

**AGREEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE NWARPC METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION,
OZARK REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY,
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS RAZORBACK TRANSIT, AND
THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

WHEREAS, this agreement was developed in accordance with 23 CFR §450.314 **Metropolitan Planning Agreements**, section (h)(1) that states:

The MPO(s), State(s) and the providers of public transportation shall jointly agree upon and develop specific written provisions for cooperatively developing and sharing information related to transportation performance data, the selection of performance targets, the reporting of performance targets, the reporting of performance to be used in tracking progress toward attainment of critical outcomes for the region of the MPO and the collection of data for the State Asset Management Plan for the National Highway System (NHS).

NOW THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

Responsibilities of all parties:

- Collect and develop transportation performance data in an efficient and non-duplicative manner.
- Ensure that all parties to this agreement have access to the same performance data.
- Coordinate with the other parties to establish targets for each of the national performance measures, where applicable.
- Evaluate and update the performance measures process as needed.
- Report the performance targets and track the progress of each of the following performance measures.
 - ✓ Safety
 - ✓ Infrastructure Condition
 - ✓ System Reliability
 - ✓ Freight Movement and Economic Vitality
 - ✓ Transit State of Good Repair
 - ✓ Asset Management Plan

Responsibilities of ARDOT:

- The Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) will provide available statewide data associated with the FAST Act/ MAP-21 performance measures to the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), and to Ozark Regional Transit Authority and

University of Arkansas Razorback Transit (Transit Agencies) as applicable. ARDOT will collect and share pavement and bridge condition data for the Transportation Asset Management Plan on all NHS routes.

- ARDOT will provide available statewide and rural data by asset class associated with the transit performance measures to the MPO and to the Transit Agency.
- ARDOT will develop draft statewide targets for the performance measures in coordination with the MPO, and the Transit Agency as applicable. Coordination may include in-person meetings, conference calls, web meetings, and email communication. The MPO, and the Transit Agency as applicable, will be given an opportunity to comment on the statewide targets before they are established. ARDOT will notify the MPO, and the Transit Agency as applicable, via email, when the final statewide targets are established and reported to FHWA and FTA, as applicable.
- At the request of the MPO, ARDOT will provide data for individual segments in the County(s) served by the MPO. If the MPO chooses to develop its own target for any performance measure, ARDOT will assist the MPO in developing data for the metropolitan planning area.
- ARDOT will report on performance in order to track progress toward achieving statewide performance targets and provide this information to the MPO and the Transit Agency.

Responsibilities of the MPO:

- The MPO will provide to ARDOT all available data or analyses associated with these performance measures that are available to the MPO. The MPO will also work with its member jurisdictions to obtain any performance data requested by ARDOT that has not been provided to ARDOT.
- The MPO will coordinate with ARDOT and the Transit Agency when developing the performance targets for the metropolitan planning area. The MPO may choose to support the statewide targets or develop other targets for their metropolitan planning area. The MPO will establish all performance targets by resolution and will provide a copy of the signed resolution to ARDOT no later than 180 days after the date ARDOT establishes its statewide targets.
- If the MPO chooses to develop its own target for any performance measure, the MPO will provide ARDOT a written notification that the MPO will set a target for the metropolitan planning area. The MPO will coordinate with ARDOT and the Transit Agency as applicable by providing them an opportunity to comment on MPO targets before they are established. In addition, any MPO that chooses to develop its own target for any performance measure will report on performance in order to track progress toward achieving the target and report this information to ARDOT and the Transit Agency.

Responsibilities of Transit Agency:

- Provide available agency data for the performance measures to the MPO and ARDOT in addition to their own asset management reporting.
- Develop and report targets for their service areas to the MPO, ARDOT and FTA.
- Document progress towards achieving their targets and report this information to the MPO, ARDOT and FTA.

SIGNATORIES

NWARPC METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION


Hawkins, Executive Director

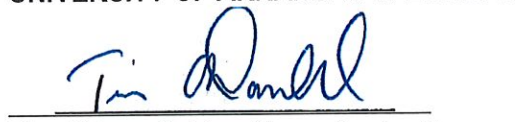
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OZARK REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY


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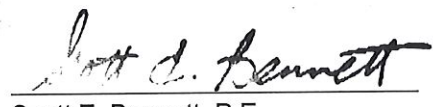
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UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS RAZORBACK TRANSIT


Tim O'Donnell, Vice Chancellor for Finance
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Date 4/29/18

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION


Scott E. Bennett, P.E.
Director

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