

NARTS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2023 AT 10:30 AM; *DRAFT*

ENTITY	MEMBER	PRESENT	PROXY
AVOCA	ROBERT WHITEHORN		
BELLA VISTA	DOUG TAPP	X	
BENTON COUNTY	JUDGE BARRY MOEHRING JOSH BEAM JAY FRASIER (TRACY BACKS)	X	
BENTONVILLE	DENNIS BIRGE DAN WEESE	X	
CAVE SPRINGS	MAYOR RANDALL NOBLETT		
CENTERTON	MAYOR BILL EDWARDS LORENE BURNS	X	
DECATUR	MAYOR BOB THARP		
ELKINS	MAYOR TROY REED		
ELM SPRINGS	MATT CASEY	X	
FARMINGTON	MELISSA McCARVILLE	X	
FAYETTEVILLE	JONATHAN CURTH PAUL LIBERTINI CHRIS BROWN	X X	
GENTRY	MAYOR KEVIN JOHNSTON		
GRAVETTE	KURT MADDOX		
GREENLAND	MAYOR JIM RENFROW		
HIGHFILL	JEREMY JOHNSON		
JOHNSON	MAYOR CHRIS KEENEY		
LITTLE FLOCK	MAYOR JEFF VAN SICKLER	X	Nicole Gibbs
LOWELL	KAREN DAVIS	X	
PEA RIDGE	MAYOR NATHAN SEE		
PINEVILLE	MAYOR GREG SWEETEN		
PRAIRIE GROVE	MAYOR DAVID FAULK	X	
ROGERS	LANCE JOBE SHAWN GRINDSTAFF JOHN MCCURDY	X X X	Jennifer Turner Dylan Cobb
SILOAM SPRINGS	BEN RHOADS (VICE CHAIR) KEVIN MOORE	X	
SPRINGDALE	PATSY CHRISTIE (CHAIR) RYAN CARR	X	
TONTITOWN	MAYOR ANGELA RUSSELL	X	Mark Latham
WASHINGTON CO.	BRIAN LESTER SAM ATA JEFF CROWDER	X	
WEST FORK	MAYOR HEITH CAUDLE		
WINSLOW	ANN MALKIE		
NWARPC	TIM CONKLIN	X	
BEAVER H2O DISTRICT	CODY HUDSON		
OZARK REG. TRANSIT	JOEL GARDNER		
RAZORBACK TRANSIT	GARY K. SMITH (ADAM WADDELL)	X	
U OF A	SCOTT TURLEY (JAY HUNNEYCUTT)	X	
McDONALD COUNTY	COMM. BRYAN HALL		
MoDOT	FRANK MILLER (MARVIN MORRIS)	X	Brad Kelley
NWA NATIONAL AIRPORT	AARON BURKES	X	
ARDOT PLANNING AND DISTRICT 9	CHRIS DILLAHA SUNNY FARMAHAN STACEY BURGE	X X X	Anthony Hunter David Bushy

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NWARPC STAFF: Tim Conklin; Nicole Gibbs; Tim Reavis; Cristina Scarlat

OTHERS: Tyler Overstreet (Bentonville); Ami Murray (Gravette); David Keck (Cave Springs); Jackie Crabtree (ARML); Brandy Chapman (Partners for Better Housing); Elizabeth Bowen; and Ron Wood (NWADG).

NOTE: THIS MEETING WAS HELD IN-PERSON AND VIRTUALLY; VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION CONTINUES TO BE OFFERED AS NWARPC REMAINS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

(1) CALL TO ORDER

The in-person and virtual NWARPC Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair/Acting Chair Ben Rhoads at 10:31 a.m.

(2) ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

In-person attendees named themselves, with Tim Conklin naming the virtual attendees. Nicole Gibbs recorded member names and tallied votes. A quorum was reached.

(3) APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 17, 2023 TAC MEETING MINUTES

Acting Chair Rhoads said the approval of the August Meeting Minutes is being deferred to the next regularly scheduled meeting.

(4) 2024 ARDOT & MoDOT SAFETY TARGETS – Recommendation to RPC/Policy Committee

Acting Chair Rhoads introduced the item and Nicole Gibbs explained that federal transportation Bills establish a performance and outcome-based programming to receive federal transportation dollars, requiring performance measures and associated targets to be established at the state level and at the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) level. She said we do annual safety targets and the other targets have different timelines. She said TAC received a memo in their meeting packets to explain some of that process, but as an MPO, we are required to either establish our own targets, or to support state targets within 180 days. She said historically we have chosen to support the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) and Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) statewide targets.

She showed and summarized the below table, saying the highlighted columns are what are being considered today:

EXHIBIT A																
NORTHWEST ARKANSAS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION SUPPORTED ARDOT AND MoDOT TARGETS September 26, 2018 - Res. No. 2018-13 2020 Safety Targets - January 22, 2020 - Res. No 2020-01 2021 Safety Targets and Mid-Performance Report Target Adjustments - December 2, 2020 - Res. No. 2020-07 2022 Safety Targets - October 27, 2021 Res. No. 2021-12 2023 Safety Targets - October 26, 2022 Res. No. 2022-14 2023 PM2 & PM3 - February 22, 2023 Res. No. 2023-02 2024 Safety Targets - October 25, 2023 Res. No. 2023-XX (DRAFT)																
SAFETY	MoDOT								ARDOT							
	Baseline	CY 2018	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021	CY 2022	CY 2023	CY 2024	2013-2017 Baseline	CY 2018	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021	CY 2022	CY 2023	CY 2024
Number of Fatalities	910.0	857.7	872.3	859.3	871.6	877	948.2	972.4	514.4	555	543	541.2	536.3	631.5	704.9	698.5
Fatality Rate per 100 Million VMT	1.213	1.163	1.160	1.130	1.119	1.126	1.212	1.258	1.474	1.662	1.615	1.595	1.560	1.808	1.895	1.854
Number of Serious Injuries	4,681.2	4,559.3	4,433.8	4,505.4	4,463.9	4,299.0	4,848.7	4,861.8	2,991.2	3,470.0	3,637.0	3,201.4	3,103.8	2,996.9	2,790.1	2,775.7
Serious Injury Rate per 100 Million VMT	6.241	6.191	6.168	5.953	5.829	5.520	6.205	6.227	8.584	10.419	10.824	9.441	9.043	8.608	7.815	7.686
Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries	462.2	431.9	445.4	437.4	462.2	485	499.2	523.0	149	149	170	300.3	220.3	229.2	274.4	266.8

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PAVEMENTS	MoDOT 2017-2021*				MoDOT 2021-2025*			ARDOT 2018-2022*				ARDOT 2022-2026*		
	Baseline (2017)	2019 Target (2-year)	2021 Target (4-year)	2021 Target (Revised)	2021 Baseline	2023 Target (2-year)	2025 Target (4-year)	(IRI Only)** Baseline (2018)	2020 Target (2-year)	2022 Target (4-year)	2022 Target (Revised)	Baseline (2022)	2024 Target (2-year)	2026 Target (4-year)
Percentage of Interstate Pavements in Good Condition	77.5%	N/A	77.5%	77.5%	79.9%	77.5%	77.5%	77.0%	N/A	79.0%	79.0%	65.2%	54.0%	48.0%
Percentage of Interstate Pavements in Poor Condition	0.1%	N/A	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	4.0%	N/A	5.0%	5.0%	1.3%	5.0%	5.0%
Percentage of non-Interstate NHS Pavements in Good Condition	61.1%	61.1%	61.1%	61.1%	61.3%	61.1%	61.1%	52.0%	48.0%	44.0%	59.0%	35.0%	41.0%	45.0%
Percentage of non-Interstate NHS Pavements in Poor Condition	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	0.9%	1.0%	1.0%	8.0%	10.0%	12.0%	7.0%	5.3%	4.0%	4.0%
BRIDGE	MoDOT 2017-2021*				MoDOT 2021-2025*			ARDOT 2018-2022*				ARDOT 2022-2026*		
	Baseline (2017)	2019 Target (2-year)	2021 Target (4-year)	2021 Target (Revised)	2021 Baseline	2023 Target (2-year)	2025 Target (4-year)	Baseline (2018)	2020 Target (2-year)	2022 Target (4-year)	2022 Target (Revised)	Baseline (2022)	2024 Target (2-year)	2026 Target (4-year)
Percent of NHS bridges by deck area classified as Good condition	34.0%	30.9%	30.9%	26.4%	27.2%	22.8%	19.2%	50.3%	50.0%	50.0%	42.0%	43.6%	39.0%	40.0%
Percent of NHS bridges by deck area classified as Poor condition	7.1%	7.1%	7.1%	8.2%	7.1%	7.7%	7.8%	3.9%	4.0%	6.0%	6.0%	3.5%	6.0%	8.0%
TRAVEL TIME RELIABILITY	MoDOT 2017-2021*				MoDOT 2021-2025*			ARDOT 2018-2022*				ARDOT 2022-2026*		
	Baseline (2017)	2019 Target (2-year)	2021 Target (4-year)	2021 Target (Revised)	2021 Baseline	2023 Target (2-year)	2025 Target (4-year)	Baseline (2018)	2020 Target (2-year)	2022 Target (4-year)	2022 Target (Revised)	Baseline (2022)	2024 Target (2-year)	2026 Target (4-year)
Interstate Travel Time Reliability Measure: Percent of Reliable Person-Miles Traveled on the Interstate	91.6%	88.9%	87.1%	87.1%	98.4%	87.1%	86.0%	95.0%	91.0%	89.0%	93.0%	98.5%	93.0%	93.0%
Non-Interstate Travel Time Reliability Measure: Percent of Reliable Person-Miles Traveled on the Non-Interstate NHS	92.3%	N/A	87.8%	87.8%	95.5%	87.8%	87.0%	96.0%	N/A	90.0%	92.0%	95.6%	92.0%	92.0%
Freight Reliability Measure: Truck Travel Time Reliability Index	1.25	1.28	1.30	1.45	1.18	1.45	1.45	1.21	1.45	1.52	1.40	1.24	1.35	1.35

*MoDOT refers to data years; ARDOT refers to report years

**ARDOT: Non-interstate NHS data analysis transitioned from IRI-only to full distress in 2020; Interstate analysis transitioned in 2018

SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURE	MoDOT CY 2024 TARGET	ARDOT CY 2024 TARGET
Number of Fatalities	972.4	698.5
Fatality Rate per 100 Million VMT	1.258	1.854
Number of Serious Injuries	4,861.8	2,775.7
Serious Injury Rate per 100 Million VMT	6.227	7.686
Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries	523.0	266.8

There was discussion regarding whether the targets were lower this year compared to last year.

Acting Chair Rhoads asked the Committee whether there were any other questions or comments and hearing none, requested a motion to recommend planning and programming in support of the established ARDOT and MoDOT 2024 Safety Targets to the RPC/Policy Committee.

MOTION: Mark Latham made a motion to recommend to the RPC/Policy Committee planning and programming in support of the established ARDOT and MoDOT 2024 Safety Targets. Paul Libertini provided the second. Motion passed unanimously.

(5) NARTS FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2024 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) AMENDMENT #1 – VARIOUS STUDIES AND PROJECTS – Recommendation to RPC/Policy Committee

Acting Chair Rhoads introduced the item and Tim Conklin explained that each fiscal year we put together a work program that we provide to ARDOT, MoDOT, and USDOT. He said in accordance with our Public Participation Plan, we are holding a public comment period from October 10, 2023 to October 24, 2023 and we have several amendments being recommended, and he showed and summarized the following additions:

- EPA CPRG Energy & Environment Innovation (EEI) Plan
- Air Quality Planning/Monitoring
- FTA Areas of Persistent Poverty (AoPP) Enhancing Equitable Transit Connections in NWA Project and Plans
- Provide Support as needed for ongoing Projects:
 - ARDOT Highway 412 Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study
 - ARDOT Highway 59 & Highway 72 Corridor Study
 - Fayetteville/Springdale Northwest Arkansas Rail Corridor Safety Study

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Conklin said with the amendment we are showing \$440,000 (100% federal) coming from the Environment Protection Agency (EPA) through the state of Arkansas to the Commission and \$180,000 (90% federal/10% local match) coming from Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to the commission, with the local match being split by Ozark Regional Transit (ORT) and Razorback Transit.

Acting Chair Rhoads asked the Committee whether there were any other questions or comments and hearing none, requested a motion to recommend the proposed FY 2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment #1 to the RPC/Policy Committee.

MOTION: Ryan Carr made a motion to recommend to the RPC/Policy Committee the proposed Northwest Arkansas Transportation Study (NARTS) FY 2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment #1. John McCurdy provided the second. Motion passed unanimously.

(6) NARTS FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT #3 – FTA AREAS OF PERSISTENT POVERTY (AOPP) GRANT PROJECT – Recommendation to RPC/Policy Committee

Acting Chair Rhoads introduced the item and Tim Conklin explained that in addition to the UPWP Amendment as discussed prior, we also have an amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include the Areas of Persistent Poverty (AoPP) Grant, as follows:

2023-2026 NARTS TIP - AMENDMENT #3 PROPOSED CHANGES									
JOB	COUNTY	ROUTE	TERMINI	LENGTH	TYPE WORK	ESTIMATED COST Funding Breakdown (in thousands)	AGENCY CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT	FFY	MPO
ADD:									
NARTS17			FTA Areas of Persistent Poverty Project - Enhancing Equitable Transit Connections in NWA	-	Transit	200 - TOTAL 180 - FTA AoPP 20 - Local	Local-MPO	2023	NARTS

Conklin said in accordance with our Public Participation Plan, we are holding a public comment period from October 10, 2023 to October 24, 2023. There was discussion on the funding being for engineering and environmental work for bus stops and access to bus stops, which would prepare projects to pursue other funding for construction down the road.

Acting Chair Rhoads asked the Committee whether there were any other questions or comments and hearing none, requested a motion to recommend the NARTS Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #3 to the RPC/Policy Committee.

MOTION: John McCurdy made a motion to recommend to the RPC/Policy Committee the Northwest Arkansas Transportation Study (NARTS) Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #3. Paul Libertini provided the second. Motion passed unanimously.

(7) NARTS FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2021 AND 2022 PROGRAM OF PROJECTS (POP) AMENDMENTS – RAZORBACK TRANSIT – Recommendation to RPC/Policy Committee

Acting Chair Rhoads introduced the item and Tim Conklin explained that another document we produce for FTA through our process is a Program of Projects (POP), which is how we show the federal money being spent by both ORT and Razorback Transit. He said Razorback Transit requested

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the amendment because what we showed back in 2021 and 2022 regarding how they plan to spend their federal funds has changed. He said you may recall the region received significant transit funding through the Covid Relief Bills passed by Congress. He said Razorback Transit is now ready to spend FFY 2021 and 2022 Section 5307 money in FFY 2024 and they need to change how they are allocating their funds between operating assistance, preventative maintenance, bus procurement, and ADA paratransit service. He said Razorback Transit believes they need to have these changes documented to match their FTA grant requests. He said the amendment does not change the split between the transit agencies, with ORT currently receiving 55% of the 5307 funds and Razorback Transit receiving 45% of the funds. He said other agencies across the U.S. are having to do these types of amendments to spend this older money as well.

There was discussion regarding the formula for allocating the federal funding between the transit agencies and whether there is a periodic review. Conklin said the NWARPC is the FTA Designated Recipient, and it is our RPC/Policy Committee that must decide how to split the money in coordination with the transit agencies. He said the review can be initiated by the Board. He said he did bring it up after the 2020 Census, recognizing that NWA in 2005 and 2020 looks significantly different, particularly regarding the Urban Area boundary. He said we had several meetings, and it was determined to leave as-is. He said he would like to hear from Board members as to whether it is something they would like to revisit, considering the changes in Urban Area population and the Connect NWA Transit Development Plan (TDP).

There was discussion regarding when the split was established, the methodology used, and how to establish more inter-city/regional fixed routes given the current allocation structure. Interest was expressed in beginning those discussions regionally and basing an initial regional-serving system on regional transit plans, which call for inter-city, regional fixed routes. There was discussion regarding various methodologies, including consideration for ridership, route miles, and service hours; and that the two service providers need to be involved in the discussions to plan out operations, capital, and expansions. There was discussion regarding federal funds being a small portion of what it takes to operate transit; how much cities currently contribute toward public transportation; the need for a dedicated funding source; and the current difficulty in going to voters to propose a dedicated funding source because there is not a regional system, and the difficulty to get a viable regional system because we do not have dedicated funding. Interest was expressed in looking at the federal dollars going to support inter-city fixed routes and creating a 'backbone' for a regional transit network, with additional local capacity being augmented by local funds. It was expressed to receive public support for a dedicated funding stream for transit, viable fixed routes need to be established that lead to increased ridership and provide a reliable mode for people to get to and from work, which, due to the way we are growing, is often across city lines. It was expressed that conversations are needed as to what the future looks like for the region, how we get there, and that transit needs to be part of the growth equation.

Acting Chair Rhoads asked the Committee whether there were any other questions or comments and hearing none, requested a motion to recommend the proposed Amendments to the FY 2021 and 2022 Program of Projects (POP) for Razorback Transit projects to the RPC/Policy Committee.

MOTION: John McCurdy made a motion to recommend to the RPC/Policy Committee the proposed Amendments to the FY 2021 and 2022 Program of Projects (POP) for Razorback Transit projects. Ryan Carr provided the second. Motion passed unanimously.

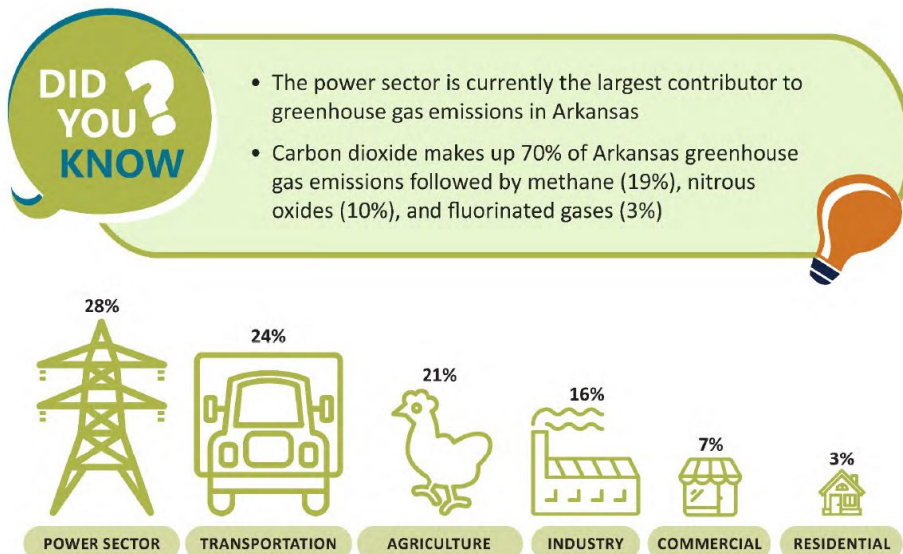
(8) ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT INNOVATION (EEI) PLAN – Priority Action Plan Discussion

Acting Chair Rhoads introduced the item and Tim Conklin explained that we are rapidly moving forward with the regional Priority Action Plan (PAP). He summarized the following recent activity:

- Signed MOA between ADEE and NWARPC in September
- Hired Olsson as a consultant in September
- Survey/website/idea box available
- Identified City, County, and State plans for review
- Initiated public engagement and stakeholder planning activities

He said as discussed earlier in the meeting and in prior meetings, this project is coming through the EPA CPRG program to work with our planning partners to identify priority action measures with eligible entities for projects that can be implemented. We have a very short timeline, and to be eligible for the CRPG Implementation Grants, you must have your project identified in the PAP. He said we will complete the regional work over the next six (6) weeks and will deliver regional priorities to the state on December 1, 2023.

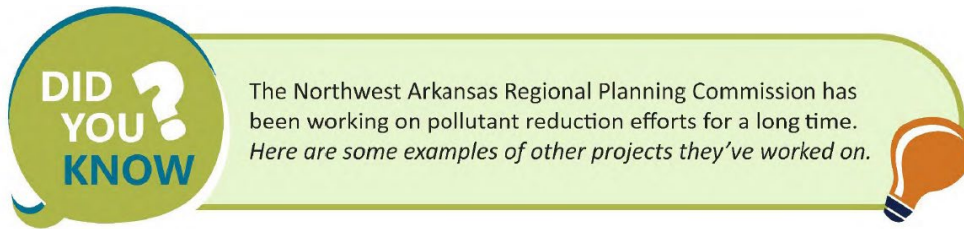
Conklin summarized the following graphic that describes the largest sectors that contribute to greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the state:



Arkansas Greenhouse Gas Emissions (CO₂e), 2020 obtained from U.S. EPA's Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks by State: 1990 - 2020

He said NWARPC has existing regional plans and funding programs, which highlight programs and projects that are eligible for this funding program. He summarized and showed the following:

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Conklin reviewed various example projects that are highlighted in the CPRG Implementation Grant Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and known ongoing projects within NWA communities. He said the NOFO also emphasizes that the lead agencies must coordinate and collaborate with the eligible entities that are able to implement the priority measures included in the plan.

The TAC was polled, using Mentimeter, on the following questions:

- Has your agency/community implemented any projects/plans targeting reduction of energy consumption or greenhouse gas emissions? If so, what?
- Which sector(s) should be prioritized for a successful implementation grant application? Choose your top three.
- What is the most feasible or most implementable Priority Action for your organization?

Conklin said there is \$4.6 billion in grants that must be submitted by next April and they anticipate awarding between 30 and 115 individual grants ranging from \$2 million to \$500 million, so it will be very competitive. He said NWARPC, Metroplan, and Ft. Smith are all doing regional priority action plans, which will roll up into the statewide plan. He said once again, the hard deadline for us is to have our regional priorities to the state by December 1, 2023. He said all this work can also move the needle forward with other grant applications that we are doing beyond this potential grant application.

Conklin said next week we have two public Open House meetings and encouraged people to attend:

- **Meeting #1 (Huntsville) – Monday, October 23, 2023 @ 4:00-7:00 PM**, Carroll Electric Community Room, 5056 Hwy 412B, Huntsville, AR 72740
- **Meeting #2 (Springdale) – Thursday, October 26, 2023 @ 4:00-7:00 PM**, The Jones Center, Room 226, 922 E. Emma Avenue, Springdale, Arkansas 72764

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(9) PROJECTS AND OTHER UPDATES

A. FY 2024 STBGP-A/TAP/CRP – Project Development

Acting Chair Rhoads introduced the item and Nicole Gibbs explained we made our FFY 2024 Awards in August and award letters were sent to ARDOT and Local Public Agencies (LPAs) to initiate the process. She said we are hoping to start seeing agreements from ARDOT in the coming weeks. Conklin said ARDOT's target is to have agreements out within two months from the award notification. Gibbs thanked those who were able to attend the LPA Workshop on September 12, 2023, which provided an overview of the program. She said as a reminder, we are now under tri-party agreements between the LPA, NWARPC, and ARDOT and to please include NWARPC in your quarterly status reports.

Gibbs said we will be moving up our FFY 2025 funding cycle to accommodate the obligation of federal funds in the Fall, so please be thinking about projects now.

FFY 2025 Programs Timeline:

- Call for Projects Jan 2024
- Application Deadline (Resolution Required) Mar 2024
- Project Sponsor Presentation to TAC Committee Mar 2024
- Selection Committee Site Visits/Scoring/Rec Mar/April
- Selection Committee Recommendation to TAC April 2024
- TAC Recommendation to RPC/Policy April 2024

B. Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Implementation Grants Update

Tim Conklin explained that we adopted the Regional Safety Action Plan in June 2023 and Huntsville now has a draft plan. He said several communities have already adopted Vision Zero Goals and three communities were able to apply for the SS4A Implementation Grants by the July 10th deadline.

Conklin said the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has agreed to allow us to use the \$300,000 that was awarded back in January of this year to do additional supplemental Vision Zero work. He said he signed the grant agreement with FHWA this week and it has expanded scope with a supplemental agreement. He said we intend to do a supplemental agreement to complete the following Phase 2 scope of work with Toole Design Group, who is currently under contract.

- Street Design Principles and Types
- Complete Streets Design Guidelines
- Individual Community Comprehensive Safety Action Plans
- Systemic Safety Webinars (2)
- Compelling Video and Storytelling on Safety
- Safety Demonstration Projects (2)
- Local Community Engagement Strategies
- Develop Action Plan Communication Materials

Conklin thanked FHWA and the local district for helping to make that happen.

C. Other Grant Opportunity Updates

Tim Conklin said we continue to monitor the Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs) and there is a lot out there. He said if you have any questions, just let us know. He congratulated Springdale for

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applying for \$1.2 million in Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Planning Grant for 71B/Thompson Street.

Conklin said we resubmitted the *Highway 112: Complete Streets. Connecting Communities.* project for a \$25 million Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) as well as \$160 million MPDG application for *Highway 612: Connecting a Region.* to extend Highway 612 from I-49 to Highway 265. He said USDOT contacted us earlier this week asking for additional information, so they are looking at this grant application. He thanked ARDOT for helping us provide additional documentation to USDOT.

(10) COMMITTEE AND GROUP UPDATES

A. Active Transportation Committee (ACT)

Tim Conklin said the Active Transportation Committee (ACT) will meet today at 1:30pm.

(11) PUBLIC COMMENT

Acting Chair Rhoads asked whether there were any public comments. Gibbs said two public comments were received and distributed to the TAC in their meeting packets. She said one related to the EEI Plan and the other was a general comment. There were no other comments made.

(12) OTHER BUSINESS

Acting Chair Ben Rhoads and Tim Conklin went over the future meetings and events as follows:

A. Future Meeting Dates:

- **RPC/Policy Committee Meeting** – Wednesday, October 25, 2023 @ 1:30 PM
- **TAC Meeting** – Thursday, November 16, 2023 @ 10:30 AM
- **RPC/Policy Committee Meeting** – Wednesday, December 6, 2023 @ 1:30 PM

B. ARDOT & ODOT U.S. 412 Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study Public Open House – Thursday, October 19, 2023 @ 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM, John Brown University (Simmons Great Hall), 2000 W. University Street, Siloam Springs, AR 72761 | www.ardot.gov/publicmeetings

C. Energy & Environment Innovation (EEI) Plan Public Open Houses –

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D. NWA Place Summit/APA Arkansas Conference – Wednesday, November 8 – Thursday, November 9, 2023, Fayetteville Public Library | Register here: placesummit.uli.org/

Acting Chair Rhoads asked whether there is any other business.

(13) ADJOURN

The meeting was ended at 11:37 am.