



ANNUAL REPORT 2017

Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission, May 2018



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LEADERSHIP NWARPC PROFILE

The Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (NWARPC) was formed in 1966. In 1983, NWARPC was designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) under U.S. DOT regulations for transportation planning purposes. In 2017, NWARPC had 42 members with 32 jurisdictions in Benton and Washington Counties in Arkansas and three jurisdictions in Missouri. The MPO has five permanent committees, the Regional Planning Commission/Policy Committee (RPC/Policy Committee), the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), the Active Transportation Committee (ACT), the Open Space Committee and the Northwest Arkansas GIS Users Group. The RPC/Policy Committee is the chief decision-making body for the MPO and consists of the jurisdictions' chief elected official and/or other appointed representatives. The TAC develops the technical aspects of plans and reports and makes recommendations to the RPC/Policy Committee. The NWARPC is a multi-modal transportation planning agency for the region.

“
You are standing on an investment, it's an investment in the future. It's an investment in mobility, it's an investment in increased safety, it's an investment in the future for I-49, and it's also an investment in the economy.”

Scott Bennett, Director of ARDOT at the ribbon cutting event of a portion of the Bella Vista Bypass on May 11, 2017

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Greetings!

Our organization continues to be a vital part of Northwest Arkansas.

While we are involved in prioritizing money for multi-modal transportation growth in the region, we are also involved in responsibly preserving the region's natural environment through the Regional Open Space Program. In other words, we are leading the regional concept that development does not have to be the equivalent of sprawl. This duty is a very delicate balancing act and our staff and various committees continue to pull this off very well.

It should be pointed out that "connectivity" is very important to those of us who know we live in one of, if not, the best places to live in the country, or possibly even the world.

Whether it's walking and bike trails, highway and street infrastructure, or wild life migration routes, connectivity is vital to our quality of life.

In closing, I would also point out that we seem to be cutting a lot of ribbons these days!

Let's keep up the good work by setting the table with regional thought and energy.

Best Regards,



Mayor Bill Groom
Chair, NWARPC



Photo credit: ArDOT

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

The Northwest Arkansas 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan, adopted in March 2016, continues to serve as the framework for regional transportation planning for roads, active transportation, public transportation, air, freight and rail travel patterns, as well as travel forecasting for the next two decades.

The FFY 2016-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), adopted in March 2016, includes transportation improvements planned or programmed within the Metropolitan Planning Area that will be completed by federal funds and local match dollars. In 2017, the RPC/Policy Committee approved five amendments to the TIP.

One of the most significant projects finalized in 2017 was Job CA0901 on I-49. This project is part of ARDOT's Connecting Arkansas Program and included widening five miles of I-49 to three lanes in each direction. The work extends from State Highway 264 in Lowell to New Hope Road in Rogers. More information on this \$38.7 million project is available at ConnectingArkansasProgram.com. The widened lanes opened to traffic in September 2017.

TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

The FAST Act and previous transportation authorizations apportion federal funds for use in specific areas of Arkansas.

The Fayetteville, Springdale, Rogers AR-MO Urbanized Area receives funds in the following programs: STBGP GT 200K, TAP Attributable, FTA 5307, and FTA 5339.

Projects that utilize these funds are selected by the RPC /Policy Committee.

The FFY 2017 Surface Transportation Block Group Program - Attributable and Transportation Alternatives Program projects approved for the region will be funded by federal funding available to the region. This includes an estimated \$7.5M for STBGP-A and \$500,000 for TAP.

The following projects have been approved and obligated in FFY 2018 (starts in October 2017) and a number of projects are still considered on-going until completion (as indicated).

FFY 2018 STBGP-A (\$7,220,000) AND TAP (\$490,000) PROJECTS

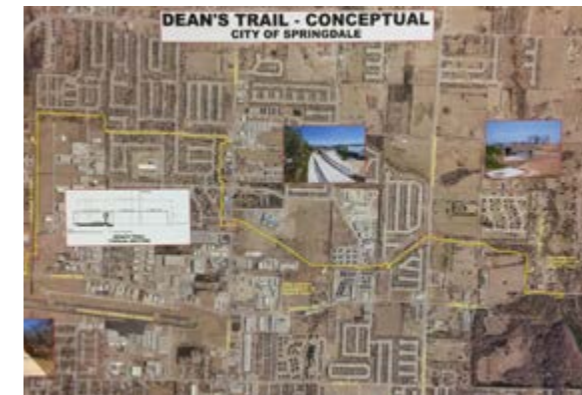
Projects	TAP	STBGP-A
Wagon Wheel Rd.		\$200,000
Highway 170		\$1,400,000
Rupple Rd.		\$1,545,599
S Dixieland Rd. Extension		\$3,000,000
JB Hunt Rd. (Pauline Whitaker Park to Belleview Rd.)		\$1,074,401
Cato Springs Trail lighting	\$280,000	
Sidewalks on Walnut Ave.	\$92,000	
E Main St Trail Extension	\$118,000	
TOTAL	\$490,000	\$7,220,000

Note: Programmed all projects in TIP at 80% federal and 20% local match; Adjusted Main Street Trail funding to reflect a 10-foot-wide trail.

FFY 2017 PROJECTS THAT HAD A CARRYOVER INTO FFY 2018

Projects	Awarded	Obligated	Remaining
Centerton Hwy 102B/Seba Rd Intersection (STBGP-A)	\$640,000	\$472,000	\$168,000
Bella Vista Mercy Way (STBGP-A)	\$256,000	\$256,000	---
Bella Vista Riordan Road Trailhead (TAP)	\$236,682	---	\$236,682
Springdale Dean's Trail Ph. I (TAP)	\$241,310	---	\$241,310
TOTAL			\$645,992

FEATURED PROJECTS



Dean's Trail Phase I - Conceptual Design
Photo credit: City of Springdale

Walkers, bikers and runners will be able to extend their journey in Springdale due to the Dean's Trail that was awarded TAP funding. When completed, the trail could potentially connect Springdale with the area around Lake Fayetteville.



Rupple Road
Photo credit: City of Fayetteville

The Rupple Road Improvement Project is a significant piece of infrastructure on the west side of Fayetteville's Arterial Loop, a plan to create an integrated network of east/west and north/south roadways around the perimeter of the City, connected with miles of trails and sidewalks. Fayetteville was awarded STBGP-A funding to assist in the completion of a phase of this project.

PREVIOUS FISCAL YEARS PROJECTS

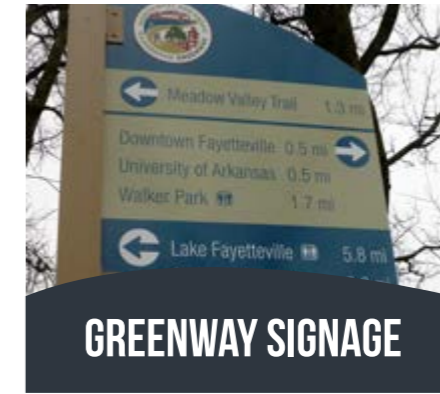
Project	Year	Jurisdiction	County
28th Place Ph I (Pleasant Grove to Greens/Blossom Way)	2013	Rogers	Benton
JB Hunt Rd (Whitaker Park to Bellview Rd)	2013	Rogers	Benton
56th St ext (Don Tyson to Johnson Mill)	2014	Springdale/Johnson	Washington
S Dixieland Rd ext (S of Hwy 264 to Apple Blossom)	2014	Lowell	Benton
8th St.	2015	Bentonville	Benton
Sain St.	2015	Fayetteville	Washington
Hwy 170 (Hwy 62 to Clyde Carnes Rd)	2015	Farmington	Washington
Walnut St/US Hwy 71B (Dixieland Rd to 8th St)	2016	Rogers	Benton
Don Tyson Prkwy ext (S 56th St to Hwy 112)	2016	Springdale	Washington
Mercy Way	2017	Bella Vista	Benton
Hwy 102B/Seba Rd Intersection Improvements	2017	Centerton	Benton
Wagon Wheel Rd	2018	Benton County	Benton



RAZORBACK GREENWAY

The 37-mile Razorback Regional Greenway continues to be one of the most popular off-road destinations for both recreational and commuting travel in the region. The increase in use has prompted cities to add tunnels and provide re-routes to improve user experience.

The spring intercept survey trail counts for the Greenway shows a significant increase with the City of Johnson being the highest (an increase of 26% from 2016). The semi-annual Square to Square bike ride events organized by the Fayetteville and Bentonville park departments in spring and fall continue to draw hundreds of participants every year.



GREENWAY SIGNAGE

In 2017, as part of the Razorback Regional Greenway Signage project funded by the Walton Family Foundation, the following signs were installed:

- 36 wayfinding thermo-plastic signs as mile-markers
- 32 street name signs
- 12 “welcome “ signs

The metal fabricated signs included:

- 35 wayfinding signs
- 3 pedestrian signs
- 6 area maps
- 6 kiosks
- 8 trailhead signs.



EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Due to the need to improve safety and security on the trail network, the Active Transportation Committee took the lead on setting a framework to respond to emergencies through the following tasks:

- Determine the existing process/ structure for response
- Research the existing trail systems emergency response/signage and other regions, states and nation for systems/standards
- Work with local stakeholders to determine the need and how to meet the need
- Locate and map access points and memorable trail features using aerials
- Work with the University to create an APP to better determine location.

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

Northwest Arkansas Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan

The Northwest Arkansas Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan was adopted December 1, 2015. This Plan is a regional network of bicycle and pedestrian on-road and off-road trail facilities and routes within 32 communities in Benton and Washington Counties. The development of 25 Individual Community Action Plans for communities with a population of over 1,000 was a part of the Plan. Upon the completion of the development of these plans, all 25 communities were able to adopt their local Plan and endorsed the regional Master Plan. In 2017, the Cities of Avoca, AR and Pineville, MO joined the region in adopting an individual Community Action Plan and endorsing the regional Plan.



Bikers on the Razorback Regional Greenway at Square to Square event in Fayetteville in May 2017

HERITAGE TRAIL

In 2017, the Heritage Trail Partners (HTP) worked with the City of Fayetteville to renew the sign placements originally installed in 2004 along the Butterfield Overland Mail Route. Many of the signs were faded and some were lost due to road construction. The City of Fayetteville funded the project and approximately 30 signs were added or replaced. HTP also worked with Washington County and ArDOT to complete signage for the Overland Mail route on Hwy 265 down to the southern Washington County boundary. In some cases the Heritage Trail signs were added to the same posts with existing State Heritage Trail signs.

In addition, HTP partnered with the Arkansas Chapter Trail of Tears Association, ArDOT, the National Park Service, the City of Prairie Grove, Historic Cane Hill and Prairie Grove Battlefield Park to place the new “Historic Route” Trail of Tears signs in Cane Hill and Prairie Grove Battlefield Park. These are the first of this new road sign type in the State of Arkansas. Future plans for 2018 include continuing the signage program into Benton County.

A third initiative involved working with the NWA Trail Blazers, Shiloh Museum, and the City of Springdale to protect, preserve, and interpret the Fitzgerald Farmstead property. The site is important due to its connections to The Trail of Tears, the Butterfield Overland Mail route, and Civil War troop movements.



Chad Adams - ArDOT District 4 Engineer; Aaron Mahr -National Park Service Historic Trails Intermountain Region Superintendent; Jack Baker - Trail of Tears Association President; John McLarty - Heritage Trail Partners President; and Bobby Braly - Historic Cane Hill Director.



ArDOT sign installation crew

Pictured at Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park: Laurie Jennings – Park Interpreter, and Susan Adkins - Superintendent



PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

NWARPC is the designated recipient for the Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers AR-MO Urbanized Area Formula Grants that are apportioned by FTA.

The apportioned Section 5339 and Section 5307 FTA Urbanized Area Formula funds are utilized by Ozark Regional Transit (ORT) and Razorback Transit for capital, operating assistance, preventative maintenance, ADA paratransit service and enhancements.

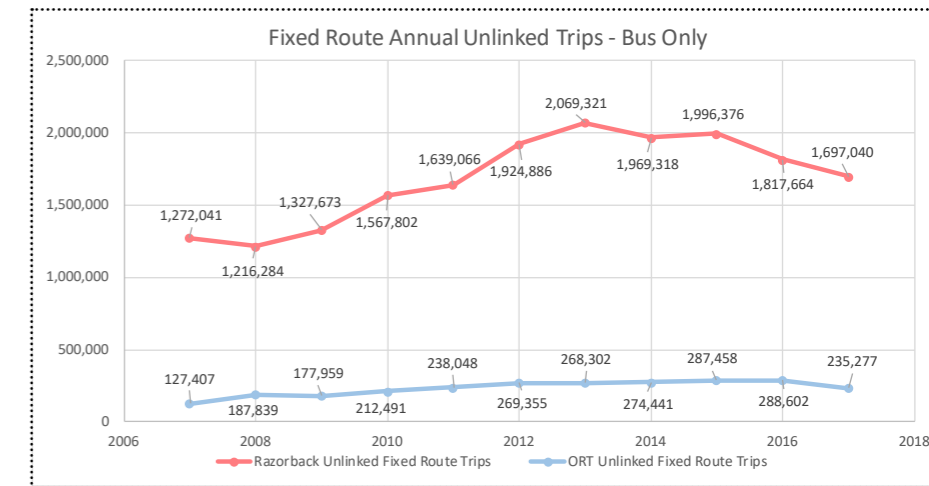
In March 2017, NWARPC underwent the FTA's Triennial Review, required by Chapter 53 of Title 49.

NWARPC also conducted site visits to both ORT and Razorback Transit in the summer of 2017, as part of its subrecipient monitoring procedure.

RAZORBACK TRANSIT MAKES CHANGES

Three new University of Arkansas Razorback Transit buses started running fixed routes around the Fayetteville community in March 2017. The three new buses have a dramatic new look and are 40 foot-long, low floor, heavy duty buses, with clean diesel engines that can carry 70 passengers — similar to the buses that have been purchased in recent years. The difference is the boldy Razorback red color inside and out. And, to no surprise, the Arkansas Razorback is also prominently featured on the front and sides. The transit agency will gradually make the change from white buses to red as funding becomes available.

Another notable change for Razorback Transit is that the routes are in the process to become numbered routes, instead of color routes. The Fall 2017- Spring 2018 maps reflect which numbers will be taking the place of each color/named route.



Ridership Trend 2006- 2017 for ORT and Razorback Transit

OZARK REGIONAL TRANSIT FLEET LOSS

An unfortunate event in 2017 caused ORT to lose 20 buses. A wind-whipped fire started in the early morning hours of January 10, 2017 and destroyed the buses, depleting the fleet. The fire is believed to have started when a particulate filter on the exhaust system of one of the buses overheated during cleaning. Luckily nobody was hurt and due to the help and generosity of other transit agencies throughout the country, ORT was able to use a fleet of loaned and borrowed buses to maintain service through most of the year. Ridership was impacted by the event, but the agency has worked very hard to obtain funding to restore its fleet.



ORT buses lost in the January 10, 2017 fire. (Photo credit: ORT)

GROWING MOBILITY FOR A GROWING REGION SPEAKER SERIES

As part of this lecture series hosted by NWARPC, with the support of Walton Family Foundation, the first guest speaker was Mr. Jarrett Walker, PhD, international expert in public transit design and policy and author of "Human Transit How Clearer Thinking Can Enrich Our Communities and Our Lives". In addition to an evening lecture event, attended by approximately 70 people, Mr. Walker presented a transit design workshop attended by 45 city planners, transit staff and other local agencies and had meetings with both transit agencies staff. His expertise and experience in transit design and planning was highly appreciated by attendees. This speaker series will feature three more events in 2018.



Participants in Jarrett Walker's Transit Design Workshop



STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

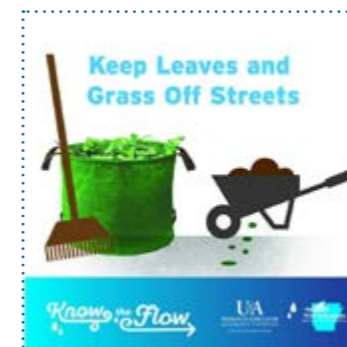
OPEN SPACE PLAN

The Northwest Arkansas Open Space Plan was adopted in January 2016. Since adoption, over 1,000 acres have been conserved by individuals, non-profits and local and state governments. These properties include donations by individuals, conservation easements, and purchases of properties.

In 2017, a partnership was formed with the Trust for Public Lands to examine a plan for a funding feasibility study. The first step was to have a Feasibility Study completed for Benton and Washington Counties. This included assistance from the Counties to request the studies. The research for the studies began in late 2017.

A Partners/Grants document was created to assist the Northwest Arkansas Open Space Committee in a quick reference to who may be willing to partner with organizations to conserve open space in Northwest Arkansas. This document also provides a list of past grants with application dates to assist the Committee with planning for future grant requests. Additionally, a framework of the application process was created including a point system recommendation for scoring applications.

An ArcGIS on-line map was created so all organizations could quickly determine the level of priority based on a GIS model that was created through the Plan development process.



“Know the Flow” Campaign Pictures
(Courtesy: Northwest Arkansas Stormwater Education)

STORMWATER EDUCATION

The Stormwater Education Steering Committee decided that the areas of emphasis for 2017 would be swimming pools and septic tanks. The University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service (UACES) was again employed to implement the Education Program through a Memorandum of Understanding with NWARPC and the University of Arkansas.

Among the activities to support this emphasis was a new program called “Know the Flow – Storms on Streets Drain to Creeks”. This program made use of articles in newsletters and door hangers with BMPs resources. In addition, staff designed, printed and mailed to thousands of area residents a septic system maintenance flyer, as well as a Pool Resource Guide with BMPs. Other educational programs and opportunities included “Digging Deeper into LID”, the 7th workshop in the BluePathways series at the Fayetteville Town Center.

Other events included a region-wide forum to discuss a regional approach to flood prevention and management. Mayors, county judges, employees and staff that have technical knowledge of floodplain and stormwater management, and engineers, were invited for the event.

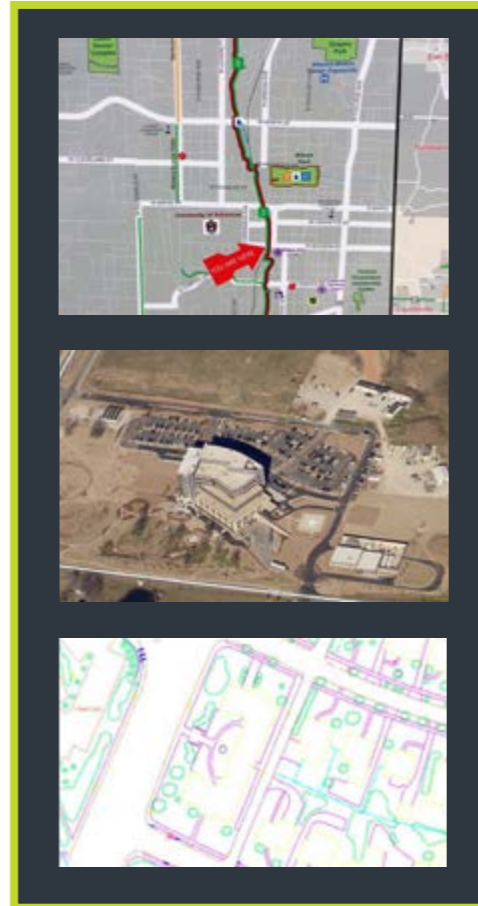
The education program staff also hosted Larry Lloyd, the Beaver Water District chief operation officer and a member of the Nutrient Water Quality Trading Advisory Panel as a guest speaker to the MS4 Stormwater Compliance Group. UACES staff also conducted annual MS4 employee training for all jurisdictions. The MS4 Stormwater Compliance Group continued to meet at the NWARPC throughout 2017. NWARPC staff continued to coordinate and document meetings.

Each year ADEQ audits the Stormwater Runoff Management Program for selected MS4s throughout the state. In 2017 Bella Vista, Centerton, Elkins and Elm Springs were audited. Each jurisdiction successfully completed and passed the audit.



GIS & MAPPING

NWARPC continues to provide mapping and GIS assistance to its members and maintains county and regional maps. Staff continues to update map information for cities and counties throughout the Northwest Arkansas region, as well as for the two transit agencies in the region.



MAPPING SUPPORT

NWARPC staff assisted in municipal annexation analysis, creation, and descriptions for local jurisdictions and NWARPC members and assisted state agencies with data support and produced cartographic products and interactive maps that are published and maintained at <http://nwarpc.org/interactive-gis-maps>.

AERIAL IMAGERY SUPPORT

NWARPC continued to lead the Northwest Arkansas GIS Users Group and its regular meetings for the GIS professionals in the region. GIS staff continued to support the annual high resolution aerial photography acquisition projects for both Benton and Washington Counties, as well as provide access for its members to online imagery through the subscription to the Pictometry Connect online account.

PLANIMETRIC DATA PROJECT

In 2017, NWARPC facilitated the development of three planimetric datasets for Bella Vista, Centerton and Springdale. NWARPC contracted with Kucera Inc. to develop data that the three cities needed for their roads, water and infrastructure planning. GIS and planning support was provided to city staff throughout the duration of the project.

INFRA GRANT APPLICATION

In September 2017, the RPC/Policy Committee approved an application to request \$32.4 million from the \$1.5 billion *Infrastructure for Rebuilding America* (INFRA) program.

The NWARPC applied for federal grant money to fill the \$32.4 million funding gap that has prevented the Missouri Department of Transportation from completing a 4.8-mile segment of I-49 to the Arkansas/Missouri state line. If awarded, the grant money would be given to Missouri to complete the \$50.83 million project.

The uncompleted segment is part of an 18.9-mile gap in I-49 between the two states that's known as the I-49 Missouri - Arkansas Connector, formerly the Bella Vista Bypass. The connector would complete a 265-mile segment of I-49 between Alma and Kansas City, Mo., a stretch of interstate designated as High Priority Corridor No. 1 in 1991 and as a future interstate by Congress.

The Arkansas and the Missouri DOTs would own and operate the interstate. The grant recipients are expected to be announced by the U.S. Department of Transportation in summer of 2018.

INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT



The Infrastructure Inventory and Assessment started when a 2015-2017 regional strategic plan completed by the Northwest Arkansas Council recommended that Northwest Arkansas complete a 25-year infrastructure capacity plan as a way to guide future decisions about infrastructure priorities and spending. This inventory and assessment is considered the first step toward that larger capacity plan.

The inventory and assessment was started in late 2015 with a vision that it would capture information about all types of infrastructure in Benton and Washington Counties in Arkansas. It was determined that NWARPC would be an excellent partner in the project and was an active partner in the process. The recommendations by the stakeholders guided the decisions to gather information sheets, maps, lists and master plans about such things as water supply and consumption, wastewater treatment, airports, railroads, electricity transmission, natural gas lines, elementary and secondary schools, colleges and universities, alternative energy, bridges, streets, roads, highways, public transportation, landfills, recycling, communication systems, ambulance services, hospitals, police stations and fire departments.

2017 EVENTS



TRANSPORTATION PLANNING CONFERENCE
Fayetteville, AR

The Arkansas Transportation Planning Conference, organized by the Arkansas Department of Transportation took place in Fayetteville, AR from April 18-19, 2017. NWARPC staff actively participated in the conference and also organized a mobility workshop and bike ride on the Regional Razorback Greenway.



CONGRESS FOR NEW URBANISM
Seattle, WA

NWARPC, through a grant from the Walton Family Foundation, organized a trip for a delegation of officials from jurisdictions along the Razorback Regional Greenway corridor to the Congress for the New Urbanism, (CNU), 25th National Conference in Seattle, Washington between May 3-6, 2017. The focus of the conference for the Northwest Arkansas delegation was on transportation with an emphasis on “urban” transportation planning and regional transportation systems/networks.



ARKANSAS GIS USERS FORUM SYMPOSIUM
Eureka Springs, AR

The Arkansas GIS Users Forum Symposium took place in Eureka Springs, AR between October 3-6, 2017. NWARPC staff participated in workshops, presentations and also contributed to the organization of the symposium as part of the executive committee. Overall, it was a very successful conference, attended by approximately 180 GIS professionals from Arkansas and ten other states.



GROWING MOBILITY FOR A GROWING REGION
Bentonville, AR

In 2017 NWARPC received a grant from the Walton Family Foundation to conduct a four-part mobility speakers series on topics related to transit planning and its future in Northwest Arkansas. On November 13 and 14, 2017, Jarrett Walker, the first speaker in the series titled “Growing Mobility for a Growing Region” presented a lecture and a hands-on transit route design workshop in Bentonville, AR. Both the lecture and workshop were very well attended by local leaders and general public and were described as very educational and beneficial to the understanding of transit planning.



BELLA VISTA BYPASS RIBON-CUTTING CEREMONY

On May 10, 2017, officials from the Arkansas Department of Transportation were joined in Bella Vista by Congressman Steve Womack, other local and state officials and the general public for a ceremony dedicated to the near completion of the 6.4 mile extension of the Bella Vista Bypass. Work began in April 2014 on this \$52.7 million section of the bypass that stretches from State Highway 72 east of the Hiwassee community eastward to US Highway 71B. A temporary roundabout was constructed as part of the project to provide access to the bypass as well as Interstate 49. To this date, a total of \$128.6 million has been spent on the Bella Vista Bypass.

LEAGUE HONORS JEFF HAWKINS

AT 83rd CONVENTION

The Arkansas Municipal League at its 83rd Convention, held June 14-16, 2017 in Little Rock, honored Jeff Hawkins with the John Woodruff City Above Self Award. The award is presented to a person who has provided lasting benefits to cities and towns of Arkansas, either collectively or individually, by being an outstanding example of dedication to their improvement.

Jeff Hawkins, the Executive Director of NWARPC, has served as a planning director at the city and regional levels in Arkansas for more than 40 years. He was recognized for his expertise regarding municipal planning and development, land use, redistricting, and annexation. He has been involved in more than 100 annexations in cities across Arkansas.

The award is named in honor of Woodruff, the League's communications coordinator and editor of City & Town from 1992 until his death in 2007. The Arkansas Municipal League is a service and advocacy organization for the municipalities of Arkansas. The League offers its programs and services to all 500 cities and towns in the state and was created in 1934 to assist cities with information and representation in the public affairs of the state and nation.



Diane Woodruff, widow of John Woodruff; Jeff Hawkins. Photo credit :AML <http://www.arml.org/news-events/news-releases/news-detail?title=league-honors-jeff-hawkins-at-83rd-convention>

CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEWS

NWARPC is the federally designated regional clearinghouse for Northwest Arkansas region

The purpose of this designation, which is made pursuant to Executive Order 12372, is to insure that requests for federal funding are reviewed to determine compatibility with local and regional plans, and that such funding will not be used for duplicative purposes.

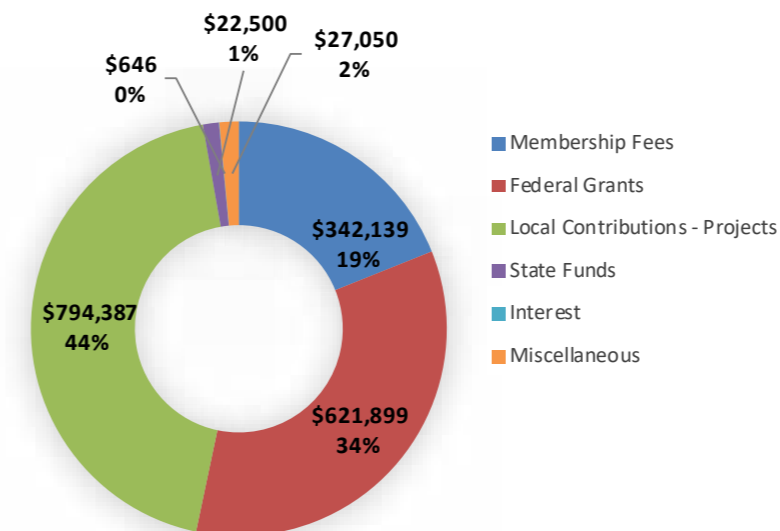
In 2017, 104 federal-aid grants with a total value of \$124.7 million were submitted and were cleared in order to insure that proposed uses were consistent with, and in furtherance of, the goals, objectives and planned development for the region.

FINANCIAL REPORT

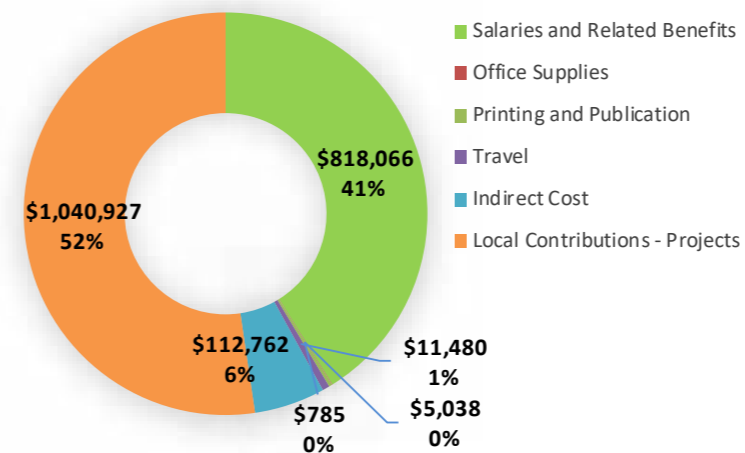
2017 Income and Expenses

The following charts illustrate the income and expenses summary for the Fiscal Year 2017 (July 2016 to June 2017).

INCOME



EXPENSES



	2017	Total
Income		\$1,808,621
Expenses		\$ 1,989,058

MEMBERSHIP

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