

Metropolitan Area Planning Department

Mission: Provide professional planning services to the community regarding land use, public facilities, and infrastructure needs.

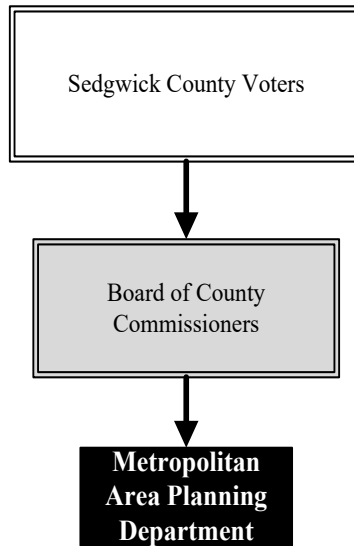
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Overview

The Metropolitan Area Planning Department (MAPD) provides planning services for the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County regarding land use, public facilities, and infrastructure needs. The MAPD facilitates the meetings of, and makes recommendations to, the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission (MAPC), City Historic Preservation Board, City/County Board of Zoning Appeals, the City Council, and the County Commission. Most of the applications or processes administered by the MAPD are mandated by local resolutions or State mandates.

The MAPD develops plans and policies as requested by its governing bodies; provides community engagement services; and helps identify strategies, tools, and processes for implementation. The MAPD administers requests for changes in land use, creation of subdivision plats, and the review of variances to the zoning and sign code.



Strategic Goals:

- Develop and implement plans and policies, as requested by the governing bodies, on time and within budget
- Provide processes for community engagement to the satisfaction of the governing bodies
- Provide timely and efficient amendments of the Unified Zoning Codes as directed by the governing bodies

Highlights

- Facilitated consideration of updates to the Unified Zoning Code regarding utility/commercial scale solar, nightclubs in the City of Wichita, short term rentals, home occupation daycares in Wichita, and tattooing in Old Town
- Processed 715 zoning and subdivision cases, the most since 2012
- Information about MAPD can be found by clicking the link [Wichita-Sedgwick County Planning | Wichita, KS](#)



Accomplishments and Strategic Results

Accomplishments

In 2023, MAPD coordinated with a multi-departmental team in order to identify potential updates to the Unified Zoning Code in order to better align the requirements with the scale of proposed solar renewable energy systems. In September, the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) passed a moratorium on solar energy conversion systems in the unincorporated County. The purpose of the moratorium was to provide time for the MAPC to review the existing Unified Zoning Code and to bring forward any proposed amendments related to solar energy conversion systems. MAPD worked to conduct research, provided presentations, and coordinated a town hall event. In March 2024, the moratorium was extended to September 2024.

In addition, MAPD has worked to assist County leadership with the subject of short-term rentals in the County. In 2023, the Department conducted research into how other counties handle short term rentals and provided presentations about this research to the BOCC and the MAPC Advance Plans Committee.

Strategic Results

Strategic results for MAPD include completing plans and policies on time and within budget. In 2023, the MAPD met these goals. The measure for median number of cases processed at MAPC meetings was ten non-subdivision (SUB) and cases three SUB cases.

Strategic results for MAPD also include developing and implementing plans and policies, as requested by the governing bodies, on time and within budget. In 2023, the MAPD met these goals. The MAPD worked on more than five updates to the Unified Zoning Code and initiated one neighborhood plan.

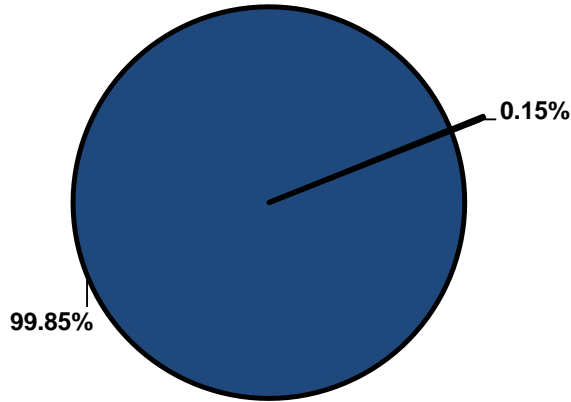


Significant Budget Adjustments

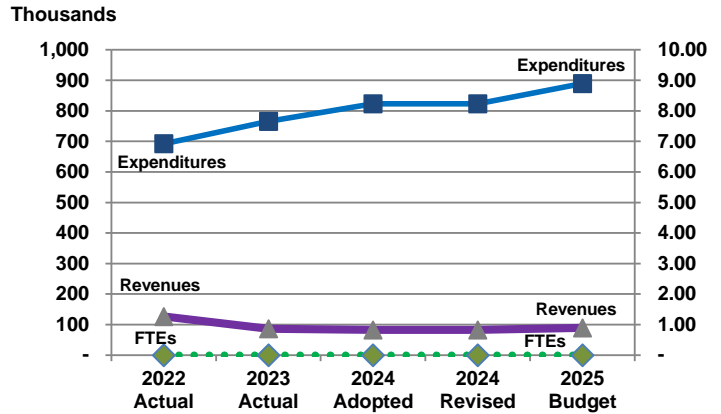
Significant adjustments to the Metropolitan Area Planning Department's 2025 budget include an increase in contractual amount (\$36,037) to maintain 50/50 split with the City of Wichita, an increase in contractals (\$25,000) to update the Comprehensive Plan, and an increase in contractals (\$5,000) for a task management planning system.

Departmental Graphical Summary

Metropolitan Area Planning Dept.
Percent of Total County Operating Budget



Expenditures, Program Revenue & FTEs
All Operating Funds



Budget Summary by Category

	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Adopted	2024 Revised	2025 Budget	Amount Chg '24 Rev.-'25	% Chg '24 Rev.-'25
Expenditures							
Personnel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Contractual Services	692,018	765,583	823,335	823,335	889,372	66,037	8.02%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	692,018	765,583	823,335	823,335	889,372	66,037	8.02%
Revenues							
Tax Revenues	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Licenses and Permits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charges for Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Other Revenue	126,821	86,030	82,817	82,817	89,506	6,689	8.08%
Total Revenues	126,821	86,030	82,817	82,817	89,506	6,689	8.08%
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)							
Property Tax Funded	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Property Tax Funded	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total FTEs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Budget Summary by Fund

Fund	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Adopted	2024 Revised	2025 Budget	Amount Chg '24 Rev.-'25	% Chg '24 Rev.-'25
General Fund	692,018	765,583	823,335	823,335	889,372	66,037	8.02%
Total Expenditures	692,018	765,583	823,335	823,335	889,372	66,037	8.02%

Significant Budget Adjustments from Prior Year Revised Budget

	Expenditures	Revenues	FTEs
Increase in contractual amount to maintain 50/50 split with the City of Wichita	36,037		
Increase in contractals to update Comprehensive Plan	25,000		
Increase in contractals for task management planning system	5,000		
Total	66,037	-	-

Budget Summary by Program

Program	Fund	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Adopted	2024 Revised	2025 Budget	% Chg '24 Rev.-'25	24-'25' FTEs
Administration	110	692,018	765,583	823,335	823,335	889,372	8.02%	-
Total		692,018	765,583	823,335	823,335	889,372	8.02%	-