation Policy Body recognizes that metropolitan and multi-jurisdictional planning efforts that integrate housing, economic and workforce development, transportation, and infrastructure investments are essential for the long-term economic stability of the region; and

WHEREAS, the WAMPO Transportation Policy Body deems it appropriate and necessary to adopt this resolution that will state its commitment to participate in the proposed consortium.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WAMPO TRANSPORTATION POLICY BODY that:

1. The WAMPO intends to participate in the Consortium in support of REAP's application for the HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant.

2. The Chair of the Transportation Policy Body shall be and is hereby authorized to execute and deliver all conveyances, affidavits, contracts, documents and instruments necessary to effect this resolution.
3. This resolution shall be effective upon passage by the Transportation Policy Body.

Dated this ____ day of September, 2011.

WICHITA AREA METROPOLITAN
PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TRANSPORTATION POLICY BODY

ATTEST:

JOHN L. SCHLEGEL, Secretary

TIM R. NORTON, Chair