

**MINUTES OF THE NORTHWEST ARKANSAS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION/POLICY COMMITTEE
JULY 26, 2017; APPROVED 9.27.17**

ENTITY	MEMBER	ATTENDING	PROXY
AVOCA	MAYOR JORDAN SULLIVAN		
BELLA VISTA	MAYOR PETER CHRISTIE	X	CHRIS SUNESON
BENTON COUNTY	JUDGE BARRY MOEHRING JOSH BEAM JAY FRASIER/JOHN SUDDUTH	X X	
BENTONVILLE	MAYOR BOB McCASLIN SHELLI KERR	X X	SHELLI KERR
BETHEL HEIGHTS	MAYOR CYNTHIA BLACK		
CAVE SPRINGS	MAYOR TRAVIS LEE		
CENTERTON	MAYOR BILL EDWARDS Treas.	X	
DECATUR	MAYOR BOB THARP/JAMES BOSTON		
ELKINS	MAYOR BRUCE LEDFORD		
ELM SPRINGS	MAYOR HAROLD DOUTHIT		
FARMINGTON	MELISSA McCARVILLE	X	
FAYETTEVILLE	CHRIS BROWN DON MARR	X X	CHRIS BROWN
GARFIELD	MAYOR GARY L BLACKBURN		
GATEWAY	MAYOR FRANK HACKLER JR.		
GENTRY	MAYOR KEVIN JOHNSTON Vice Chair		
GOSHEN	MAYOR MAX POYE	X	
GRAVETTE	MAYOR KURT MADDOX		
GREENLAND	MAYOR BILL GROOM Chair	X	
HIGHFILL	CASSIE ELLIOT	X	
HINDSVILLE	MAYOR X DOTSON		
HUNTSVILLE	MAYOR DARRELL TRAHAN		
JOHNSON	MAYOR CHRIS KEENEY	X	JERRY MORROW
LINCOLN	MAYOR ROB HULSE		
LITTLE FLOCK	MAYOR BUDDY BLUE		
LOWELL	MAYOR ELDON LONG	X	KAREN DAVIS
PEA RIDGE	MAYOR JACKIE CRABTREE	X	
PRAIRIE GROVE	MAYOR SONNY HUDSON Sec.	X	
ROGERS	NATHAN BECKNELL BOB CRAFTON JOHN McCURDY	X X	
SILOAM SPRINGS	PHILLIP PATTERSON	X	
SPRINGDALE	MAYOR DOUG SPROUSE PATSY CHRISTIE	X	
SPRINGTOWN	MAYOR PRESTON BARRETT		
SUPHUR SPRINGS	MAYOR GREG BARBER		
TONTITOWN	MAYOR PAUL COLVIN, JR		
WASHINGTON CO.	ADM. ASSIT. CARL GALES NATHAN CROUCH		
WEST FORK	MAYOR HEITH CAUDLE		
BEAVER H2O DISTRICT	ALAN FORTENBERRY	X	
RAZORBACK TRANSIT	ADAM WADDELL GARY K. SMITH	X X	
U OF A	MIKE JOHNSON	X	
MoDOT	DARIN HAMELINK		
McDONALD COUNTY	CO. COMM. KEITH LINDQUIST		
PINEVILLE	MAYOR GREG SWEETEN		
AHTD PLANNING	JESSIE JONES	X	PAUL SIMMS
AHTD DISTRICT 4	CHAD ADAMS	X	CELIA SCOTT-SILKWOOD
AR HWY COMMISSIONER	DICK TRAMMEL		

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NWARPC STAFF: Celia Scott-Silkwood, AICP, Tim Conklin, AICP, Elizabeth Bowen

OTHERS: Dan Holtmeyer, NWADG; Rob Smith, NWA Council; Hugh Earnest; Morgan Farmer, Senator Cotton's office; Kathy Gough, Senator Boozman's office;

1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Bill Groom called the meeting to order. Introductions were made.

2. APPROVE NWARPC/POLICY COMMITTEE MAY 24, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

MOTION

Chair Bill Groom asked for a motion to approve the May 24, 2017 Minutes as distributed. Mike Johnson made the motion. Nathan Becknell provided the second. Motion passes unanimously.

3. FINAL FFY 2017 PROGRAM OF PROJECTS

Tim Conklin said that the Final FFY 2017 POP reflect changes recently announced by the Federal government. A letter, accompanied by a table with the final amounts shown for FTA Section 5307 and Section 5339 programs, has been sent to the FTA. Preparation of the POP is done in coordination with ORT and Razorback Transit. The project listings are consistent with, and derived from the TIP/STIP and these final numbers need to be approved by the RPC/Policy Committee.

NOTE: Please see a table showing the funding numbers on Page 5.

MOTION

Chair Bill Groom asked for a motion to approve the Final FFY 2017 POP as distributed. Bill Edwards made the motion. Mike Johnson provided the second. Motion passes unanimously.

4. SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM – ATTRIBUTABLE (STBGP-A) AND TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) PROJECTS

- For informational purposes, Tim Conklin said that in discussions throughout several days after the TAC July 20, 2017 meeting, it was concluded by staff, the transit agencies and AHTD officials that the transit agencies were entitled to the full FFY 2017 funding request of \$712,000, based on the wording of the motion to approve the FFY 2017 STBGP-A projects. The September 23, 2015 Minute's state: "*Mayor McCaslin made a motion to approve FFY 2017 STP-A projects as recommended by the TAC, with an understanding that:*

1) These projects will be revisited once a FFY 2016-2019 STIP/TIP has been developed and the amount of federal funding has been identified, and

2) Transit will receive full funding if the funds are available.

Mayor Edwards provided the second. Motion passes unanimously."

Therefore, the transit agencies will split the full \$712,000 (or whatever the exact final amount is) 50/50. Staff supports this and no action is required by the RPC/Policy Committee.

Tim Conklin told the group that it needed to approve several fallback projects for FFY 2017:

• **DESIGNATION OF A FFY 2017 TAP FALLBACK PROJECT**

- NWARPC received notice that Federal funds for FFY TAP projects will be \$490,435.
- The TAC, at their July 20, 2017 meeting, voted unanimously to recommend to the RPC/Policy Committee that it designate the Springdale Dean's Trail project as the FFY 2017 TAP Fallback project.
- There is \$253,000 available in FFY 2017 TAP funds to put toward a fallback project.
- Mayor Sprouse said that the last easement needed for the Springdale Dean's Trail was secured this morning (7-26-17) and the documents have been signed and submitted to

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AHTD.

- Judge Moehring said that if the Springdale project fit all the criteria, it should receive the funding and the County is supportive of the project.

MOTION

Chair Bill Groom asked for a motion to approve the designation of the Springdale Dean's Trail project as the FFY 2017 TAP Fallback project. Bob Crafton made the motion. Barry Moehring provided the second. Motion passes unanimously.

• **DESIGNATION OF A FFY 2017 STBGP-A FALLBACK PROJECT**

Tim Conklin explained that no fallback project was designated for FFY 2017. Past fallback projects included:

- 2013 – Don Tyson Blvd (Springdale)
- 2014 – Hwy 265 (Springdale/Bethel Heights)
- 2015 – 8th Street (Bentonville)
- 2016 – Walnut Street/Hwy 71B (Rogers)

Tim said staff recommended the Fayetteville Ruppel Road construction project to be the FFY 2017 fallback project.

- Discussion at the TAC led to a recommendation that transit rolling stock also be included as a fallback project, if Ruppel Road wasn't able to obligate all the funding.
- The TAC, at their July 20, 2017, voted unanimously to recommend to the RPC/Policy Committee the Fayetteville Ruppel Road project as the first FFY 2017 STBGP-A Fallback project and transit rolling stock as the second Fallback project.

MOTION

Chair Bill Groom asked for a motion to approve the designation of the Fayetteville Ruppel Road project as the first FFY 2017 STBGP-A Fallback project and transit rolling stock as the second Fallback project. Sonny Hudson made the motion. Doug Sprouse provided the second. Motion passes unanimously.

5. 2017 NWARPC PROJECTS

Elizabeth Bowen reported:

- Active Transportation Committee
 - Continues to work on coordinated safety signage and emergency service for trails.
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan
 - Staff assisted with the July 18, 2017 public hearing in Pineville. 50 people attended.
- Razorback Regional Greenway – Still working on 1-year warranty items in Springdale.
- Wayfinding Sign Project #2 Update
 - A new punch list of items has been developed due to problems with sign installation.
- Planimetric Project – A RFP was issued today (July 24, 2017); due August 15, 2017 at 4:00 pm.
- NWA Open Space Plan
 - In order to pursue a feasibility study for financing, the county quorum courts must request the TPL for technical assistance and to perform the feasibility study. A signed letter from the courts would enable TPL to use Doris Duke Charity Foundation monies to conduct nonpartisan research. A presentation to the Benton County Quorum Court will be made on September 12, 2017.

NOTE: The RPC/Policy Committee suggested that Elizabeth draft a letter that the Mayors can use when writing letters of support to the Quorum Courts.

- A local delegation attended the Places for Bikes Conference in Madison, WI courtesy of the Walton Family Foundation.
- Grant Opportunities/Awards – The following grant programs are available:

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- 2018 Matching Grant – August 25, 2017 by 5:00pm (\$250,000)
- 2018 Fun Park Grant – August 25, 2017 by 5:00pm (\$45,000) (10 grants available)
- TAC MEETING – THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2017, AT 10:30 AM
- RPC/POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING – WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2017 AT 1:30 PM

6. ADJOURN

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passes.

Please see the FAYETTEVILLE-SPRINGDALE-ROGERS, AR URBANIZED AREA FORMULA PROGRAM FFY 2017 PROGRAM OF PROJECTS (POP) table on Page 5.

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**FAYETTEVILLE-SPRINGDALE-ROGERS, AR URBANIZED AREA FORMULA
PROGRAM
FFY 2017 PROGRAM OF PROJECTS (POP)**

FTA SECTION 5307 POP FFY 2017					
OZARK REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY, INC.					
Project Description	Project Type	Total Cost	Federal Share	Local Share	
Operating Assist.	Operating	\$1,573,424	\$786,712	\$786,712	
Preventative	Capital	\$438,584	\$350,867	\$87,717	
ADA Paratransit Service	Capital	\$355,493	\$284,394	\$71,099	
TOTAL		\$2,367,501	\$1,421,973	\$945,528	
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS – RAZORBACK TRANSIT					
Operating Assist.	Operating	\$538,328	\$269,164	\$269,164	
Preventative	Capital	\$375,000	\$300,000	\$75,000	
Bus Procurement	Capital	\$562,267	\$477,927	\$84,340	
ADA Paratransit Service	Capital	\$145,428	\$116,342	\$29,086	
TOTAL		\$1,621,023	\$1,163,433	\$457,590	
NORTHWEST ARKANSAS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION					
Comp. Planning	Capital	\$125,000	\$100,00	\$25,000	
SUMMARY – ALL PROVIDERS					
TOTAL			\$2,685,406		
FTA SECTION 5339 POP FFY 2014, 2015, 2016 & 2017					
OZARK REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY, INC.					
Project Description	FFY Funding	Project Type	Total Cost	Federal Share	Local Share
Bus Rehabilitation	2014	Capital	\$150,954	\$120,763	\$30,191
Bus Procurement*	2015	Capital	\$151,189	\$120,951	\$30,238
Bus Procurement*	2016	Capital	\$147,920	\$118,336	\$29,584
Bus Procurement*	2017	Capital	\$159,394	\$127,515	\$31,879
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS – RAZORBACK TRANSIT					
Bus Procurement*	2014	Capital	\$142,075	\$120,764	\$21,311
Bus Procurement*	2015	Capital	\$142,296	\$120,952	\$21,344
Bus Procurement*	2016	Capital	\$139,220	\$118,337	\$20,883
Bus Procurement*	2017	Capital	\$150,018	\$127,515	\$22,503
SUMMARY – FFY TOTALS (ORT + RAZORBACK TRANSIT)					
FTA Section 5339	FFY 2014	Capital	\$293,029	\$241,527	\$51,502
FTA Section 5339	FFY 2015	Capital	\$293,485	\$241,903	\$51,582
FTA Section 5339	FFY 2016	Capital	\$287,120	\$236,673	\$50,467
FTA Section 5339	FFY 2017	Capital	\$318,788	\$255,030	\$63,758

*Bus Procurement includes associated support equipment and communications equipment necessary for each piece of new rolling stock to be fully functional and ready for use. APPROVED BY RPC/POLICY COMMITTEE ON JULY 26, 2017.

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