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Library Facilities Plan as an element  
of the Comprehensive Plan for the  
City of Wichita

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M.A.P.C. Approve 6-16-66  
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WICHITA-SEDGWICK COUNTY

DATE

**METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

October 7, 1966

**TO** The Files  
**FROM** C. Bickley Foster, Secretary *CBF*  
**SUBJECT** Notice of Adoption of Library Facilities Plan  
to Wichita City Commission

As a matter of record, the Wichita Board of City Commissioners, on October 4, 1966, received and filed the certified notice of the adoption of the Library Facilities Plan by the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission.

CBF:ber

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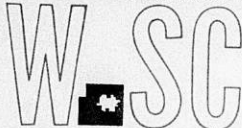
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WICHITA — SEDGWICK COUNTY



METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING  
COMMISSION

AMHERST 2-8211 — AREA CODE 316  
CITY BUILDING ANNEX  
104 S. MAIN ST.  
WICHITA, KANSAS 67202

September 22, 1966

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: All Interested Legislative and Administrative Groups  
and Agencies

FROM: C. Bickley Foster, Secretary, Wichita-Sedgwick  
County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission *CBF*

SUBJECT: Adoption of the Library Facilities Plan report as  
provided as the official Library Facilities Plan  
Element of the Comprehensive Plan for the Wichita-  
Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area for 1985

Attached for your information and review is a certified copy of a resolution deleting certain portions of the Master City Plan for the City of Wichita concerning library facilities and amendments, extensions and additions thereto, and establishing and creating the contents and proposals, as provided, of the Library Facilities Plan report as the official Library Facilities Plan Element of the Comprehensive Plan of the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area for 1985.

Section 2, Chapter 131, Session Laws of Kansas, 1965, provides that a certified copy of the adopted resolution is to be submitted to interested governmental and administrative agencies. These bodies shall, within sixty (60) days after the receipt of the resolution, consider such proposed Plan or part thereof and submit a statement containing their recommendations to the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission did, on June 22, 1966, distribute certified copies of this resolution to interested governmental and administrative agencies, and in its meeting of September 7, 1966, having waited the sixty (60) days prescribed by law, and having considered the comments and recommendations, did adopt the attached amendment.

WICHITA—SEDCWICK COUNTY

September 22, 1966

If you should have any comments or questions concerning this matter, please contact us.

CBF:bgs

Attachment

WICHITA—SEDGWICK COUNTY



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The approval and subsequent adoption of a document of this type is a very important step in carrying out an adequate public library program to meet the needs of citizens in the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area. It is believed that this document will provide a foundation for closer cooperation between various groups and agencies concerned with the responsibility of providing public library service for present and future generations.

June 22, 1966

Section 2, Chapter 131, Session Laws of Kansas, 1965, provides that a certified copy of the approved Resolution is to be submitted to interested legislative and administrative agencies. The law provides a sixty (60) day period after the receipt of the Resolution for such bodies to consider such proposed Plan, or parts thereof, and submit any statements they desire concerning their recommendations to the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission, after considering the submitted comments, may make changes if deemed necessary, and may then adopt such a proposed Resolution. The Planning Commission will reconsider this Resolution for final adoption at its regularly scheduled meeting on September 1, 1966, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 401, City Building Annex, 104 South Main, Wichita, Kansas.

If you should have any comments or questions concerning this matter, please contact the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Department.

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WICHITA—SEDGWICK COUNTY



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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, C. Bickley Foster, duly elected, authorized and acting as Secretary of the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, Wichita, Sedgwick County, Kansas, do hereby certify that the attached Resolution was approved by the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission on June 16, 1966, deleting certain designated portions of the Master City Plan and establishing and creating the contents and proposals as provided of the Library Facilities Plan report for the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area as the official Library Facilities Plan element of the Comprehensive Plan for the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area.

Given under my hand and seal this 16th day of June, 1966.

C. Bickley Foster, Secretary  
Wichita-Sedgwick County  
Metropolitan Area Planning  
Commission

(SEAL)

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to authority granted by statutes of the State of Kansas, the City of Wichita created a City Planning Commission, which Commission, pursuant to statutory authority applicable to the City of Wichita, has heretofore duly made and adopted a Master City Plan and various amendments, extensions and additions thereto for the physical development of a municipality, and of any land outside the municipality which, in the opinion of the Commission, bears relation to the planning of the municipality, which Master City Plan and amendments, extension and additions thereto have been published and made a public record and such plan, amendments, extensions and additions are all incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to statutory authority, a Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission was created to take over the functions of the Wichita City Planning Commission and to expand and broaden the territorial jurisdiction thereof, including authority to amend, extend and add to said Master City Plan; and

WHEREAS, said Master City Plan, the amendments, extensions and additions thereto includes as a part thereof the following:

"PART VI, PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND THE CITY'S APPEARANCE", dated December, 1945, from Page 1 through Page 15, and that part of Page 16 preceding the section entitled "OTHER/PUBLIC BUILDINGS"; and that part of Pages 18 and 19 entitled "LIBRARIES"; and the document entitled "PATTERNS FOR PUBLIC BUILDINGS, ADMINISTRATIVE AND CULTURAL CENTERS, MASTER PLAN, 1955" with amendments, additions and extensions thereto; and

WHEREAS, the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, having made and caused to be made careful and comprehensive surveys and studies of present library facility conditions and future library facility needs in the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area, the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission now determines it desirable to delete from the 1946 Master City Plan that part of:

"PART VI, PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND THE CITY'S APPEARANCE", dated December, 1945, from Page 1 through Page 15, and that part of Page 16 preceding the section entitled "OTHER PUBLIC BUILDINGS"; and that part of Pages 18 and 19 entitled "LIBRARIES", as previously adopted, amended and extended, providing as an exception to such deletion, references to the City-County Health Building and the Armory sites; and further, to delete that document entitled, "PATTERN FOR PUBLIC BUILDINGS, ADMINISTRATIVE AND CULTURAL CENTERS, MASTER PLAN, 1955"; provided, however, that the Resolution extending, amending, and adding to the Master City Plan relating to the Cultural Center, Administrative Center, an Urban Renewal Project, and a site for a public library and auditorium, adopted January 4, 1962, shall remain in full force and effect; and

to approve and adopt the contents and proposals of the Library Facilities Plan report, as hereinafter provided, as the Library Facilities Plan element of the Comprehensive Plan for the Wichita-

Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area to be placed in the officially created file for all elements approved and adopted and for additions and amendments thereto of the Comprehensive Plan for the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Section 12-704, Kansas Statutes Annotated, as amended, the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission did give notice by publication in the official city newspaper on May 26, 1966, of a public hearing to be held on the deletion from the Master City Plan for the City of Wichita those sections pertaining to library facilities as provided herein, and on the approval and adoption as an element of the Comprehensive Plan for the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area, the contents and proposals of the Library Facilities Plan report, as hereinafter provided; and

WHEREAS, the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission on June 16, 1966, in Room 401, City Building Annex, 104 South Main, Wichita, Kansas, did hold the public hearing, at which hearing at least a majority of all members of the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission was present; and

WHEREAS, a majority of all members of said Planning Commission approves the aforesaid deletion from the Master City Plan of the City of Wichita; and does further approve the contents and proposals of the Library Facilities Plan report, as herein provided, as the Library Facilities Plan element of the Comprehensive Plan for the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the majority of all members of the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, in meeting duly assembled, that the following, as previously adopted and amended, be deleted as a portion thereof of the Master City Plan of the City of Wichita:

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and that the contents and proposals of the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Department report entitled Library Facilities Plan, including:

1. The text relating to the findings and recommendations entitled "SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS", beginning on Page xiii and ending on Page xvi; and

2. The text of Chapter 3 entitled "FUTURE DEMANDS FOR LIBRARY SERVICE", beginning on Page 38 and ending on Page 46; and
3. The text of Chapter 4 entitled "PROPOSED LIBRARY FACILITIES" beginning on Page 47 and ending on Page 93; and
4. Maps Numbered: 2C, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E, 4F, 4G, 4H, 4I, 4J, 4K, and 4L; and
5. Tables Numbered: 3C, 4A, 4B, 4C, and 4D;


be approved as the Library Facilities Plan element of the Comprehensive Plan for the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission's action be given all interested legislative and administrative groups and agencies in the form of a certified copy of this Resolution, and that said groups and agencies be requested to submit to the Planning Commission a statement of recommendations on such approval within 60 days of the receipt of such Resolution; and

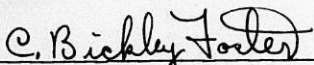
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED in the event the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission adopts said proposal, following receipt of the statements of recommendation, that H. W. Kratzer, Chairman, and C. Bickley Foster, Secretary of the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, record on the Master City Plan of the City of Wichita, as heretofore adopted, amended, extended and added to, the action hereby taken, and place the approved and adopted contents and proposals of the Library Facilities Plan report in the officially created file for all elements now approved and adopted and for additions and amendments thereto of the Comprehensive Plan for the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in the event that the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission adopts said proposal, that an attested copy of this Resolution be certified to all legislative and administrative agencies affected by the Plan.

APPROVED by at least a majority of all of the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission members at Wichita, Kansas, this 16th day of June, 1966.

  
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H. W. Kratzer, Chairman  
Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission

ATTEST:

  
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C. Bickley Foster, Secretary  
Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission  
(SEAL)

After notice having been given to all interested groups and agencies and 60 days having elapsed since their receipt of such notice, the foregoing Resolution is hereby adopted.

ADOPTED by at least a majority of all the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission members at Wichita, Kansas, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1966.

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H. W. Kratzer, Chairman  
Wichita-Sedgwick County Metro-  
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ATTEST:

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C. Bickley Foster, Secretary  
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# Wichita City Library

★ WICHITA, KANSAS 67202

FORD A. ROCKWELL  
Librarian

June 13, 1966

Mr. Bickley Foster  
Planning Department  
City of Wichita  
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Mr. Foster:

At the Library Board meeting held on Wednesday, June 8, the Library Facilities Plan as reported by the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Planning Department was discussed.

It was moved to accept the study in general as suggested for the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area.

The plan was considered well worked out and to be of great use in future growth of public library service to the area.

Very truly yours,

Librarian

FAR:RJ



June 13, 1966

Members of Metropolitan Area Planning Commission

C. Bickley Foster, Secretary

Resolution re Library Facilities Plan

Attached is a suggested Resolution for your consideration on June 16, 1966 at the 2 P.M. public hearing on the Library Facilities Plan for the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area. The Resolution contains the proposed Plan elements by reference and deletes such items as the history of library services, functions, concepts of library systems, etc., and proposes that you adopt the references to Future Demands for Library Services and Proposed Library Facilities.

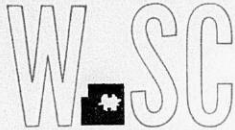
Copies of the Plan report were made available several months ago to public officials and librarians throughout Sedgwick County. The Wichita Library Board received a preliminary presentation of the Plan in December, 1965, when Maurice Miller, who prepared the Plan, was leaving the services of our Department. Presentation was also made informally to the Planning Commission during the summer of 1965 when we reviewed all the reports at a series of luncheon sessions. We worked very closely with the staff of the Wichita Library Board and it is our understanding that the Library Board has reacted favorably towards the proposals. We had a limited time to work with the smaller libraries in the outlying cities and had to rely heavily on statistics gathered by the State librarian. At the informal review meeting on June 7 for public officials, Planning Commissioners and librarians, it was indicated that the City of Viola did have some library services whereas the report did not bring out this fact. After the meeting, in conversations with the librarian from Viola, it was discovered that the library was located in a school building and the City and Township funds are paid to the School Board to maintain additional adult books. Since these statistics are not reported in the usual manner to the State librarian, the facilities in Viola were not reflected in our report. We have since learned that due to the school consolidation plans, it is anticipated that their school will be closed and that they will have to seek new library facilities. Just this week they inquired as to the availability of Federal funds for such a step. In view of this information, it would not appear necessary to amend the Plan as proposed since they are still in need of a permanent public library facility as suggested.

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June 13, 1966

If any of the members who were unable to attend the meeting  
of June 7 have any individual questions on the Library  
Facilities Plan report, please let us know.

CBF:ber  
Attachment

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COMMISSION

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May 27, 1966

TO: Public Officials, Library Boards, Governmental Agencies  
and News Media in Sedgwick County

SUBJECT: Presentation of the Library Facilities Plan for the  
Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area

The Library Facilities Plan report has been completed and recently distributed by the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission. This report includes a survey of present library conditions and proposals to meet estimated future library needs to the year 1985. It is a result of several years of research and analysis by the Metropolitan Area Planning Department and is one of seventeen reports prepared as elements of the Comprehensive Development Plan for the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area.

Following the previous review of the Transportation Plan and the Open Space, Parks and Recreation Plan, the Library Facilities Plan report is now scheduled to be reviewed for official action. The Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission has established Thursday, June 16, 1966, at 2:00 p.m. as the date for formal public hearing on the comments and proposals of this Plan report.

To provide information on the Plan prior to the public hearing, an illustrated presentation to public officials, library boards, governmental agencies, and the news media is scheduled for Tuesday, June 7, 1966, at 3:30 p.m. in the Planning Commission Conference Room, on the Fourth Floor, 104 South Main Street, Wichita. You are cordially invited to attend this presentation which we anticipate will be completed before 5:00 p.m.

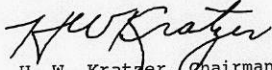
Enclosed please find a brief resume of the Library Facilities Plan report of which additional copies in quantity are available from the Planning Department Office. Copies of the full 121 page Plan report are available to the public at a price of \$2.00 each; however, complimentary copies are available to public officials.

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May 27, 1966

If you have any questions concerning the Plan or arrangements for the presentation, please contact either myself or Mr. C. Bickley Foster, Director of the Metropolitan Area Planning Department. We look forward to having you, your officials and staff attend the June 7th meeting.

Very sincerely yours,



H. W. Kratzer, Chairman  
Wichita-Sedgwick County Metro-  
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## RESUME OF THE LIBRARY FACILITIES PLAN

The Library Facilities Plan report is one of seventeen prepared as elements of the Comprehensive Development Plan of 1965-1985 for the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area. The purpose of this report is to analyze existing and future library needs; provide guidelines for locating facilities, particularly branch libraries; and to explore the possibilities of providing better library service to all of Sedgwick County. Citizens and government officials are encouraged to review this Plan proposal and to make suggestions to the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission and the Planning Department.

The Plan report discusses the functions of a public library service and the factors affecting such service. It also reviews the evolution of library service in the Metropolitan Area, surveys and analyzes the service that exists today and compares the changing trends of this service to those found in other areas. The Plan report contains estimates of future demands for library service, based upon population information, and provides guidelines or standards through which the estimated future demands may be met.

It contains specific proposals regarding branch library locations; future bookmobile service; size of branch library structures and sites; financing the Wichita library system; and library facilities and services in cities of the second and third class. The Plan report also contains possible methods of expanding library service throughout Sedgwick County.

The following information is a brief summary of findings and recommendations of the Library Facilities Plan report.

### FINDINGS

1. In the past, the public library was generally considered a repository of knowledge; today, the library is utilized by nearly everyone in a variety of ways, and the real justification for library service occurs when those who utilize the library are challenged by books to extend their knowledge and experience. Thus, library service should be available to every individual in his local community.
2. From 1954 through 1964, the population of Wichita increased 21.8%. During that time, book circulation of the Wichita library system increased 78.8%, and the number of registered borrowers increased 90.7%. Thus, it is apparent that demands for library service in recent years has increased at a greater rate than population growth. By comparing statistics on numbers of volumes and circulation for the fiscal year of 1959, with cities in Wichita's population class, it appeared that Wichita's library service was somewhat below the average of the other cities. However, the City library system has had to provide service with a badly overcrowded main library, inadequate branch facilities and a significantly low expenditure per capita.
3. Although branch library circulation in 1964 was 58% of total circulation, the existing branches were not readily available to the total population of Wichita. It appears that some of the existing branches are well located, others should be relocated, and additional branches should be provided to serve existing and future projected population.
4. The operation of the Wichita library system, including leased space for branch libraries, is financed from the Special Contributions Fund. It appears that a branch building program is nearly impossible within the limits of this fund as it is presently utilized.
5. Sedgwick County does not provide general public library service. However, seven cities of the second and third class in the County provide varying degrees of public library service.
6. It is anticipated that the projected 1985 population (367,000 for the Wichita urbanized area, 432,000 for all of Sedgwick County) will be relatively young, comparatively well educated, and have an above average demand for technical books. Thus, it appears that library needs will increase greatly in the next 20 years.
7. Central and branch libraries should be located near centers of general commercial activity so that they are accessible to the largest number of potential library users. The location of the new main library building in Wichita meets nearly all of the criteria for good site selection.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The following recommendations pertain to the provision of library service and facilities in Wichita:
  - A. Sites for branch libraries should be located in or adjacent to community or medium sized shopping centers near the intersections of major streets with space on the sites for off-street parking facilities. Branches should serve from 20,000 to 50,000 persons and have service areas within radii of approximately 1½ miles.
  - B. All future City owned branch buildings should contain a minimum ratio of 5,000 square feet of floor space per 20,000 patrons and be located on a site approximately twice the size of the floor area of the structure. Branch buildings should be designed so that they can be expanded at a later date.

C. The City should consider the possibility of constructing branch libraries rather than leasing space for these facilities. This would provide buildings specifically designed for library service and would probably be more economical over a long period of time.

D. All future branch locations should be tested by use of bookmobile service and leased library facilities prior to construction of City owned branch buildings.

E. The Boulevard and Seneca Square Branch libraries should remain in their general location.

F. The Oliver Square Branch should be relocated near the intersection of Central Avenue and Woodlawn Boulevard if and when a city owned facility is constructed.

G. Consideration should be given to relocating the Westlink Branch nearer the Westlink Shopping Center if and when a City owned building is constructed to house this facility.

H. Additional branch libraries should be established in the vicinities of 21st Street North and Arridon Avenue, Central Avenue and West Street, and 21st Street North and Grove Street.

I. With the establishment of a branch library at 21st Street North and Amidon Avenue, consideration should be given to the discontinuance of service at the Minisa Branch. Service should be discontinued at the McKinley Park Book station with the establishment of a branch at 21st Street North and Grove Street.

J. A branch library should be established near 29th Street North and Woodlawn Boulevard if future growth occurs as anticipated.

K. Consideration should be given to the establishment of a sub-branch in the Park City Area if this area becomes annexed and growth occurs as anticipated near its environs.

2. The Boards of Education and Library Boards in the County should consider coordinating their services as much as possible in the provision of library service to children and youth. This might best be accomplished in Wichita through cooperative purchasing and processing of books by the Board of Education and the Library Board.

3. The cities of the second and third class in Sedgwick County should evaluate their own needs for the provision of library service. It appears that the cities now providing service should retain their facilities. Cities not presently providing service should consider, (a) establishing a library or (b) obtaining extension services from the Wichita library system by contract or perhaps by participation in a regional system of libraries.

4. The possibility of establishing a regional system of cooperating libraries as authorized by Kansas House Bill 621 should be fully evaluated to determine its applicability in providing improved library service for all communities and citizens in the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area.

Basically, the Plan report recommends, if possible, the construction of 8 publicly owned branch library structures and one sub-branch facility to meet the needs of the people of Wichita by 1985. The present estimated total cost of site acquisition and construction is \$1,920,000 not including the expense of library equipment, books and materials.

Suggestions for financing a branch library construction program include:

1. increasing the present mill levy of the Special Contributions Fund (from which the present Wichita Library system mainly operates) from its present 2.71 mill level to the maximum 3.499 mill level allowed by State Statutes.

2. obtain federal grants to assist in the construction of new branches.

3. seek new State legislation which would permit the Wichita library Board to levy a tax for library purposes similar to what is now provided for cities in Kansas with populations between 35,000 and 125,000.

4. hold a bond referendum election for the construction of new branch facilities.

The Plan report also suggests the retention and upgrading of the existing library facilities of Cheney, Clearwater, Colwich, Derby, Mt. Hope, Mulvane, and Valley Center and the provision of library service to the citizens of Andale, Bentley, Garden Plain, Goddard, Haysville, Maize and Viola.

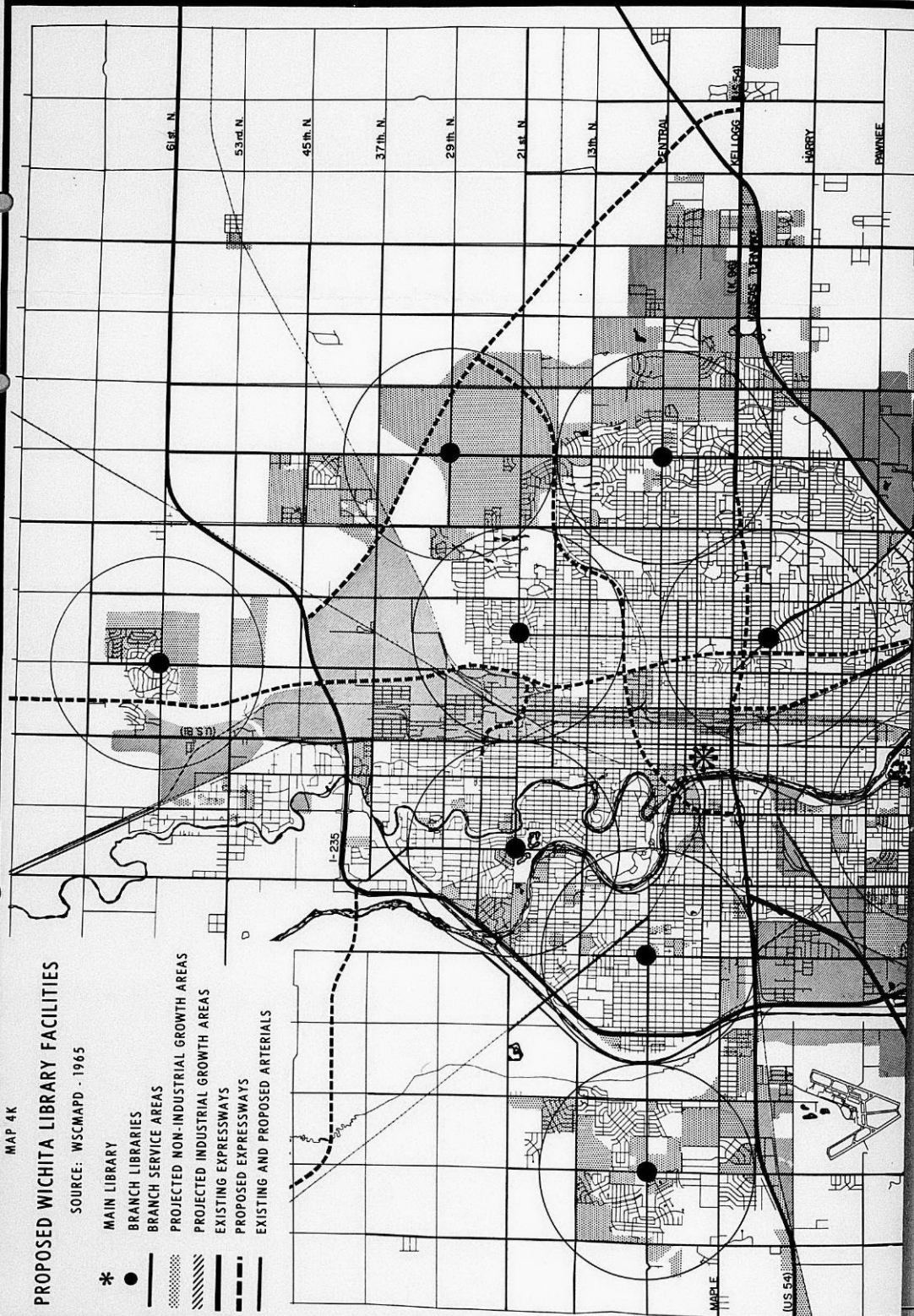
It concludes with the observation that the Regional System of Cooperating Libraries authorized by House Bill 621 appears to be the best solution for improving and expanding library service for the residents of Sedgwick County.

MAP 4K

# PROPOSED WICHITA LIBRARY FACILITIES

SOURCE: WSCMAPD - 1965

- \* MAIN LIBRARY
- BRANCH LIBRARIES
- ▬ BRANCH SERVICE AREAS
- ▨ PROJECTED NON-INDUSTRIAL GROWTH AREAS
- ▧ PROJECTED INDUSTRIAL GROWTH AREAS
- ▬ EXISTING EXPRESSWAYS
- ▬ PROPOSED EXPRESSWAYS
- ▬ EXISTING AND PROPOSED ARTERIALS







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OFFICIAL CITY NOTICE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN AND TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED:

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the approval and adoption of the Planning Department report entitled, Library Facilities Plan, as the official Library Facilities Plan element of the Comprehensive Plan for the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area. This hearing will be held in the Planning Commission Meeting Room, 401 City Building Annex, 104 South Main, Wichita, Kansas, at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 16, 1966. Said public hearing may be recessed and continued from time to time without further notice.

Said public hearing will be held pursuant to the provisions of Section 2, Chapter 131, Session Laws of Kansas, 1965, at which time it is proposed to adopt the Library Facilities Plan as the official Library Facilities Plan element of the Comprehensive Plan for the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area. It is further proposed to delete from the 1946 Master City Plan of the City of Wichita that part of "Part VI, Public Buildings and The City's Appearance", dated December, 1945, from Page 1 through Page 15, and that part of Pages 16 preceding the section entitled, "Other Public Buildings"; and that part of Pages 18 and 19 entitled, "Libraries", providing as an exception to such deletion, references to the City-County Health Building and the Armory sites. It is further proposed to delete from the Master City Plan that document entitled, "Pattern for Public Buildings; Administrative and Cultural Centers, Master Plan, 1955"; provided, however, that the Resolution extending, amending and adding to the Master City Plan relating to the Cultural Center, Administrative Center, an Urban Renewal Project and a site for a public library and auditorium, adopted on January 4, 1962, remain in full force and effect. Also, the Planning Commission may consider at the June 16 public hearing their overall recommendation and approval of the Library Facilities Plan proposals or amendments thereto, adopt a resolution approving the same, and set a time and place for the formal adoption of the Library Facilities Plan. Copies of the Library Facilities Plan are on file in the Office of the Metropolitan Area Planning Department, Room 402, 104 South Main Street, Monday through Friday, 8 to 12 a.m. and 1 to 5 p.m.

All persons interested in said matters will be heard  
at 2:00 p.m., June 16, 1966, concerning their views and wishes in  
the premises as by law provided.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 24th day of May, 1966.

C. Bickley Foster, Secretary  
Wichita-Sedgwick County Metro-  
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