

**NARTS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
10:30 AM, THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2016, APPROVED OCTOBER 19, 2016**

ENTITY	MEMBER	ATTENDING	PROXY
AVOCA	DIANE BOWEN		
BELLA VISTA	CHRIS SUNESON		
BENTON COUNTY	BOB CLINARD JOHN SUDDUTH	X	NOLA HINTZEL
BENTONVILLE	MIKE CHURCHWELL BEN PETERS BEAU THOMPSON	X X	
BETHEL HEIGHTS	CYNTHIA BLACK		
CAVE SPRINGS	TRAVIS LEE CRAIG SOUTHERN	X X	
CENTERTON	BILL EDWARDS		
ELKINS	BRUCE LEDFORD		
ELM SPRINGS	HAROLD DOUTHIT		
FARMINGTON	MELISSA McCARVILLE		
FAYETTEVILLE	PAUL LIBERTINI	X	
GENTRY	KEVIN JOHNSTON		
GREENLAND	BILL GROOM	X	
HIGHFILL	CASSIE ELLIOT		
JOHNSON	GERRY RUSSELL		
LINCOLN	ROB HULSE		
LITTLE FLOCK	BUDDY BLUE		
LOWELL	KRIS SULLIVAN		
PEA RIDGE	JACKIE CRABTREE NATHAN SEE		
PRAIRIE GROVE	SONNY HUDSON		
ROGERS	NATHAN BECKNELL	X	
SILAM SPRINGS	BEN RHOADS	X	
SPRINGDALE	PATSY CHRISTIE	X	
TONTITOWN	PAUL COLVIN, JR		
WASHINGTON CO.	CHARLES WARD BRAD PHILLIPS	X X	
WEST FORK	CHARLIE ROSSETTI JAMES SCANLON		
NWARPC	JEFF HAWKINS	X	
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	
MoDOT	FRANK MILLER		
McDONALD COUNTY			
PINEVILLE			
AHTD PLANNING	PAUL SIMMS	X	
AHTD TRANSIT			
AHTD DISTRICT 9	MITCHELL ARCHER	X	
FHWA	AMY HEFLIN		
AR HWY COMMISSIONER	DICK TRAMMEL		

**NWARPC STAFF:** Tim Conklin, AICP; Celia Scott-Silkwood, AICP; Cristina Scarlat; Elizabeth Bowen

**OTHERS:** Jason Hughey, AHTD District 4; Dean Klingman, Benton County Road Department; Dan Holtmeyer, NWA Democrat-Gazette; Zach Moore, Garver

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Patsy Christie called the meeting to order. Introductions were made.

**2. APPROVE TAC MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 21, 2016**

**MOTION**

Chair Christie asked for a motion to approve the April 21, 2016 TAC Minutes. Bill Groom made the motion. Mike Johnson provided the second. Motion passes.

**3. AHTD REPORT**

**Jason Hughey gave the AHTD District 4 Project Update:**

**Currently Active AHTD Projects In Northwest Arkansas by RE Office:**

RE # 42-John Sharum-AHTD Fort Smith- 1 Active Project- \$22.2 Million

RE # 43-Bashar Qedan-AHTD Fayetteville- 4 Active Projects- \$20.2 Million

RE # C1-Gary Icenogle-Michael Baker & Associates- 2 Active Project in D4-\$49.9 Million

TOTAL: **\$92.3 Million** in District 4 in Northwest Arkansas

**Highlights:**

Job CA0401-Hwy. 71B-Hwy. 412 (Widening)-APAC Central-\$28.3 Million- 20% Complete-ECD 11/2016

- Bridge widening in multiple locations.
- Grading and earthwork ongoing in median for widening of I-49.

Job CA1101-Hwy. 412-Wagon Wheel Rd.-APAC Central-\$21.6 Million-Work Order 10/12/15-ECD 11/16

- Widening of bridges over Spring Creek.
- Grading and earthwork ongoing in median for widening of I-49.

Job 040024-White River Str. & Apprs.-A.M. Cohron & Sons-\$3.8 Million-53.5% Complete-ECD 7/16

- Replacing bridge over the White River on Highway 74 near Elkins.
- Ongoing grading and earthwork of bridge approaches.

Job BB0413-Elm Springs Rd. Intchg. Impvts.-Manhattan Road & Bridge-\$6.3 Million-0.0% Complete-ECD 6/17

- Widen Elm Springs Road Bridge over I-49

Job 040642-Hwy. 45/Old Wire Rd. Signal & Inters. Impvts.-Crossland Construction-\$1.2 Million-4.4% Complete-ECD 11/16

- Utility relocation is nearly complete and reconfiguration of intersection is ongoing.

Job 040641-Middle Fork White River Str. & Apprs.-Crossland Heavy Contr.-\$8.0 Million-19.4% Complete-ECD 5/17

- Replacing bridge over the White River on Highway 16 near Elkins.
- Ongoing grading and earthwork of bridge approaches.

Job C72004-Fayetteville Gregg Ave. Rehab & Overlay-APAC Central-\$0.4 Million-0.0% Complete-ECD 10/16

- Overlay sections of Gregg Ave. in Fayetteville

Job C76307-Springdale Overlay & Rehab-Hutchens Construction-\$0.5 Million-0.0% Complete-ECD 10/16

- Overlay various streets in Springdale

Job BB0409-I-49 Pavement Rehab-Koss Construction-\$22.2 Million-21.4% Complete-ECD 8/17

- Replace selected sections of concrete paving
- Replace selected sections of concrete median wall

**Recently Completed Projects**

Job 040605-Hwy.16-Porter Rd.-Pace Construction-\$16.6 Million-92.5% Complete-ECD 10/15

- Placing final asphalt surface.
- Widens I-49 to 3 lanes in each direction within the project limits.

Job 040578-Armstrong Ave.-Stone Bridge Rd.-Sweetser Construction-\$6.0 Million-97.1% Complete-ECD 10/15

- Placing final asphalt surface.
- Widens Highway 16 to 2 lanes in each direction within the project limits.

**Mitchell Archer showed a PowerPoint presentation featuring projects in District 9. Following are highlights:**

**Bella Vista Bypass – AR 549**

Job 090202-Hwy 72 South-Hwy 72 North-3.0. Miles-\$19.9 Million-WO 3/23/11-Complete 4/1/14

Job 090293-Hwy 72 North-Co Rd 34-2.377 Miles-\$13.6 Million-WO 6/20/12-Substantially Complete 6/27/15

Job 090292-Hwy 72-Hwy 72 North-3.03 Miles-\$19.9 Million-WO 3/23/11-Complete 4/1/14

Job 090293-Hwy 72 North-Co Rd 34-2.377 Miles-\$13.6 Million-WO 6/20/12-Substantially Complete 6/27/15

Job 090292-Hwy 72 South-Hwy 72 North-3.03 Miles-\$19.9 Million-WO 3/23/11-Complete 4/1/14

Job CA0904- Hwy 71B-Hwy 72 South-6.366 Miles-\$52.6 Million-WO 4/22/14-Estimated Complete Date (ECD) 7/6/16

Job CA0905-Co Rd 34-Missouri State Line-2.54 Miles-\$10 Million-To be let when Missouri can meet Arkansas

Job CA0903 – BV Bypass Interchange-\$42 Million (Estimated)-To be let when Missouri can meet Arkansas

**Interstate 49 Corridor**-There are about 19 jobs along the I-49 in Benton and Washington Counties, in various stages from complete and substantially complete, to mid-construction and not started yet.

**Job BB0903**-Hwy 71B Interchange on Walton Blvd/Walnut Street-Scheduled to begin in 2018

- This will be a Single Point Urban Interchange (SPUI) costing \$6 Million more than the cost of a Diverging Diamond which was originally planned.
- Cities of Bentonville and Rogers are paying \$1.5 Million apiece toward the additional cost for the SPUI.
- Job will add a signal at Moberly, and keep left turns available at 46<sup>th</sup> Street.
- The cities will assume responsibility for Hwy 71B between 8<sup>th</sup> Street in Rogers and Rainbow Curve in Bentonville.

**CA1101 – Hwy 412-Wagon Wheel Road Widening**-\$21.6 Million-WO 10/12/15-Estimated Completion Date 11/8/16

**Hwy 412 Northern Bypass**-Hwy 112toI49-4.6 Miles-\$100.6 Million-Most expensive job in AHTD History-42.4% of work complete-Estimated Completion Date 5/19/19

**Highway 12**-Hwy 71B-Shell Road-2.2 Miles-\$9 Million-Under construction beginning in November 2014-Estimated Completion Date is late 2016

**Hwy 265 Corridor**

Completed-3.1 Miles-\$14 Million

Job 090373-Under Construction-Hwy 264-Post Rd-4.0 Miles-4.0 Miles-\$15 Million-Estimated Completion Date 11/30/17

<b>Washington &amp; Benton Counties: 2005 through 2022</b>		
<b>Completed</b>	<b>Under Construction</b>	<b>Scheduled</b>
203 Projects	25 Projects	68 Projects
309.1 Miles	53 Miles	141.7 Miles
\$471.1 Million	\$294.6 Million	\$578.2 Million

**Paul Simms gave a presentation highlighting the LRITP:**

- The Statewide Long Range Intermodal Transportation Plan development began in spring 2015; the kick-off was at the 2015 AHTD Transportation Conference.
- The long range planning process is an opportunity to take a big-picture look at the goals for the transportation system over a long term horizon
- 2040 LRITP Goals –
  - Safety and Security
  - Infrastructure Condition
  - Congestion Reduction, Mobility and System Reliability
  - Economic Competitiveness
  - Environmental Sustainability
  - Multimodal Transportation System
- Public and Stakeholder Involvement included MetroQuest online engagement tool; Transportation Plan Advisory Group meetings; two rounds of public/stakeholder meetings; stakeholder interview; workplace and stakeholder surveys.
- Top priorities for stakeholders:
  - Maintain current transportation system assets
  - Increase bicycle/pedestrian options
  - Make safety improvements such as adding shoulders or improving signing/stripping
  - Expand highways by adding lanes or constructing new routes
- Baseline Revenue Projection from 2016 through 2040 looks like \$15.4B in current year dollars equates to \$11.0B in inflation adjusted dollars – a 28% loss in purchasing power.
- Other needs, besides highways, include Ports and Waterways; Freight Rail, Bicycle and Pedestrian and Public Transportation.
- There is a highway funding gap of \$42.7 Billion.
- The consultants are looking at different scenarios to allocate resources and include these in the Plan.
- The Plan is not just about roads and bridges. The LRITP will also integrate results from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, Rail Plan, Public Transportation Needs Assessment, and MPO plans.
- AHTD is also developing a Freight Plan in parallel with the LRITP.
- These plans will provide policies and strategies that will move Arkansas forward.
- A second round of public input meetings will be held in summer 2016.
- The Plan will be presented to the Highway Commission for approval by November 2016.

**4. DRAFT FY 2017 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)**

The Draft FY 2017 UPWP was approved to go to public comment at the TAC April 21, 2016 meeting. A legal notice was published in the NWA Democrat-Gazette on April 14, 2016 announcing the public comment period as well as TAC and RPC/Policy Committee meeting information. An Ad containing

the same information was published (in Spanish) in the La Prensa Libre on April 14, 2016. Additionally, public notice was posted on the NWARPC web site in English and Spanish. A public comment period was held from April 22, 2016 through May 6, 2016. No public comment was received. Staff developed the Draft with assistance from AHTD and MoDOT.

Tim Conklin highlighted the Draft 2017 UPWP:

- The UPWP sets out the work program for the MPO from July 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017.
- The STIP and TIP will be updated annually.
- FAST Act added two Planning Factors, which are in turn shown in the Draft.
- The Activities (previously called Work Tasks) are listed as follows:
  - 44.21 (T-5) Program Support and Administration
  - 44.22 (T-1) General Development and Comprehensive Planning
    - Collection and analysis of data on performance targets and measures in coordination with ORT and Razorback Transit.
  - 44.23 (T-3) Long-Range Transportation Planning
    - Continue to monitor Performance Measures and Targets as identified in the MTP.
  - 44.24 (T-2) Short-Range Transportation Planning
  - 44.25 (T-4) Transportation Improvement Program
    - Update the 2011 Transit Development Plan for the region; Establish region-wide transit oriented development (TOD) best practices; Assist in development of transit performance measures and coordinate with transit agencies and AHTD to measure the system’s connectivity to essential services.
- Funding:

<b>2017 UPWP Multiple Source Financial Summary</b>	<b>Federal</b>	<b>Local Match</b>	<b>Total</b>
PL Funds (Arkansas)	\$630,985	\$157,746	\$788,731
STBGP-A Funds	\$200,000	\$50,000	\$250,000
FTA 5307	\$100,000	\$25,000	\$125,000
PL Funds (Missouri)	\$5,000	\$1,250	\$6,250
	\$935,985	\$233,996	\$1,169,981

**MOTION**

Chair Christie asked for a motion to recommend approval of the Draft FY 2017 UPWP to the RPC/Policy C committee. Nathan Becknell made the motion. Mike Churchwell provided the second. Motion passes.

**5. STP-A AND TAP PROJECT UPDATE AND OBLIGATION PLAN**

Tim Conklin took the group through the STP-A and TAP projects. The following table shows the status of the FFY 2016 STP-A (now called STBGP-A) and TAP projects for the region.

FFY 2016 STBGP-A and TAP	AHTD Job #	Location	Project Type	STP-A	Match	Total	AHTD Project Resolution Passed	Agreement of Understan ding Signed and sent to AHTD
Rogers	090338	Walnut Street/US 71B (Dixieland Rd to 8th St.)	ROW, utilities and construction (Add two-way center left-turn lane)	\$3,250,000	\$812,500	\$4,062,500	Yes	Existing Project - STPGP to be added to project
Fayetteville	040657	Rupple Road (Starry Night View to Mt. Comfort)	Env. ROW, Utilities (New Location)	\$680,000	\$170,000	\$850,000	Yes	Existing Project - STPGP to be added to project
Springdale	012007	Hwy. 265 (Randal Wobbe to Hwy. 264)	ROW, utilities and construction (5 lane road, traffic signals)	\$1,000,000	\$250,000	\$1,250,000	NA	Existing Project - STPGP to be added to project
Bentonville		SW I St. and Hwy. 102 Intersection	Design and Environmental (Right-turn lane southbound on SW I St.)	\$100,000	\$25,000	\$125,000	Yes	AHTD waiting to receive agreement back from Bentonville At City Council May 24, 2016
Springdale	040717	Don Tyson Parkway Ext. (S. 56th St. to Hwy. 112)	Design and Environmental (Extension)	\$300,000	\$75,000	\$375,000	Yes	Yes
Centerton	090471	Hwy 102B/Seba Rd. Intersection Improvements	Design and Env. (North and south left-turn lane and traffic signal)	\$80,000	\$20,000	\$100,000	Yes	Yes
Razorback Transit and ORT		Rolling Stock for Public Transit Operations	New Buses (Razorback and ORT)	\$704,000	\$176,000	\$880,000	Waiting on AHTD to Transfer Funds to FTA	NA
Bentonville	090421	US 71B (N. Walton Blvd.) and 12th St. Intersection	Construction (Left-turn lanes on 12th St./Tiger Blvd.)	\$500,000	\$125,000	\$1,250,000	Yes	Existing Project - STPGP to be added to project
Rogers		New Hope Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge	Construction of new bridge	\$225,000	\$1,025,000	\$1,250,000	Yes	Existing Project - TAP to be added to project
Springdale		Deans Trail Ph. 1	Construction of Trail	255,199	\$1,475,855	1731054	Yes	Yes

## 6. NWARPC PROJECT UPDATES

Elizabeth Bowen reported:

### **NWA REGIONAL BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN**

- Fayetteville was awarded the Silver Level Bicycle Friendly Community Award, becoming the only city in the state to achieve the silver level.
- May is bike month and bike to work day is Friday, May 20, 2016.
- The state Transportation Alternatives Program grant applications (through AHTD) are due on June 1, 2016.
- The AHTD *Arkansas Recreation Trails Program (RTP)* grant applications are due June 1, 2016.
- The Outdoor Recreation Grants Program *Matching Grant* and *FUN Grant* applications are due August 26, 2016 and the *Trails for Life* application is due October 28, 2016.
- The *Blue and You* grant application is due in July for \$150,000.
- Staff and the Walton Family Foundation are continuing to coordinate efforts to hold a 5 Es Workshop in the fall/winter 2016.
- The NWA Active Transportation Committee has been discussing the need to standardize trail crossings, signage, policies, etc. A subcommittee has been formed to begin in-depth discussions regarding trail crossings and signage. A meeting was held on May 11 and another will be held this afternoon at 1:30 at the RPC. The object is to develop a regional standard for cross-sections for commercial/residential driveway crossing and signage.

### **RAZORBACK REGIONAL GREENWAY MILE MARKERS AND WAYFINDING SIGNS**

- 30 markers have been repainted and relabeled.
- The markers were ready for the Square2Square event last weekend.
- The project is close to being complete; one city needs to conduct a final inspection of the markers in their jurisdiction.
- There is about \$280,000 to repurpose from a Walton Family Foundation grant to go toward the wayfinding signage project. These are directional signs posted on the Razorback Regional Greenway. A contract should be signed next week to allow the signs to be manufactured and placed.

### **NWA OPEN SPACE PLAN**

- The first committee meeting was held March 11, 2016 and a second meeting was held on May 4, 2016.
- Subcommittees are involved in developing the framework, application, selection criteria, list of desired open spaces, and funding for projects to add to the Open Space Plan.
- A representative from the Trust for Public Lands will be speaking about open space funding at the RPC/Policy Committee on May 25, 2016.

### **INFRASTRUCTURE INVENTORY AND ASSESSMENT**

- A contract has been negotiated with Burns and McDonnell.
- Stephen Beam has met with water, gas and sewer representatives.
- Solid waste departments as well as other city departments have been contacted for infrastructure information.
- The finished report is due at the end of 2016.
- A data sharing agreement is available if jurisdictions should need one.

### **NWA REGIONAL GIS PROJECT**

- The electrical wiring update in the NWARPC office building has been completed and the equipment has been received.
- AOS has installed the hardware and is in the process of setting up the network.
- Enterprise GIS software should be ready to install in two weeks.
- Two interactive maps will be completed by the end of July 2016.

- The NWARPC website will be updated to include the GIS component.

#### **LiDAR**

- Washington County received their LiDAR last year; Benton County data will be delivered by October 2016.
- Many of the local jurisdictions have requested that contours be developed from the LiDAR data.
- Preparing an RFP for the contour development.

#### **Tim Conklin reported on the CAVE SPRINGS AREA KARST RESOURCE CONSERVATION STUDY:**

- A drainage/BMP ordinance was introduced to the Lowell City Council May 17, 2016.
- Once Lowell adopts this ordinance Cave Springs is interested in reviewing and possibly adopting a similar ordinance.
- Rogers approved the BMP addition to their drainage manual last year.
- Springdale is considering an overlay district to handle the BMPs in small area that is affected by the recharge area.
- Crafton Tull is still under contract, but wrapping things up.

### **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

- An update to the Travel Demand Forecasting model was recently completed with the help of the Parsons Brinckerhoff consultants. As part of the blue-print for future model improvements, PB outlined priority tasks to be accomplished for the transit component of the model. NWARPC has applied for funding from FTA in the amount of \$12,000 with a \$3,000 local match to complete these tasks in the next few months. The funds will be used to hire PB to help with the completion of these tasks. Staff will work closely with the transit agencies in identifying their needs for transit planning and support during this upgrade. NWARPC hopes to have approval from FTA by June and start the work in July 2016.

### **8. FUTURE MEETING DATES**

- RPC/POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING – WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2016 AT 1:30 PM
- NO MEETING IN JUNE, 2016
- TAC MEETING – THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2016

### **9. ADJOURN**

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