NARTS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
10:30 AM, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2016/APPROVED MARCH 17, 2016

ENTITY	MEMBER	ATTENDING	PROXY
AVOCA	DIANE BOWEN		
BELLA VISTA	CHRIS SUNESON	X	JENNIFER BONNER
BENTON COUNTY	BOB CLINARD	X	
BENTONVILLE	MIKE CHURCHWELL BEAU TOHMPSON	X X	
BETHEL HEIGHTS	CYNTHIA BLACK		
CAVE SPRINGS	TRAVIS LEE		
CENTERTON	BILL EDWARDS		
ELKINS	BRUCE LEDFORD		
ELM SPRINGS	HAROLD DOUTHIT		
FARMINGTON	MELISSA McCARVILLE	X	
FAYETTEVILLE	CHRIS BROWN PAUL LIBERTINI	X X	
GENTRY	KEVIN JOHNSTON		
GREENLAND	BILL GROOM	X	
HIGHFILL	CASSIE ELLIOT	X	
JOHNSON	GERRY RUSSELL	X	
LINCOLN	ROB HULSE		
LITTLE FLOCK	BUDDY BLUE		
LOWELL	KRIS SULLIVAN	X	
PEA RIDGE	JACKIE CRABTREE NATHAN SEE	X X	
PRAIRIE GROVE	SONNY HUDSON	X	
ROGERS	NATHAN BECKNELL	X	
SILOAM SPRINGS	BEN RHOADS		
SPRINGDALE	PATSY CHRISTIE	X	
TONTITOWN	PAUL COLVIN, JR		
WASHINGTON CO.	JULIET RICHEY	X	CELIA SCOTT-SILKWOOD
WEST FORK	CHARLIE ROSSETTI JAMES SCANLON		
NWARPC	JEFF HAWKINS	X	TIM CONKLIN
BEAVER H2O DISTRICT	RAY AVERY	X	
OZARK REG. TRANSIT	JOEL GARDNER	X	
RAZORBACK TRANSIT	GARY K. SMITH ADAM WADDELL	X	
U OF A	MIKE JOHNSON	X	GARY K. SMITH
MoDOT	FRANK MILLER		
McDONALD COUNTY			
PINEVILLE			
AHTD PLANNING	PAUL SIMMS	X	
AHTD TRANSIT			
AHTD DISTRICT 9	MITCHELL ARCHER	X	STEVE LAWRENCE
FHWA	AMY HEFLIN	X	
AR HWY COMMISSIONER	DICK TRAMMEL		

NWARPC STAFF: Tim Conklin, AICP; Celia Scott-Silkwood, AICP; Elizabeth Bowen; Cristina Scarlat
OTHERS: Brad McCaleb, AHTD; Cynthia Coughlin, citizen; Kathryn Gough, Office of Senator Boozman; Ron Wood, NWADG; Nola Hintzel, Benton County; Steven Beam, Burns and McDonnell

1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Patsy Christie called the meeting to order.

2. APPROVE TAC MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 19, 2015

MOTION

Chair Patsy Christie said that a quorum had not been reached at the November 19, 2015 meeting and the Minutes could not be approved. Bill Groom made a motion to approve the November 19, 2015 TAC Minutes. Mike Churchwell provided the second. Motion passes.

JANUARY 21, 2016

MOTION

Chair Patsy Christie asked for a motion to approve the January 21, 2016 TAC Minutes. Beau Thompson made the motion. Mike Churchwell provided the second. Motion passes.

3. DRAFT FFY 2016-2020 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) REVIEW

The TAC was provided with a hard copy of the TIP and Tim Conklin presented a PowerPoint outlining the Draft FFY 2016-2020 TIP:

- NWARPC received the 2016-2020 State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) on January 15, 2016.
- The TIP was developed as part of the continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive (3C) planning process.
- Projects shown in the TIP utilize Federal funding for all or part of their implementation costs.
- The purpose of the TIP is to assist in coordinating the use of these funds for area-wide transportation improvements and to ensure projects that are recipients of Federal funds are in conformance with the 2040 NWA Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).
- Modifications are being made to the Constrained and Unconstrained Lists to dovetail with the STIP; the updated lists will be put into Chapter 9. The TIP is included as Appendix D in the MTP.
- The TIP complies with all requirements of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act.
- The TIP lists projects and strategies including investments in pedestrian and bicycle transportation facilities, roadways, and transit. A financial plan and map are also included.
- Public Involvement –
  - ✓ A Public Notice was published in the LaPrensa Libre and the legal notices section of the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette on February 11, 2016.
  - ✓ A Display Ad was published in the NWADG on February 14, 2016.
  - ✓ A public Forum will be held February 18, 2016 from noon until 6:00 pm at the RPC, after which a Public Comment Period will run between February 19 and March 3, 2016.
  - ✓ A Public Notice will be published in the LaPrensa Libre and the legal notices section of the NWADG on March 10, 2016 announcing the TAC and RPC/Policy Committee meetings at which the Draft TIP will be approved.
- The TIP follows the FHWA and FTA guidance with regard to compliance with the intent of environmental justice provisions and maps illustrate the locations of the TIP projects in relation to the minority population distributions in the MPA.

- The TIP has a list of major projects from the FFY 2013-2016 TIP.
- Transit funds come from –
  - Urbanized Area Formula Program (49 U.S.C. Section 5307)
  - Bus and Bus Facilities Program (49 U.S.C. Section 5339)
  - Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program (49 U.S.C. Section 5310)
  - Rural Area Formula Program (49 U.S.C. Section 5311)
- The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) STIP –
  - The STIP, prepared annually, sets forth the specific construction projects MoDOT will undertake in the next five years. It covers highway and bridges, transit, aviation, rail, waterways, enhancement and other projects.
  - The STIP for State Fiscal Years 2016 through 2020 (July, 2015 through June 30, 2020) established work for a rolling five-year period of time. As each year is completed, the STIP is updated and a new year is added.
  - Each of Missouri's nine MPOs prepares a TIP and a long-range transportation plan for its MPO area.
- Adoption schedule for the FFY 2016-2020 TIP:
  - ✓ Thursday, February 18, 2016 – Review at TAC meeting
  - ✓ Thursday, February 18, 2016 – Public Forum from noon to 6:00 pm
  - ✓ Friday, February 19, 2016 through Thursday, March 3, 2016 – Public Comment Period
  - ✓ Thursday, March 17, 2016 – TAC recommends approval to the RPC/Policy Committee
  - ✓ Wednesday, March 23, 2016 – Approval by the RPC/Policy Committee

Each of the projects in the TIP was reviewed by the TAC and Celia Scott-Silkwood reminded the group that they had until March 3, 2016 to submit comments to her on the draft TIP.

4. HIGHWAY 72 CORRIDOR STUDY KICKOFF

Brad McCaleb, AHTD, said a Minute Order from the Highway Commission had been received by his division assigning staff to work on a full corridor study involving traffic volume, safety, and environmental issues. The study will encompass the Highway 72 corridor from I-49 to Pea Ridge and will be used to develop a construction plan for the corridor. The study will take between six months to one year to complete.

Benton County Judge Clinard pointed out several intersections that need special attention:

1) Highway 72 and Price Coffee Road – Ultimately, the Judge wants a "bypass" from Price Coffee Road onto NE "J" Street in Bentonville. He said that the County has applied to AHTD for funds to realign the intersection of Price Coffee with Highway 72 and Rocky Ridge Trail.
2) Highway 72 and Plentywood – This intersection gets a lot of traffic and could benefit from improvements and a traffic signal.
3) Marianna and It'll Do Road are also intersections with Highway 72 that need improvements.

Tim Conklin said that the NWA Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan should be consulted when designing any improvements on this highway. Brad McCaleb said that the Department will definitely be talking to Pea Ridge and Bentonville about their Master Street Plans, bike and pedestrian plans, and to the County concerning the County road plan.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Elizabeth Bowen reported:

- The Final Open Space Plan was approved by the RPC/Policy Committee on January 27, 2016 and will become part of the MTP when that document is approved. A committee will meet in March 2016 to discuss next steps for the Plan.
- Staff is working with several cities on catalyst projects identified in their individual trail plans. Staff is planning on another 5E Workshop in April 2016.
- A Notice for Bids will be published in the Democrat-Gazette statewide on Wednesday, February 24, 2016 for the Razorback Regional Greenway wayfinding signs project.
- An inventory and assessment of regional infrastructure, in conjunction with the NWA Council, will be beginning as soon as negotiations with the consultant have finished.
- LiDAR – Washington County has been delivered; Benton County will be delivered in September 2016.
- NWARPC will be involved in an upcoming bicycle and pedestrian safety campaign with area cities and the Walton Family Foundation.

11. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- **TAC MEETING – THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2016 AT 10:30 AM**
- **RPC/POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2016 AT 1:30 PM**

12. ADJOURN

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