



NORTHWEST ARKANSAS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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Via email Sunny Farmahan, Anthony Hunter, and Patricia Slater, ARDOT
Adam Waddell and Russ Moody, Razorback Transit
Ronisha Hodge, FTA
Tim Conklin, Tim Reavis, and Cristina Scarlat, NWARPC

RE: NARTS FFY 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT #8 APPROVAL

All:

The Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (NWARPC), in conjunction with Razorback Transit, Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT), and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), has determined an amendment to the Northwest Arkansas Regional Transportation Study (NARTS) Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is necessary to include modifications to FTA Section 5339 programmed funding allocations.

Both the NARTS TIP and the Arkansas STIP list projects for roadway, bridge, safety, intersection improvement, and transit projects. The NARTS TIP is consistent with the NWA 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the Arkansas STIP is consistent with the Statewide Long-Range Plan. The NARTS TIP is a component of the STIP, and as such, the projects, funding amounts, categories, FFY, etc., must match the STIP.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION: In accordance with NWARPC's Public Participation Plan, notification was published in the Democrat Gazette on Sunday, July 7, 2024, the La Prensa Libre on Wednesday, July 10, 2024, the McDonald County Press on Thursday, July 11, 2024, and online at www.nwarpc.org/public-notifications/. A public comment period for TIP Amendment #8 began on Monday, July 8, 2024 and ran through Monday, July 22, 2024. Written comments were encouraged via email or using the comment tab on the NWARPC website. No public comments were received.

RECOMMENDATION AND APPROVAL: The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) held a hybrid, in-person and virtual, meeting on July 18, 2024 and recommended approval of the TIP Amendment to the RPC/Policy Committee. The RPC/Policy Committee held a hybrid, in-person and virtual, meeting on Wednesday, July 24, 2024 and approved Resolution #2024-12 Amending the NARTS FFY 2023-2026 TIP.

This approval letter, including Resolution #2024-12, has been incorporated into the NARTS FFY 2023-2026 TIP Amendments and Administrative Modifications, which can be viewed at www.nwarpc.org/transportation/transportation-improvement-program/.

Thank you for your assistance in this endeavor. Please contact me if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

Nicole Gibbs

Nicole Gibbs, AICP

Transportation Programs Manager/Regional Planner, NWARPC

Enclosed:

NWARPC Resolution #2024-12

RESOLUTION #2024-12

**AMENDING THE NORTHWEST ARKANSAS REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY (NARTS)
FFY 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**

WHEREAS, Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (NWARPC) is the officially designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Designated Recipient for the Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, AR-MO Urban Area; and

WHEREAS, the MPO is charged with the responsibility of developing and administering the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Northwest Arkansas Regional Transportation Study (NARTS); and

WHEREAS, the NWARPC, in conjunction with Razorback Transit, Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT), and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), has determined an amendment to the Northwest Arkansas Regional Transportation Study (NARTS) Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is necessary to include modifications to FTA Section 5339 programmed funding distributions; and

WHEREAS, based on the adopted NWARPC Public Participation Plan, this TIP amendment was subject to public comment from July 8, 2024, through Monday, July 22, 2024.

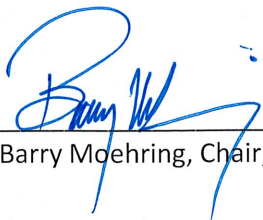
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTHWEST ARKANSAS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

That the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission hereby amends the Northwest Arkansas Regional Transportation Study (NARTS) FFY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as shown below:

JOB	COUNTY	ROUTE	TERMINI	LENGTH	TYPE WORK	ESTIMATED COST Funding Breakdown (in thousands)	AGENCY CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT		
							FFY	MPO	
WAS:									
NARTS10			Bus and Bus Facilities	-	Transit	222 - TOTAL 178 - FTA-5339 44 - Local	Local-UofA	2024	NARTS
CHANGED TO:									
NARTS10			Bus and Bus Facilities	-	Transit	167 - TOTAL 142 - FTA-5339 25 - Local	Local-UofA	2024	NARTS
FFY 2021 funds used in FFY 2024									

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 24TH DAY OF JULY, 2024.

ATTEST:  _____



 Judge Barry Moehring, Chair, NWARPC