

NARTS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2024, AT 10:30 AM; *DRAFT*

ENTITY	MEMBER	PRESENT	PROXY
AVOCA	ROBERT WHITEHORN		
BELLA VISTA	DOUG TAPP TAYLOR ROBERTSON CHRIS BRACKETT	X X X	
BENTON COUNTY	JUDGE BARRY MOEHRING JOSH BEAM JAY FRASIER	X	
BENTONVILLE	DENNIS BIRGE DAN WEESE	X	Jarrold Brightwell
CAVE SPRINGS	MAYOR RANDALL NOBLETT	X	David Keck
CENTERTON	MAYOR BILL EDWARDS LORENE BURNS	X X	
DECATUR	MAYOR BOB THARP		
ELKINS	MAYOR TROY REED		
ELM SPRINGS	MATT CASEY	X	
FARMINGTON	MELISSA McCARVILLE	X	
FAYETTEVILLE	JONATHAN CURTH CHRIS BROWN PAUL LIBERTINI	X X X	
GENTRY	MAYOR KEVIN JOHNSTON		
GRAVETTE	KURT MADDOX	X	Ami Murray
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	X	Jessica Grady
PINEVILLE	MAYOR GREG SWEETEN		
PRAIRIE GROVE	MAYOR DAVID FAULK		
ROGERS	JOHN MCCURDY QUINTON HARRIS LANCE JOBE	X X	
SILOAM SPRINGS	BEN RHOADS (VICE CHAIR) KEVIN MOORE	X	
SPRINGDALE	PATSY CHRISTIE (CHAIR) RYAN CARR	X	
TONTITOWN	MAYOR ANGELA RUSSELL	X	Zak Johnson
WASHINGTON CO.	BRIAN LESTER SAM ATA JEFF CROWDER	X	Bridget Russell
WEST FORK	MAYOR HEITH CAUDLE		
WINSLOW	ANN MALKIE		
NWARPC	TIM CONKLIN	X	
BEAVER H2O DISTRICT	CODY HUDSON		
OZARK REG. TRANSIT	JOEL GARDNER	X	
RAZORBACK TRANSIT	ADAM WADDELL (GARY K. SMITH)	X	
U OF A	SCOTT TURLEY (JAY HUNEYCUTT)	X	Jay Huneycutt
McDONALD COUNTY	COMM. BRYAN HALL		
MoDOT	FRANK MILLER (MARVIN MORRIS)	X	
NWA NATIONAL AIRPORT	AARON BURKES	X	
ARDOT PLANNING AND DISTRICT 9	ANTHONY HUNTER SUNNY FARMAHAN ROBERT MOORE	X X	David Bushy

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NWARPC STAFF: Tim Conklin; Nicole Gibbs; Tim Reavis; Cristina Scarlat, Luke Aitken

OTHERS: Andy Brewer (Olsson); Greg Weeks (Jacobs); Brandi Holt (Huntsville); Mayor Chris Moore (Lowell); Jonathan Ely (Burns & McDonnell); Anthony Hunter; and Doug Thompson (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 Ben Rhoads at 10:30 a.m. Chair Patsy Christie is absent from the meeting.

(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 APRIL 18, 2024, TAC MEETING MINUTES

Ben Rhoads stated that April's meeting minutes have been deferred for approval at the next TAC meeting in June or July.

(4) FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2025 NWARPC FUNDING PROGRAMS (STBGP-A, TAP, CRP) – recommendation to RPC/ Policy Committee

Vice Chair Ben Rhoads introduced the item and Nicole Gibbs provided background on the 24 applications for 19 different projects which were submitted by various member organizations on April 4th for the FFY2025 STBGP-A/TAP/CRP program. She said today the TAC will be considering the funding scenario recommendation made by the selection committee.

Gibbs said there were 11 applications submitted for STBGP-A funding, totaling \$13.5 Million in requests, five new projects and six existing projects. There were six Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) applications submitted, totaling \$1.9 Million in requests, and seven Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) applications submitted, totaling \$2.5 Million in requests. She stated that the total project funding requests were ~\$16.5 million, with 5 projects submitting projects for multiple funding programs. This is a \$1.5 million excess of requests, which the committee had to take into account when deciding which projects will receive full funding. The selection committee met on May 1st to tour all of the proposed project sites in person, with the help of Razorback Transit, and scored projects after the tours to come up with a recommended funding scenario. Gibbs said the selection committee focused on balancing funding between new and existing projects, awarding funding to state highway projects only once cost-share agreements are in place, and the overall cost increases of existing projects via inflation. The committee was clear they wanted to spread funds across as many communities as possible. She said TAC's official recommendation to be voted on today will be brought forward to the RPC/Policy Committee next week on May 22nd.

Tim Conklin thanked members of the selection committee who volunteered their time for the site tours and selection discussions, noting local government volunteers have helped carry out this process to disperse federal funds throughout the region since 2013.

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Gibbs showed the following table, illustrating that all new and existing STBGP-A projects were fully funded, except for the two largest project requests; Bentonville’s I-49/J St Interchange (reduced by \$500k) and Lowell’s Hwy 264 Razorback Greenway Tunnel (reduced by \$910k).

STBGP-A Project Applications (EXISTING)						
Jurisdiction	Project	Phase	STBGP-A Request	Total Score*	Rank*	Award Recommend.
Bentonville-Centerton	Greenhouse Road	ROW/Utilities	\$ 461,928	NA	NA	\$ 461,928
Fayetteville	Millsap Rd / College Ave Intersection Impvts.	Construction	\$ 1,900,000	NA	NA	\$ 1,900,000
Lowell	Hwy. 264 Razorback Greenway Tunnel & Trail Realignment	Construction	\$ 3,392,000	NA	NA	\$ 2,481,309
Rogers	Hwy 265 & W. Pleasant Grove Rd Roundabout	Design/Enviro	\$ 36,984	NA	NA	\$ 36,984
Rogers	Hwy 265 and Hwy 94/New Hope Rd Roundabout	Design/Enviro	\$ 50,536	NA	NA	\$ 50,536
Tontitown	US412 and Klenc Road Traffic Signal Installation	Construction	\$ 501,436	NA	NA	\$ 501,436
Washington County	Wheeler Rd. Bridge Replacement-Clabber Creek Str. & Apprs.	Design/Enviro	\$ 200,000	NA	NA	\$ 200,000
<i>*Existing projects, in the "pipeline", are not re-scored/re-ranked - priority is assumed since they have previously been awarded NWARPC funding</i>			Total EXISTING	\$6,542,883		\$5,632,192

STBGP-A Project Applications (NEW)						
Jurisdiction	Project	Phase	STBGP-A Request	Total Score	Rank	Award Recommend.
Bentonville	I-49/ J Street Interchange - Tiger Blvd to I-49	ROW/Utilities	\$ 3,000,000	237	1	\$ 2,500,000
Springdale-Lowell	Apple Blossom Ave Impvts.	Design/Enviro	\$ 2,800,000	230	2	\$ 2,800,000
Fayetteville	Stephen Carr Memorial Dr / I-49 Interchange Impvts.	Design/Enviro	\$ 650,000	204	3	\$ 650,000
Lowell	Hwy. 264 Widening - Goad to Bellview Rd.	Design	\$ 504,000	192	4	\$ 504,000
			Total NEW	\$ 6,954,000		\$6,454,000
			TOTAL STBGP-A	\$13,496,883		\$12,086,192

She then showed the next table below, which illustrates the highest scored projects being fully funded in both TAP and CRP programs and prioritizing existing projects and those with multiple phases outside of construction within CRP. Lower scoring projects in TAP and CRP were awarded the remaining funds after higher scoring projects. She said that the committee is on track to make a recommendation to TAC on May 16 which will proceed to RPC the following week on May 22 for a final decision.

CRP Project Applications						
Jurisdiction	Project	Phase	CRP Request	Total Score	Rank	Award Recommend.
Rogers	Hwy. 94/US71B Pedestrian Impvts. (P1)	Construction	\$ 109,769	939	1	TAP
Lowell	Honeysuckle Street Sidewalk (ARDOT TAP)	ROW/Utility/Const	\$ 389,591	915	2	\$ 389,591
Rogers	Hwy. 62 (Hudson Rd) Sidewalk Impvts. (P2)	Construction	\$ 750,000	908	3	\$ 81,355
Rogers	US-71B Pedestrian Impvts. (P3)	Design/Enviro	\$ 328,000	908	3	\$ 328,000
Centerton	City Wide Sidewalk Infill (2)	Construction	\$ 227,000	901	5	\$ 227,000
Pea Ridge	Hwy. 94 (Pickens Rd) Sidewalk Connection	ROW/Utility/Const	\$ 164,193	866	6	\$ 164,193
Fayetteville	Rubble Trail Lighting	Construction	\$ 500,000	823	7	\$ 315,193
			TOTAL CRP	\$ 2,468,553		\$1,505,332

TAP Project Applications						
Jurisdiction	Project	Phase	TAP Request	Total Score	Rank	Award Recommended
Lowell	Honeysuckle Street Sidewalk (ARDOT TAP)	Construction	\$ 207,991	926	1	CRP
Rogers	Hwy. 94/US71B Pedestrian Impvts. (P1)	Construction	\$ 109,769	926	1	\$ 109,769
Fayetteville	Drake St. Trail Connections	Construction	\$ 500,000	904	3	\$ 500,000
Rogers	Hwy. 62 (Hudson Rd) Sidewalk Impvts. (P2)	Construction	\$ 700,000	902	4	\$ 700,000
Centerton	City Wide Sidewalk Infill (1)	Construction	\$ 227,000	898	5	\$ 94,955
Pea Ridge	Hwy. 94 (Pickens Rd) Sidewalk Connection	Construction	\$ 146,593	873	6	CRP
			TOTAL TAP	\$ 1,891,353		\$1,404,724

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Gibbs stated that a contingency has been proposed by the selection committee, to make the \$504,000 award of STBGP-A funds for the City of Lowell's AR Hwy 264 Widening Project – Goad Springs Rd to Bellview St, contingent on ARDOT agreeing to partner with the city to fund and carry out future phases of the project and program it in their 2025-2028 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

Tim Conklin reiterated concerns of the NWARPC funding such a large project in its early phases, without a cost-sharing agreement with ARDOT in place. He said ARDOT will need to agree to share the projects cost before anymore funding is obligated, so that the impacts of our regions STBGP-A program are not diluted by one larger, more costly, ARDOT state highway improvement project.

Ben Rhoads asked whether there were any other questions or comments and hearing none, requested a motion - to recommend to the RPC/Policy Committee the FFY 2025 NWARPC Funding Program (STBGP-A, TAP, and CRP) project awards as shown in the funding allocation table, with the contingency that approval of the STBGP-A award of \$504,000 to the City of Lowell for the Arkansas Highway 264 Widening Project – Goad Springs Rd to Bellview St is subject to ARDOT agreeing to partner with the city to carry out and fund future phases of the project and to program the project in the 2025 to 2028 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

MOTION: Bridget Russell made a motion to recommend to the RPC/Policy Committee the FFY 2025 NWARPC Funding Program (STBGP-A, TAP, and CRP) project awards as shown in the funding allocation table, with the contingency that approval of the STBGP-A award of \$504,000 to the City of Lowell for the Arkansas Highway 264 Widening Project – Goad Springs Rd to Bellview St is subject to ARDOT agreeing to partner with the city to carry out and fund future phases of the project and to program the project in the 2025 to 2028 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), seconded by Paul Libertini. The motion passed unanimously.

**(5) NWA ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT INNOVATION (EEI) PRIORITY ACTION PLAN (PAP) –
Recommendation to RPC/Policy Committee**

Vice Chair Ben Rhoads introduced the item and Nicole Gibbs provided a summary of recent efforts to form a Statewide Coalition and apply for the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Implementation Grant. She highlighted aspects of the program's structure that incentivizes coalition-building and said NWARPC has partnered with Metroplan (Little Rock MPO) and the City of Fort Smith to submit a Tri-Region Coalition application, representing over 50% of the state's total population, with the goal of making the most impact possible across low income and disadvantaged communities in Arkansas. Metroplan was the lead applicant and successfully submitted the complete Tri-Region Coalition application to the EPA on March 29, 2024.

Gibbs said this next phase of CPRG work will be creating a more comprehensive deliverable for the CPRG Planning Grant, using the funding suballocated to us by Arkansas Dept of Engineering and Environment (ADEE). The NWARPC will develop a Comprehensive Action Plan (CAP) for adoption by the RPC, building upon the priority measures outlined in the Priority Action Plan (PAP) which was completed earlier this year. She said the content in the PAP mirrors that of the action plan supplement, which was submitted to ADEE earlier this year, specifically the five priority measures. The PAP identifies top priority areas for the region, which the CAP will expand upon, outlining actionable steps toward regional implementation of the priority actions. She said the plan is intended to support future planning and funding opportunities for the region, related to environmental quality and emissions reduction. She said that staff is aiming for

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a recommendation of adoption of the PAP today and will plan to submit the CAP supplement to the ADEE by February 28th, 2025. The final CAP will be considered for adoption by the RPC in Spring 2025. Tim Conklin added that a “Nature based GIS inventory” for identifying priority conservation areas will be conducted with this project in collaboration with City of Fayetteville Environmental and GIS staff.

Ben Rhoads asked whether there were any other questions or comments and hearing none, requested a motion to recommend to the RPC/Policy Committee the NWA Energy & Environment Innovation (EEI) Priority Action Plan (PAP).

MOTION: Jonathan Curth made a motion to recommend to the RPC/Policy Committee the NWA Energy & Environment Innovation (EEI) Priority Action Plan (PAP), seconded by Ryan Carr. The motion passed unanimously.

(6) NARTS FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT #7 – FTA-5307 CHANGES – Recommendation to RPC/Policy Committee

Vice Chair Ben Rhoads introduced the item and Nicole Gibbs provided a summary of the changes proposed in the amendment. These changes came at the request of Razorback Transit and the FTA, including creating separate line items in the program for FAST-ACT funding (2019-2021) and IJA funding (2022-2023), related to the Travel Demand Model update and Transit Alternatives Study. The second change is a correction of 2024 Operating Assistance monetary amounts shown in the program from TIP Amendment #6.

Ben Rhoads asked whether there were any other questions or comments and hearing none, requested a motion to recommend to the RPC/Policy Committee the proposed NARTS Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #7.

MOTION: Bill Edwards made a motion to recommend to the RPC/Policy Committee the proposed NARTS Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #7 – FTA-5307 Changes, seconded by Jonathan Curth. The motion passed unanimously.

(7) FTA SECTIONS 5307 & 5339 FY 2024 PROGRAM OF PROJECTS (POP) – Informational Item

Vice Chair Ben Rhoads introduced the item and Nicole Gibbs provided an overview of the tasks within the POP and the purpose of FTA 5307 & 5339 FFY 2024 funding. She stated the NWARPC is the designated recipient for FTA funds for the Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers AR-MO Urbanized Area Formula Grant. These funds go toward regional transit to including planning, capital costs, operating assistance, ADA paratransit and more. NWARPC receives \$100,000 in 5307 funding for transit planning, while additional 5307 funding is split 55% to ORT and 45% to Razorback Transit. She said the FTA 5339 funds are split 50-50 between the two transit agencies. The FFY 2024 urban area apportionment tables are publicly available, with \$4.1 million being allocated to the Urban Area for Section 5307 funding and \$327,640 for Section 5339 funding.

The draft FFY 2024 Program of Projects (POP) is shown below for the 5307 & 5339 sections.

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FTA SECTION 5307 POP FFY 2024				
OZARK REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY				
Project Description	Project Type	Total Cost	Federal Share	Local Share
Operating Assist.	Operating	\$ 2,603,330	\$ 1,301,665	\$ 1,301,665
Preventative Mtn.	Capital	\$ 717,019	\$ 573,615	\$ 143,404
ADA Paratransit Service	Capital	\$ 413,665	\$ 330,932	\$ 82,733
TOTAL		\$ 3,734,014	\$ 2,206,212	\$ 1,527,802
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS – RAZORBACK TRANSIT				
Operating Assist.	Operating	\$ 50,166	\$ 25,083	\$ 25,083
Preventative Mtn.	Capital	\$ 125,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 25,000
Bus Procurement	Capital	\$ 1,858,824	\$ 1,580,000	\$ 278,824
ADA Paratransit Service	Capital	\$ 125,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 25,000
TOTAL		\$ 2,158,990	\$ 1,805,083	\$ 353,907
NORTHWEST ARKANSAS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION				
Comp. Planning	Capital	\$ 125,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 25,000
SUMMARY – ALL PROVIDERS				
TOTAL		\$ 6,018,004	\$ 4,111,295	\$ 1,906,709

FTA SECTION 5339 POP FFY 2020 - 2024					
OZARK REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY					
FFY Funding	Project Description	Project Type	Total Cost	Federal Share	Local Share
2020	Bus Procurement	Capital	\$ 184,246	\$ 156,609	\$ 27,637
2021	Bus Procurement	Capital	\$ 167,015	\$ 141,963	\$ 25,052
2022	Bus Procurement	Capital	\$ 160,107	\$ 136,091	\$ 24,016
2023	Bus Procurement	Capital	\$ 159,912	\$ 135,925	\$ 23,987
2024	Bus Procurement	Capital	\$ 192,729	\$ 163,820	\$ 28,909
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS – RAZORBACK TRANSIT					
2020	Bus Procurement	Capital	\$ 184,246	\$ 156,609	\$ 27,637
2021	Bus Procurement	Capital	\$ 167,015	\$ 141,963	\$ 25,052
2022	Bus Procurement	Capital	\$ 160,107	\$ 136,091	\$ 24,016
2023	Bus Procurement	Capital	\$ 159,912	\$ 135,925	\$ 23,987
2024	Bus Procurement	Capital	\$ 192,729	\$ 163,820	\$ 28,909
SUMMARY – FFY TOTALS (ORT + RAZORBACK TRANSIT)					
FFY 2020	FTA Section 5339	Capital	\$ 368,492	\$ 313,218	\$ 55,274
FFY 2021	FTA Section 5339	Capital	\$ 334,030	\$ 283,926	\$ 50,104
FFY 2022	FTA Section 5339	Capital	\$ 320,214	\$ 272,182	\$ 48,032
FFY 2023	FTA Section 5339	Capital	\$ 319,824	\$ 271,850	\$ 47,974
FFY 2024	FTA Section 5339	Capital	\$ 385,458	\$ 327,640	\$ 57,818

Ben Rhoads asked whether there were any other questions or comments and heard none.

(8) PROJECT AND OTHER UPDATES

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

Tim Conklin introduced the item, shared the 2024 obligation plan, and noted the importance of jurisdictions staying on top of their projects receiving federal funding from FFY 2024. He said that some projects need to provide additional documentation of progress to ARDOT soon, to avoid any complications with funds reimbursement, and that ARDOT or NWARPC staff may reach out to cities over the next month for clarification. Conklin mentioned that it is always a good idea to reference the ARDOT Local Public Agency (LPA) Manual before taking major steps to ensure that your project funding can be reimbursed in the future.

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B. NWA Vision Zero Safety Action Plan, Phase 2 Update (USDOT-SS4A)

Tim Conklin explained the commission received a \$300k USDOT SS4A grant, which was matched by the Walton Family Foundation. This funding will allow the commission to carry out phase 2 of the Safety Action Plan, to include:

- **Regional Complete Streets Design Guide**
- **5 Individual Community Safety Action Plans**
- **2 Systemic Safety Webinars**
- **2 Safety Demonstration Projects**
- **Communications and Outreach Tools**

Conklin mentioned that the FY24 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) application is still open, with the final deadline being the end of day today - May 16, 2024, for Implementation Grants. SS4A Deadline #3, the final deadline for Planning and Demonstration Grants is on August 29, 2024. Conklin encouraged communities to reach out if they have particular interest in doing any safety demonstration projects with the help of SS4A funding and Toole Design.

C. Enhancing Equitable Transit Connections Project Update (FTA-AoPP)

Tim Conklin reported that FTA awarded NWARPC \$180,000 for engineering activities to be applied to area bus stop improvements, including shelters, benches, sidewalk gaps, bike parking etc. He provided an update on this grant program and stated that procurement is now complete, with contract negotiations underway. He said that the Walton Family Foundation is offering a 1:1 local government match to supplement this work, up to \$200,000. He encouraged interested communities to participate and apply for this funding for transit stops while it is available.

Conklin also provided an update on the Razorback Transit Bus Stop Enhancements Plan, stating that the Selection Committee has met and chosen a consultant for this work. NWARPC is now negotiating a contract with the chosen firm. Conklin stated that this grant seeks to create a comprehensive inventory of existing bus stops, evaluate the feasibility of improvements, and then draft a plan with recommendations to implement chosen improvements for the Razorback Transit system.

D. NWA Mobility - Strategic Communications Plan

Tim Conklin introduced the item and stated that staff are now in contract negotiations with the consulting firm chosen by a selection committee. The plan's purpose is to advance the regional conversation around mobility to respond to the rapid growth of the NWA region. Deliverables will also include a public messaging guide and scientific public opinion survey.

E. Other Grant Opportunity Updates

Tim Conklin provided information on the ongoing grant opportunities being pushed out by USDOT. He showed the new Notices of Funding Opportunities (NOFO) that have been announced by US Department of Transportation (USDOT) from the Key Notices of Funding Opportunity Webpage (<https://www.transportation.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/key-notices-funding-opportunity>). He also highlighted the new Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP) which provides \$45 million in funding for safe and connected active transportation networks and spines such as greenways. He also highlighted the Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grants Program, which aims to support demonstration projects that enhance transportation safety and efficiency through smart

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technology and information systems. Luke Aitken provided an overview of the ATIIP Grants Program criteria, stating that the NWARPC is working to apply for this program in efforts to secure funding for the Hwy 112 improvement projects and Heritage Springs Trail US 612 bridge.

Conklin also provided an update on the recently opened ARDOT TAP Grant Program application as well as the Highway 112 improvement project. He said the NWA RMA is applying for ARDOT TAP funding for this project in addition to their SS4A and RAISE applications to fund the preferred bicycle accommodation of a 12' side path along the entirety of the Hwy 112 project. He also mentioned that the staff has applied for a \$160 million MPDG grant in for US 612, with support from the NWA Council on the required Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA).

(9) COMMITTEE AND GROUP UPDATES

A. Active Transportation Committee

Luke Aitken said the ACT Committee will meet this afternoon to discuss new grant opportunities and recent project developments in the region, they last met March 21st.

B. NWA Open Space Coalition

Aitken said that their last coalition meeting a week ago was rained out but will be rescheduled for June or July. He said the next meeting will be on July 10th in Greenland, to visit the site of a future city park along the White River.

(10) PUBLIC COMMENT

Nicole Gibbs said no public comments were submitted prior to the meeting and Ben Rhoads asked if anyone present wished to make a public comment. No comments were heard.

(11) OTHER BUSINESS

A. Future Meeting Dates:

Chair Patsy Christie announced the following upcoming meeting dates –

- **RPC/Policy Committee Meeting** – Wednesday, May 22, 2024 @ 1:30 PM
- **TAC Meeting** – Thursday, June 20, 2024 @ 10:30 AM **TBD**
- **RPC/Policy Committee Meeting** – Wednesday, June 26, 2024 @ 1:30 PM **TBD**

B. ARDOT Location and Design Public Hearing (Phase III) Hwy 102 from Hwy 279 South to Hwy 102B (Centerton) – Thursday, June 6, 2024 @4:00 PM, Centerton Municipal Building, 210 Municipal Dr.

Tim Conklin updated the group on upcoming GIS Training to be provided by RPC staff.

Tim Conklin also presented the recently released 2023 Population estimates from the US Census, showing Centerton as one of the fastest growing small towns in the nation. Conklin touched on the importance of working together as a region to address regional issues related to rapid population growth.

Vice Chair Ben Rhoads asked whether there was any other business for the committee, and hearing none, adjourned the meeting.

(12) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.