## **RESOLUTION #2025-03**

## A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE NORTHWEST ARKANSAS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION 2025 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (NWARPC) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, AR-MO Urban Area; and

WHEREAS, NWARPC is committed to ensuring meaningful public involvement in the transportation planning process; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) requires MPOs to engage in a metropolitan planning process that creates opportunities for public involvement, participation, and consultation throughout the development of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), as stipulated in 23 CFR 450.316; and

WHEREAS, NWARPC has developed a comprehensive Public Participation Plan (PPP), in compliance with federal requirements and in full collaboration with the public and stakeholder communities, to be used in the development of NWARPC work products, including the MTP and TIP, as well as to frame the strategies for public and stakeholder communication and collaboration in all phases of the planning process; and

WHEREAS, the PPP has undergone a 45-day public review and comment period.

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

That the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission 2025 Public Participation Plan (PPP) is hereby approved as an integral part of the metropolitan planning process.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THIS 26TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025

∕ayor Doug Sorbus€, Chair, NWARPC

ATTEST: