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Wichita Area Metropolitan  
Planning Organization

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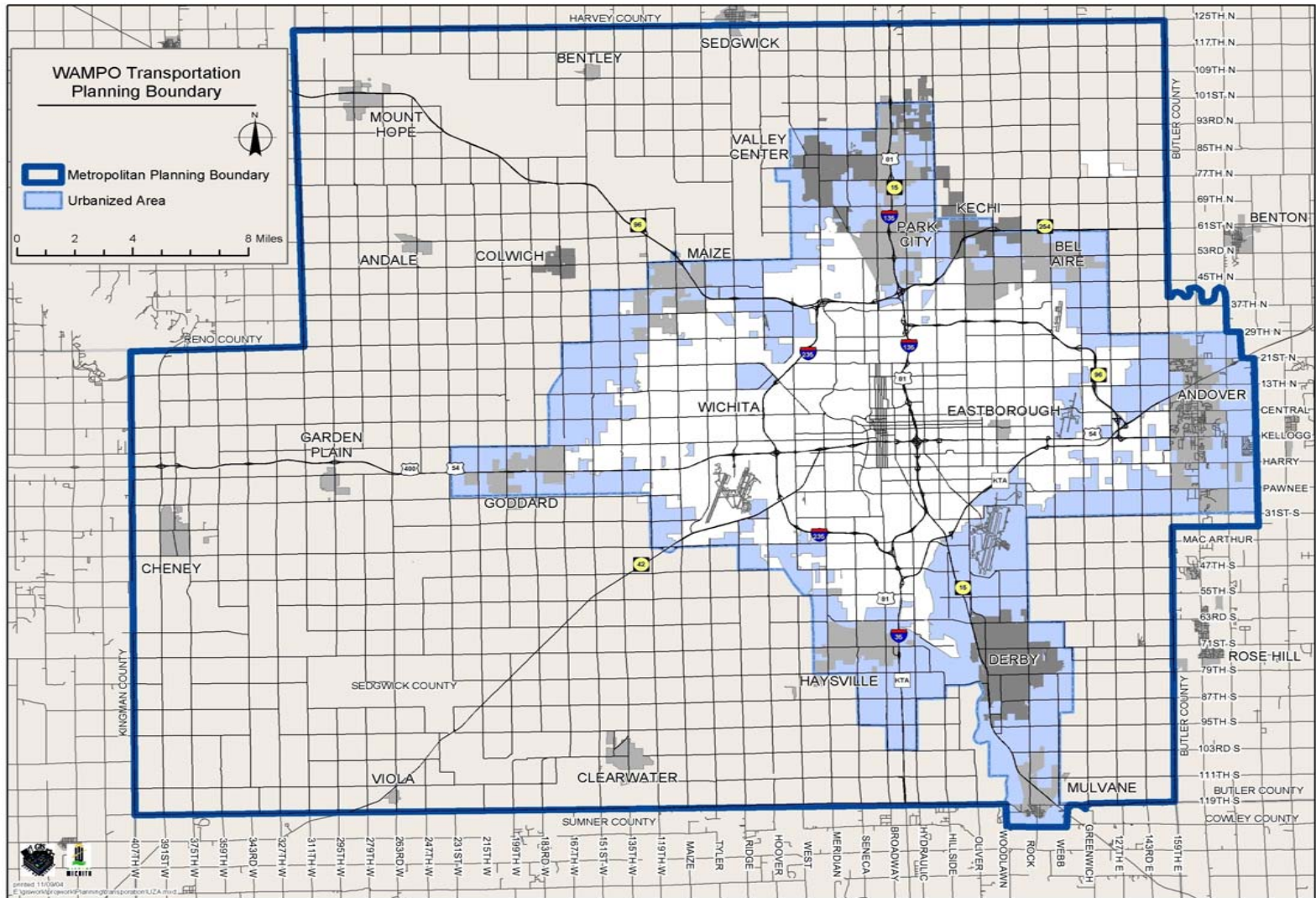
## What Is an MPO?

- 🚌 Urbanized areas 50,000+
- 🚌 Federally mandated
- 🚌 Federally funded
- 🚌 Responsible for regional transportation planning/coordination
- 🚌 Match federal funding to projects of regional significance
- 🚌 Ensure proper spending of federal transportation funds



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# Planning Area Boundary



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# WAMPO Policy Body

- 🚗 20 Members made up as follows:
  - 🚗 7 Planning Commissioners (City)
  - 🚗 7 Planning Commissioners (County)
  - 🚗 1 Wichita Transit
  - 🚗 2 Area elected officials (SCAC)
  - 🚗 1 Butler County/Andover (elected official encouraged)
  - 🚗 1 Sumner County/Mulvane (elected official encouraged)
  - 🚗 1 Ex-Officio appointed by Kansas Secretary of Transportation (non-voting)
- 🚗 Final decision maker for all MPO issues
- 🚗 Independent body – nowhere to appeal decisions

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## Technical Advisory Committee TAC

 16 Member body with expertise in transportation

-  WAMPO Policy Body Chairperson
-  Wichita Transit
-  WAMPO Director
-  Sedgwick County Public Works
-  WAMPO Transportation Manager
-  4 Metro Community representatives
-  KDOT representative
-  3 Ex-Officio (FTA, FHWA, CoW Finance)
-  3 City of Wichita Public Works

 Provides non-binding recommendations  
to Policy Body

 Has no policy-making authority

## Important Documents


### **2030 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)**

-  Primary document for WAMPO

### **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

-  Plans specific projects to be completed over the next four years

### **Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**

-  Contains detailed descriptions of activities undertaken by WAMPO for the upcoming year

### **2005 Membership Agreement**

-  Binding agreement between City Council, County Commission and KDOT

-  Specifies Policy Body make-up

-  Specifies roles and responsibilities of each party

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## Transportation Improvement Program

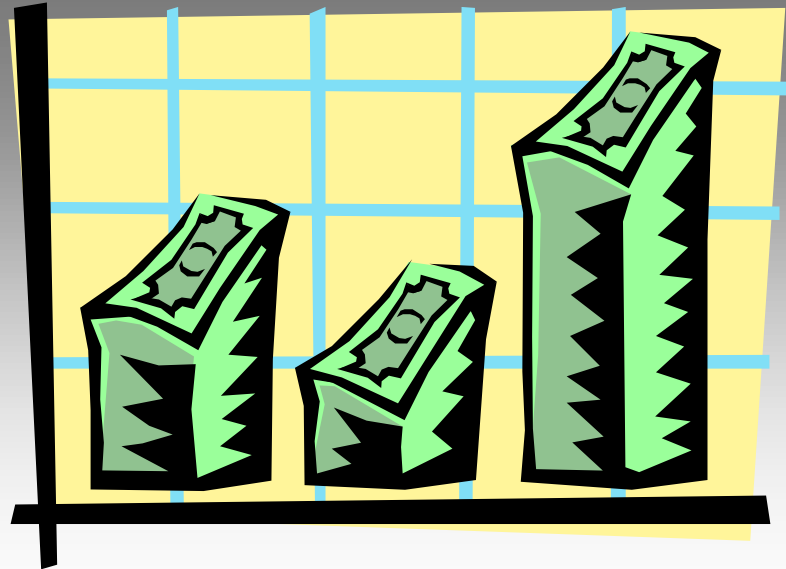
# TIP



- 🚗 Year-by-year line item list of projects approved for federal funding
- 🚗 Approved projects must go through public involvement
- 🚗 Projects recommended by TAC,  
**final approval by Policy Body**



# WAMPO

## TIP Rules



- 🚗 Fiscal constraint (limits over programming)
- 🚗 Funding split 80/20 between federal and local set by WAMPO policy
- 🚗 No cap on actual project costs

## CURRENT TIP

-  Federal FY 2006, 2007, 2008
-  "Out Years" are not acknowledged by USDOT – basically a wish list

## NEXT TIP

-  Federal FY 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011
-  WAMPO adoption late summer 2007

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## WAMPO OBLIGATION AUTHORITY

### By year

2000 - \$ 9.793 M

2004 - \$10.178 M

2001 - \$ 9.682 M

2005 - \$10.280 M

2002 - \$ 9.829 M

2006 - \$10.444 M

2003 - \$10.078 M

2007 - \$11.140 M

2008 - \$11.194 M

## FUNDING ISSUES

-  Congress issued a 1% across-the-board funding rescission in 2006 (DoD)
-  Pressure on future transportation funding
  -  Hurricane Katrina, etc.
  -  Continued war in Iraq, Afghanistan
  -  Continued homeland security issues
-  Regional significance requirement
-  Local jurisdictions may need to look at new, innovative funding options