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## TO THE READER:

It is our pleasure to invite your examination of the Northwest Arkansas Regional Transportation Study (NARTS) 2020 Regional Transportation Plan. We feel that this document provides a comprehensive framework of transportation guidance for the next 25 years.

Through a genuine spirit of regional cooperation and dedication that mirrors the character of the people that live here, NARTS has defined the transportation needs of Northwest Arkansas and developed a plan to address those needs.

While we realize that these needs are great and that available funds are in short supply, it is our function and purpose to provide the safest and most efficient transportation system possible with respect to the funding we can "reasonably" expect over the next 25 years.

In doing so, important decisions and choices that will shape our area's future, have to be made. These decisions are the direct result of: careful studies and planning; public input, coordination and cooperation among all participating units of government; future growth and development; the history of the area; and plain common sense and hard work.

We welcome your comments and suggestions on this document and any transportation or planning issues you would like to discuss. Our doors are always open.

Sincerely,


Charles McKinney, Chair NARTS Policy Committee


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## "Scenic hills, friendly people and the University"

Scenic hills, friendly people and the University of Arkansas have been the main attractions of this Region since the turn of the century. Today, as then, two U. S. Highways are its principal links to the rest of the world - U. S. 71 to the north \& south and U.S. 412 to the east \& west. Rail lines connect the Region to Saint Louis to the north and to Fort Smith and the Arkansas River to the south. Just after World War II "Central Airlines" began operations at Fayetteville's Drake Field and became one of the nations first non-scheduled air carriers.

These facilities have given the Region access to many people, goods and services over the years. They helped it grow from an agrarian economy into an emerging metropolitan area - an area with a rich blend of agriculture, education, recreation, tourism, business and industry. This diversity has evolved because local governments have a healthy competitive spirit. They also know their economy is strong because, on a regional scale, they complement each other. They have a commitment to regional cooperation - and this is the key to the Region's success.

This rare commitment has produced the greatest population and economic growth of any region in Arkansas for over 25 years. But growth puts a tremendous load on the Region's transportation system. Our system, which now serves almost a quarter of a million people, is expected to serve nearly a half million by the year 2020.

So... we must adopt the plans and standards needed to maintain orderly growth. Only in this way can we control the direction of the Region's development and preserve that high quality of life which is so unique to Northwest Arkansas.

## NARTS Mission

The mission of the Northwest Arkansas Regional Transportation Study is to "Develop and maintain a Regional Transportation Plan for the metropolitan area"

## REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION GOAL

"Provide a comprehensive intermodal transportation system which most efficiently serves the human and economic needs of the metropolitan area and the Northwest Arkansas Region."

The regional transportation goal in 1973 was to: "Provide a road, rail and air system which serves the human and economic needs of the Region and the area of which it is a part." Now that the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) legislation takes us into the 21st Century, we have a broader scope for transportation and our collective units of government look forward to meeting this challenge with renewed goals and objectives.

## OBJECTIVES

1. involve all units of government in its creation,
2. develop a plan that is compatible with existing plans of all entities in the metro area,
3. consider all modes of transportation,
4. utilize existing facilities to the maximum extent,
5. schedule transportation improvements to match local, state \& federal capabilities,
6. identify an ideal transportation system to work toward, and
7. meet the local, state and federal requirements for funding eligibility.

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## I. 2020 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

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## A. THE PLAN AT A GLANCE

The 2020 Regional Transportation Plan is a strategy for improving the metropolitan transportation system in order to meet the needs resulting from growth and development in Northwest Arkansas.

The 2020 Regional Land Use Plan map is a composite of all the local land use plans in the Region. These combined land use patterns indicate "how the Region should grow". They set the stage for managing the Region's growth and its "quality of life". They tell us where development is moving and this, in turn, helps us plan the transportation facilities needed to serve that development.

The 2020 Regional Transportation System map is next. It shows the complete system needed to serve the metropolitan area and the outlying Region. The system includes all existing and planned facilities.

The 2020 Regional Transportation Plan is presented in two parts - an Unconstrained Plan and a Constrained Plan. The greatest constraint, of course, is funding. The plan text is illustrated by maps and tables that identify the projects to be accomplished through the year 2020.

## D. Mapping

1. The 2020 Land Use Plan map indicates the desired uses of land within the metropolitan area. This plan brings the adopted land use plans of each unit of government together as a coordinated regional plan. It gives the transportation planner a basis for estimating future traffic demands by directly relating to anticipated uses of the land.
2. The 2020 Regional Transportation Plan map indicates the transportation facilities needed to meet the metropolitan area's Regional transportation demands through the year 2020. The plan is portrayed graphically by maps and further detailed by this written document.

Creation of the plan began by connecting the adopted Master Street Plans of each governmental unit within the metropolitan area. The plan was upgraded to include additional facilities needed to ensure the most efficient flow of people, goods and services throughout the Region by the various modes of transportation. The Regional plan ties local systems into a regional network of coordinated facilities. The classified system is the heart of this plan. The roadway facilities are classified as collectors, minor arterials, principal arterials and freeway/expressways. These classifications reflect the utility of the various facilities and are necessary to qualify the facilities for state and federal funding.

## E. Functional Classifications

As you look at the map of the 2020 Regional Transportation System you will see how our roadways are classified. The classifications are used by planners to indicate the variations between the need for movement and access. They are also used by the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department and the Federal Highway Administration to determine a roadway's eligibility for future state and federal funding assistance. Technical descriptions and data for each classification with cross-sections, speeds, and other information is in the Appendix. Simplified explanations are below:

Local Streets are what you probably back out onto from your driveway. These streets are designed to give you access to your house and they lead to Collector Streets.

Collector Streets pick up local street traffic, often from several neighborhoods, and feed it to Minor Arterials.

Minor arterials are those streets that seem easy to manage--they may have businesses on each side, travelling feels quite comfortable. Minor arterials connect the Collectors to Principal Arterials.

Principal Arterials are those prominent streets that get us across town to places like the regional mall, the stadium, the local university, or the freeway. Principal Arterials are usually several lanes wide, and stops for through traffic are kept to a minimum.

Freeway/Expressways are for the long distance traveller. Speed increases and stops are eliminated.

## F. Growth and the 2020 Plan

Our explosive growth strains local budgets and facilities. Meeting today's needs while providing for the future, is a job that grows with the Region. Budgeting to meet these needs is frustrating in a political climate where the public wants less taxation but more service from government. And, of course, streets are always high priorities. But, when other needs must also be prioritized with streets, local government faces more wants than dollars. Planning helps us to get the most from our assets by examining what we have and then setting priorities for what we want, what we need and what we can afford.

So, as we plan for a better Regional Transportation System, we also plan for future actions with a broad approach to transportation. As we grow we anticipate more convenience and efficiency by developing alternate modes of transportation. Technology is changing our lifestyles, our need to travel and our travel destinations.

The 1991 "ISTEA" legislation requires that future plans be developed with regard to funding constraints. Our rapid growth and limited financial resources demand that we prepare plans and schedules for accomplishing improvements. This 2020 plan includes an "Unconstrained Plan" and a "Constrained Plan". The "Unconstrained Plan" includes improvements unlimited by cost. In the "Constrained Plan" improvements are limited by local, state and federal budgets.

Existing and proposed routes are illustrated on the "2020 Regional Transportation Plan" map. Other maps and tables detail system plans, roadway segments, and specialized facilities such as bridges and bicycle routes. Projects for signalization and localized drainage improvements on existing routes are not included in the 2020 Plan because the scope of such projects is too minute for a system-wide plan.

Transit facilities are also included in the Constrained and Unconstrained Plans. Public and private transit facilities will make our Region more accessible to those who have no means of transportation. This includes the young, old, disabled and all who haven't access to an automobile. Transit can serve more people while causing less traffic congestion. As it reduces dependence upon the automobile it also increases job opportunities to those without automobiles. New neighborhood designs, such as the Neighborhood Concept which recreates the delightful variety at the older core of our towns, are beginning to emerge. These developments are, once again, creating the opportunity for people to walk, ride a bike or take the bus. All of these options can provide safe routes to work, school and neighborhood shopping.

The Region's growth is indicated by tables beginning on page 1-7 which include population, employment, bank deposits, per capita income, property assessments and retail \& wholesale sales. For each city in the Metro Area another set of tables includes a variety of

Socioeconomic indicators from the public and private sector. All of these tables underscore the fact that this region has had exceptional growth and should continue to grow at a brisk pace.

For over 20 years the Region sustained the highest population growth rate of any twocounty region in Arkansas. It also experienced the highest total growth per year of any metropolitan area outside the Little Rock Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). Population projections through the year 2020 are based upon the Region's demonstrated growth from 1980 through 1994. The projections are based upon U. S. Census data and building permit data for the period.

The Region's growth in the 1990's has been exceptional. However, future projections, based upon the last five years growth, can't be made with such optimistic expectations. Because of this, the 1980-1994 period was studied to establish a more reasonable annual growth trend. Total dwelling unit (DU) growth for the 15 year period (1980 through 1994) was examined and future projections are based upon this 15 year trend. Population projections are derived by adding the projected growth to the 1990 population. Projected population was calculated as follows:

Projected Population $=1990$ population + calculated population increase .
Calculation Example:
City of Springdale - growth projection for year 2000
1990 Data: Population $=29,941$ Total occupied DU $=11,432$
Avg. Population per DU $=2.62$
Average annual Dwelling Unit increase 1980-1994 = 364.9 DU/Year
Average annual Population increase $=2.62 \times 364.9=956.0$ People $/$ year
10 year population growth $=10 \times 956.0=9,560$
Year 2000 population $=29,941+9,560=39,501$

## Population Projections

When the 1973 Regional Transportation Plan was adopted, the Region's population was 127,846 ( 1970 Census; Benton County - 50,476 and Washington County - 77,370). By 1990, the Region's population had grown to 210,908 , an increase of $65 \%$ or 83,062 people. Census data for 1990 and the NWARPC's current projections through 2020 are shown below.

| CITY/COUNTY <br> *=Metro Cities | Projection Data |  |  |  | Population Projections 1995-2020 <br> Based upon 1980-1994 Trend |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1990 |  | Trend | Projected | 1995 | 2000 | 2005 | 2010 | 2015 | 2020 |
|  | Population | Pop/DU | DU/Yr. | Pop/Yr. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| BENTON COUNTY | 33986 | 2.77 | 37.9 | 105.1 | 33986 | $34918$ | 35384 | 35850 0 | 36316 0 | 36782 |
| AVOCA | 269 | 2.66 | 2.6 | 6.9 | 304 | 338 | 373 | 407 | 442 | 477 |
| BELLA VISTA CDP | 9083 | 2.08 | 329.3 | 684.7 | 12506 | 15930 | 19353 | 22776 | 26200 | 29623 |
| BENTONVILLE* | 11257 | 2.64 | 167.4 | 441.7 | 13466 | 15674 | 17883 | 20092 | 22300 | 24509 |
| BETHEL HEIGHTS | 281 | 2.75 | 3.7 | 10.1 | 332 | 382 | 433 | 483 | 534 | 584 |
| CAVE SPRINGS* | 465 | 2.74 | 2.0 | 5.5 | 492 | 520 | 547 | 574 | 602 | 629 |
| CENTERTON* | 491 | 2.92 | 11.7 | 34.1 | 661 | 832 | 1002 | 1173 | 1343 | 1514 |
| DECATUR | 918 | 2.74 | 1.8 | 4.9 | 943 | 967 | 992 | 1017 | 1041 | 1066 |
| GARFIELD | 308 | 2.50 | 3.7 | 9.3 | 355 | 401 | 448 | 495 | 542 | 588 |
| GATEWAY | 65 | 2.10 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 66 | 68 | 69 | 71 | 72 | 73 |
| GENTRY | 1726 | 2.67 | 11.7 | 31.3 | 1883 | 2039 | 2196 | 2352 | 2509 | 2665 |
| GRAVETTE | 1412 | 2.52 | 8.3 | 20.8 | 1516 | 1620 | 1725 | 1829 | 1933 | 2037 |
| HIGHFILL* | 84 | 2.40 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 84 | 84 | 84 | 84 | 84 | 84 |
| LITTLE FLOCK* | 944 | 2.79 | 14.5 | 40.6 | 1147 | 1350 | 1553 | 1756 | 1959 | 2162 |
| LOWELL* | 1224 | 2.58 | 30.2 | 78.0 | 1614 | 2004 | 2394 | 2784 | 3174 | 3564 |
| PEA RIDGE | 1620 | 2.68 | 7.0 | 18.8 | 1714 | 1808 | 1902 | 1995 | 2089 | 2183 |
| ROGERS* | 24692 | 2.54 | 436.0 | 1109.3 | 30238 | 35785 | 41331 | 46878 | 52424 | 57971 |
| SILOAM SPRINGS | 8151 | 2.67 | 34.7 | 92.6 | 8614 | 9077 | 9540 | 10003 | 10466 | 10929 |
| SULPHUR SPRING | 523 | 2.48 | 1.5 | 3.6 | 541 | 559 | 578 | 596 | 614 | 632 |
| COUNTY Sub. Tot. | 97499 |  |  | 2697.7 | 110462 | 124357 | 137785 | 151214 | 164643 | 178072 |
| WASHING | 30866 | 2.80 | 43.9 | 122.8 | 31480 | 32094 | 32709 | 33323 | 3393 | 4551 |
| ELKINS | 692 | 2.59 | 9.3 | 24.2 | 813 | 934 | 1055 | 1176 | 1297 | 418 |
| ELM SPRINGS* | 893 | 2.69 | 7.3 | 19.7 | 992 | 1090 | 1189 | 1287 | 1386 | 485 |
| FARMINGTON* | 1322 | 2.62 | 19.7 | 51.5 | 1579 | 1837 | 2094 | 2352 | 2609 | 2867 |
| FAYETTEVILLE* | 42099 | 2.49 | 575.1 | 1433.0 | 49264 | 56429 | 63595 | 70760 | 77925 | 85090 |
| GOSHEN | 589 | 2.79 | 17.2 | 48.0 | 829 | 1069 | 1309 | 1549 | 1789 | 2029 |
| GREENLAND* | 757 | 2.79 | 7.2 | 20.1 | 858 | 958 | 1059 | 1159 | 1260 | 1360 |
| JOHNSON* | 599 | 2.54 | 22.3 | 56.5 | 882 | 1164 | 1447 | 1729 | 2012 | 2294 |
| LINCOLN | 1460 | 2.39 | 6.7 | 16.0 | 1540 | 1620 | 1699 | 1779 | 1859 | 1939 |
| PRAIRIE GROVE | 1761 | 2.49 | 14.5 | 36.2 | 1942 | 2123 | 2304 | 2485 | 2666 | 2847 |
| SPRINGDALE* | 29941 | 2.62 | 364.9 | 956.0 | 34721 | 39501 | 44280 | 49060 | 53840 | 58620 |
| TONTITOWN* | 460 | 2.63 | 5.7 | 14.9 | 534 | 609 | 683 | 758 | 832 | 907 |
| WEST FORK | 1628 | 2.82 | 9.9 | 28.0 | 1768 | 1908 | 2048 | 2189 | 2329 | 2469 |
| WINSLOW | 342 | 2.76 | 2.3 | 6.3 | 373 | 405 | 436 | 467 | 498 | 530 |
| COUNTY Sub. Tot. | 113409 |  |  | 2833.2 | 127575 | 141741 | 155907 | 170073 | 184239 | 198405 |
| METRO Total | 115509 |  |  | 4271.0 | 136864 | 158219 | 179574 | 200929 | 222284 | 243639 |
| REGIONAL TOTAL | 210908 |  |  | 5530.9 | 238037 | 266098 | 293692 | 321287 | 348882 | 376477 |

## GROWTH INDICATORS

Benton \& Washington Counties

| INDICATOR | 1970 <br> Total | 1980 |  |  | 1990 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Total | GROWTH 1970-1980 |  | Total | GROWTH 1980-1990 |  |
|  |  |  | Number | \% Chg. |  | Number | \% Chg. |
| Population <br> Benton County Washington Co. Region | $\begin{array}{r} 50,476 \\ 77,370 \\ 127,846 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 78,115 \\ 100,494 \\ 178,609 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 27,639 \\ & 23,124 \\ & 50,763 \end{aligned}$ | 54.8\% 29.9\% 39.7\% | $\begin{array}{r} 97,499 \\ 113,409 \\ 210,908 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 19,384 \\ & 12,915 \\ & 32,299 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 24.8 \% \\ & 12.9 \% \\ & 18.1 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| School Enrollment Benton County Washington Co. Region | $\begin{aligned} & 11,187 \\ & 16,851 \\ & 28,038 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 13,308 \\ & 17,725 \\ & 31,033 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2,121 \\ 874 \\ 2,995 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 19.0 \% \\ 5.2 \% \\ 10.7 \% \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 16,169 \\ & 19,990 \\ & 36,159 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2,861 \\ & 2,265 \\ & 5,126 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 21.5 \% \\ & 12.8 \% \\ & 16.5 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| Bank Deposits Benton County Washington Co. Region | $\$ 64,983,000$ $\$ 124,771,000$ $\$ 189,754,000$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 305,821,000 \\ & \$ 434,931,000 \\ & \$ 740,752,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 240,838,000 \\ & \$ 310,160,000 \\ & \$ 550,998,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 370.6 \% \\ & 248.6 \% \\ & 290.4 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 846,937,000 \\ \$ 942,481,000 \\ \$ 1,789,418,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 541,116,000 \\ \$ 507,550,000 \\ \$ 1,048,666,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 176.9 \% \\ & 116.7 \% \\ & 141.6 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| Per Capita Income Estimates Benton County Washington Co. | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 2,853 \\ & \$ 2,678 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 8,155 \\ & \$ 7,225 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 5,302 \\ & \$ 4,547 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 185.8 \% \\ & 169.8 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & (1992) \\ & \$ 17,827 \\ & \$ 16,911 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 9,672 \\ & \$ 9,686 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 118.6 \% \\ & 134.1 \% \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Personal Income Estimates Benton County Washington Co. Region | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 144,704,000 \\ & \$ 207,310,000 \\ & \$ 352,014,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 633,832,000 \\ \$ 718,278,000 \\ \$ 1,352,110,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 489,128,000 \\ \$ 510,968,000 \\ \$ 1,000,096,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 338.0 \% \\ & 246.5 \% \\ & 284.1 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} (1992) \\ \$ 1,882,288,000 \\ \$ 2,031,801,000 \\ \$ 3,914,089,000 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 1,248,456,000 \\ & \$ 1,313,523,000 \\ & \$ 2,561,979,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 197.0 \% \\ & 182.9 \% \\ & 189.5 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| Real \& Personal Property Assessment Benton County Washington Co. Region | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 56,030,000 \\ & \$ 43,032,000 \\ & \$ 99,062,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\$ 215,460,000$ $\$ 196,488,000$ $\$ 411,948,000$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 159,430,000 \\ & \$ 153,456,000 \\ & \$ 312,886,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 284.5 \% \\ & 356.6 \% \\ & 315.8 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 753,643,000 \\ \$ 650,101,000 \\ \$ 1,403,744,000 \end{array}$ | \$538,183,000 \$453,613,000 \$991,796,000 | $\begin{aligned} & 249.8 \% \\ & 230.9 \% \\ & 240.8 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| Retail Sales Benton County Washington Co. Region | $(1972)$ $\$ 108,412,000$ $\$ 184,308,000$ $\$ 292,720,000$ | (1982) $\$ 300,272,000$ $\$ 498,362,000$ $\$ 798,634,000$ | $\$ 191,860,000$ $\$ 314,054,000$ $\$ 505,914,000$ | $\begin{aligned} & 177.0 \% \\ & 170.4 \% \\ & 172.8 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} (1990) \\ \$ 596,968,000 \\ \$ 999,758,000 \\ \$ 1,596,726,000 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 296,696,000 \\ & \$ 501,396,000 \\ & \$ 798,092,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 98.8 \% \\ 100.6 \% \\ 99.9 \% \end{array}$ |
| Wholesale Sales Benton County Washington Co. Region | $(1972)$ $\$ 84,627,000$ $\$ 226,935,000$ $\$ 311,562,000$ | (1982) $\$ 177,917,000$ $\$ 569,105,000$ $\$ 747,022,000$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 93,290,000 \\ \$ 342,170,000 \\ \$ 435,460,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 110.2 \% \\ & 150.8 \% \\ & 139.8 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} (1987) \\ \$ 503,454,000 \\ \$ 904,417,000 \\ \$ 1,407,871,000 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 325,537,000 \\ & \$ 335,312,000 \\ & \$ 660,849,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 183.0 \% \\ 58.9 \% \\ 88.5 \% \end{array}$ |

Sources: U. S. Bureau of the Census, U. S. Dept. of Commerce, Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., Arkansas Dept. of Commerce, Ark. Employment Security Div.

## EMPLOYMENT <br> Benton \& Washington Counties

| INDICATOR | 1980 <br> Total | 1994 Total | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { Growth } \\ & \text { 1980-1994 } \end{aligned}$ | \%Chg. <br> (5-1-94) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Labor Force | 73600 | 130725 | 57125 | 77.6\% |
| Total Employment | 69700 | 127450 | 57750 | 82.9\% |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.3\% | 2.5\% |  |  |
| Agriculture | 5300 | 6750 | 1450 | 27.4\% |
| Manufacturing | 18950 | 38200 | 19250 | 101.6\% |
| Nonmanufacturing | 45450 | 82500 | 37050 | 81.5\% |
| Manufacturing |  |  |  |  |
| Durable Goods | 8750 | 12700 | 3950 | 45.1\% |
| Nondurable Goods | 10200 | 20900 | 10700 | 104.9\% |
| Nonmanufacturing |  |  |  |  |
| Construction | 3200 | 4600 | 1400 | 43.8\% |
| Transportation \& |  |  | 0 |  |
| Public Utilities | 3850 | 8100 | 4250 | 110.4\% |
| Trade | 15850 | 31600 | 15750 | 99.4\% |
| Finance, Insurance \& |  |  |  |  |
| Real Estate | 2100 | 4200 | 2100 | 100.0\% |
| Services | 8450 | 21900 | 13450 | 159.2\% |
| Government | 12000 | 16700 | 4700 | 39.2\% |

[^1]Regional SocioEconomic Factors

|  | Bentonville | Rogers | Lowell | Springdale | Fayetteville |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1990 Population <br> 2000 Projection <br> 2005 Projection <br> 2010 Projection <br> 2015 Projection <br> 2020 Projection | $\begin{aligned} & 11257 \\ & 15674 \\ & 17883 \\ & 20092 \\ & 22300 \\ & 24509 \end{aligned}$ | 24692 <br> 35785 <br> 41331 <br> 46878 <br> 52424 <br> 57971 | $\begin{aligned} & 1224 \\ & 2004 \\ & 2394 \\ & 2784 \\ & 3174 \\ & 3564 \end{aligned}$ | 29941 <br> 39501 <br> 44280 <br> 49060 <br> 53840 <br> 58620 | 42099 <br> 56429 <br> 63595 <br> 70760 <br> 77925 <br> 85090 |
| Municipal Services: <br> Type of Local Govt. <br> Annual budget <br> Bonded Indebtedness <br> City <br> County <br> School | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mayor-Council } \\ \$ 19,975,633 \\ \$ 9,900,000 \\ \$ 0 \\ \$ 6,900,000 \end{gathered}$ | Mayor-Council <br> \$13,956,716 $\begin{gathered} \$ 9,500,000 \\ \$ 0 \\ \$ 9,524,860 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mayor-Council } \\ \$ 602,000 \\ \$ 0 \\ \$ 0 \\ \$ 9,524,860 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mayor-Council } \\ \$ 8,350,000 \\ \$ 0 \\ \$ 3,385,000 \\ \$ 15,407,450 \end{gathered}$ | Mayor-Council <br> \$67,900,000 <br> \$12,300,000 <br> \$41,300,000 <br> \$3,310,000 <br> \$10,895,000 |
| Fire Insurance class In City <br> Outside  | $\begin{gathered} 5 \\ 5-9 \\ 8 \\ \text { Yes } \\ \text { Yes } \\ \text { Yes } \\ \text { Yes } \\ 99 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 5 \\ 7-9 \\ 15 \\ \text { Yes } \\ \text { Yes } \\ \text { Yes } \\ \text { Yes } \\ 99 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 5.0000 \\ 9.0000 \\ 5 \\ \text { No } \\ \text { No } \\ \text { Yes } \\ \text { Yes } \\ 90 \% \end{gathered}$ | 5.0000 $6-10$ 6 Yes Yes Yes Yes $95 \%$ | 4.0000 N/A 11 Yes Yes Yes Yes $100 \%$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Average Daily Consumption Storage Capacity | 4.0 mgd <br> 3.0 mgd <br> 1.5 mgd | 4.5 mgd <br> 2.0 mgd <br> 4.8 mgd | 8.0 mgd <br> 15.0 mgd 0 gals | 9.0 mgd <br> 25 mgd <br> 0 gals | $\begin{gathered} 10.0 \mathrm{mgd} \\ 0 \\ 27.3 \mathrm{mgd} \end{gathered}$ |
| Sewer: <br> Type of Treatment Plant \% of community served by sewer <br> Average daily load <br> Design capacity | $\begin{gathered} \text { Activated Sludge } \\ 97 \% \\ 2.0 \mathrm{mgd} \\ 4.0 \mathrm{mgd} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Bio-Filtration } \\ 65 \% \\ 4.0 \mathrm{mgd} \\ 6.7 \mathrm{mgd} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Trickling Filter } \\ 100 \% \\ 8.0 \mathrm{mgd} \\ 16.0 \mathrm{mgd} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Extended Aeriatio } \\ 85 \% \\ 6 \mathrm{mgd} \\ 15.6 \mathrm{mgd} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Activated Sludge } \\ 99 \% \\ 9.0 \mathrm{mgd} \\ 11.0 \mathrm{mgd} \end{gathered}$ |
| Electric Company | Municipally owned from SWEPCO | SWEPCO Carroll Electric | SWEPCO Carroll Electric | SWEPCO Ozark's Electric | SWEPCO |
| Natural Gas Company | Arkansas Western Gas |  |  |  |  |
| Telephone Company | Southwestern Bell Telephone |  |  |  |  |
| Tax Structure: <br> City |  |  |  |  |  |
| Property Tax rate Assess. \% Personal Property Tax Rate Assess. \% | $\begin{gathered} 5.00 \\ 20 \\ 5.00 \\ 20 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 5.00 \\ 20 \\ 5.00 \\ 20 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 5.40 \\ 20 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 9.00 \\ 20 \\ 9.00 \\ 20 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1.00 \\ 1.00 \\ 2.30 \\ 20 \end{gathered}$ |
| County <br> Property Tax rate Assess. \% Personal Property Tax Rate Assess. \% | $\begin{gathered} 4.3000 \\ 20 \\ 4.3000 \\ 20 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 4.3000 \\ 20 \\ 4.3000 \\ 20 \end{gathered}$ | 4.3000 | $\begin{gathered} 6.3000 \\ 20 \\ 6.3000 \\ 20 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 6.3000 \\ 20 \\ 4.0000 \\ 20 \end{gathered}$ |

## Regional SocioEconomic Factors

|  | Bentonville | Rogers | Lowell | Springdale | Fayetteville |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| School |  |  |  |  |  |
| Property Tax rate Assess. \% Personal Property Tax Rate Assess. \% | $\begin{gathered} 35.3000 \\ 20 \\ 30.3000 \\ 20 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 27.0000 \\ 20 \\ 27.0000 \\ 20 \end{gathered}$ | 27.0000 | $\begin{gathered} 31.4000 \\ 20 \\ 31.4000 \\ 20 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 36.2000 \\ 20 \\ 41.0000 \\ 20 \end{gathered}$ |
| College |  |  |  |  |  |
| Property Tax rate Assess. \% Personal Property Tax Rate Assess. \% | $\begin{gathered} 3.0000 \\ 20 \\ 3.0000 \\ 20 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 3.0000 \\ 20 \\ 3.0000 \\ 20 \end{gathered}$ |  |  |  |
| Total Property Tax rate <br>  Personal Property Tax Rate | 48.1000 <br> 48.1000 | 39.3000 39.3000 | 36.7000 | 46.7000 | $\begin{aligned} & 47.3000 \\ & 47.3000 \end{aligned}$ |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |
| Elementary Schools | 4 | 7 | 1 | 9 | 8 |
| Grades | K-5 | K-6 | PreK-6 | K-6 | K-6 |
| Middle School | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Grades | 6-7 |  |  |  |  |
| Junior High | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Grades | 8-9 | 7-9 |  | 7-9 | 7-9 |
| High School | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Grades <br> Private/Parochial | 10-12 | 10-12 |  | 10-12 | 10-12 |
| Private/Parochial | 1 |  | 0 |  | 3 |
| Transportation: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nearest intermodal facility | Tulsa, Ok | Tulsa, Ok | Tulsa, Ok | Tulsa, Ok | Tulsa, Ok |
| Nearest piggyback service | Springfield, MO | Springfield, MO | Springfield, MO | Springfield, MO | Springfield, MO |
| Nearest commercial airport | Fayetteville | Fayetteville | Fayetteville | Fayetteville | In City |
| Distance | $26 \text { miles }$ | 19 miles | 15 miles | 10 miles | In City |
| Nearest general aviation airport | In City | In City | Springdale | In City | In City |
| Miles |  |  |  |  |  |
| Atlanta | 777 | 687 | 674 | 678 | 669 |
| Chicago | 597 | 594 | 612 | 570 | 646 |
| Dallas | 376 | 343 | 330 | 329 | 333 |
| Houston | 574 | 536 | 523 | 541 | 518 |
| Kansas City | 209 | 232 | 241 | 220 | 233 |
| Los Angeles | 1,801 | 1,560 | 1,559 | 1,517 | 1,554 |
| Memphis | 376 | 293 | 309 | 326 | 326 |
| New Orleans | 655 | 612 | 599 | 646 | 618 |
| New York City | 1,272 | 1,270 | 1,282 | 1,258 | 1,410 |
| St. Louis | 304 | 316 | 327 | 340 | 370 |
| Days by Rail Car Load |  |  |  |  |  |
| Atlanta | 7 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 3 |
| Chicago | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 |
| Dallas | 3 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 3 |
| Houston | 3 | 3 | 7 | 7 | 3 |
| Kansas City | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Los Angeles | 8 | 8 | 10 | 10 | 5 |
| Memphis | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| New Orleans | 3 | 3 | 7 | 7 | 4 |
| New York City | 6 | 6 | 8 | 8 | 7 |
| St. Louis | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Days by Truck Load <br> Atlanta | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 |

## Regional SocioEconomic Factors

|  | Bentonville | Rogers | Lowell | Springdale | Fayetteville |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Chicago  <br> Dallas  <br> Houston  <br> Kansas City  <br> Los Angeles  <br> Memphis  <br> New Orleans  <br> New York City  <br> St. Louis  <br>  Atlanta <br> Chicago  <br> Days by Truck LTL Doustas <br>  Kansas City <br>  Los Angeles <br> Memphis  <br>  New Orleans <br> New York City  <br> St. Louis  | 2 1 2 1 6 1 3 6 1 2 2 1 2 1 6 1 3 6 1 | 2 1 2 1 6 1 3 6 1 2 2 1 2 1 6 1 3 6 1 | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 3 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & \hline 3 \\ & 3 \\ & 3 \\ & 2 \\ & 2 \\ & 2 \\ & 5 \\ & 1 \\ & 3 \\ & 5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 3 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 1 \\ & \\ & 3 \\ & 3 \\ & 3 \\ & 2 \\ & 2 \\ & 5 \\ & 1 \\ & 3 \\ & 5 \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 1 \\ & 4 \\ & 4 \\ & 1 \\ & 3 \\ & 4 \\ & 2 \\ & 2 \\ & 2 \\ & 2 \\ & 2 \\ & 2 \\ & 2 \\ & 4 \\ & 1 \\ & 4 \\ & 4 \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ |
| Commercial/Indust. Services Type of Newspaper(s) in city Number of Banks in City No. of Savings and Loans Total Assets | Daily, Weekly 2 2 $\$ 935,090,367$ | Daily 5 2 $\$ 1,755,400,000$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Daily } \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ \$ 352,336,000 \end{gathered}$ | Daily 3 3 $\$ 477,349,183+$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Daily } \\ 5 \\ 1 \\ \$ 866,813,000 \end{gathered}$ |
| Health Facilities: <br> Number of Hospitals <br> If none, distance to nearest Total No. of Beds Nearest Emergency Med Treatment No. of Nursing Homes in City | $\begin{gathered} 1 \\ 63 \\ \text { In City } \\ 2 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1 \\ 165 \\ \text { In City } \\ 3 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0 \\ 5 \text { miles } \\ 0 \\ \text { Rogers, Springdal } \\ 0 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1 \\ 222 \\ \text { In City } \\ 3 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 5 \\ 574 \\ \text { In City } \\ 3 \end{gathered}$ |
| Recreation: <br> Tennis Courts <br> Parks <br> Swimming Pools | $\begin{aligned} & 4 \\ & 7 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 10 \\ 14 \\ 1 \end{gathered}$ | 0 2 0 | $\begin{gathered} 11 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 15 \\ 33 \\ 2 \end{gathered}$ |
| Housing and Churches:  <br> No. of Dwellings  <br> Owner Occupied  <br> Rental apartments available  <br> Churches Protestant <br>  Catholic <br> Nearest synagogue  | $\begin{gathered} 4,482 \\ 66 \% \\ 874 \\ \\ 25 \\ 2 \\ 30 \text { miles } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 10,291 \\ 50-60 \\ 59 \\ 1 \\ 20 \text { miles } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 750 \\ 90 \% \\ 54 \\ 7 \\ 7 \\ 0 \\ 11 \text { miles } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 12,076 \\ 64 \% \\ 2534 \\ \\ 22 \\ 1 \\ 8 \text { miles } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20,301 \\ 43 \% \\ 8087 \\ \\ 70 \\ 2 \\ \text { In City } \end{gathered}$ |

[^2]Regional SocioEconomic Factors


## Regional SocioEconomic Factors

|  | Bethel <br> Heights | Cave Springs | Centerton | Highfill | Little <br> Flock |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| School  <br>  Property Tax rate <br> Assess. \%  <br> Personal Property Tax Rate  <br> College Assess. \% <br>  Property Tax rate <br>  Assess. \% <br>  Personal Property Tax Rate <br>  Assess. \% <br> Total  <br>  Property Tax rate <br>  Personal Property Tax Rate |  |  |  |  |  |
| Education  <br> Elementary Grades <br> Middle School Grades <br> Junior High Grades <br> High School Grades <br> Private/Parochial  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Transportation: <br> Nearest intermodal facility <br> Nearest piggyback service <br> Nearest commercial airport <br> Distance <br> Nearest general aviation airport Location, length, time in transit Miles <br> Atlanta <br> Chicago <br> Dallas <br> Houston <br> Kansas City <br> Los Angeles <br> Memphis <br> New Orleans <br> New York City <br> St. Louis | Tulsa, Ok <br> Springfield, MO <br> Fayetteville 15 miles Springdale | Tulsa, Ok Springfield, MO <br> Fayetteville 15 miles Springdale | Tulsa, Ok <br> Springfield, MO <br> Fayetteville 15 miles Springdale | Tulsa, Ok <br> Springfield, MO <br> Fayetteville 15 miles Rogers $\begin{gathered} 686 \\ 624 \\ 342 \\ 535 \\ 253 \\ 1,571 \\ 321 \\ 611 \\ 1,294 \\ 339 \end{gathered}$ | Tulsa, Ok <br> Springfield, MO <br> Fayetteville 15 miles Rogers |
| Days by Rail Car Load <br> Atlanta <br> Chicago Dallas Houston <br> Kansas City <br> Los Angeles Memphis <br> New Orleans <br> New York City <br> St. Louis | $\begin{gathered} 4 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 5 \\ 7 \\ 2 \\ 10 \\ 3 \\ 7 \\ 8 \\ 2 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 4 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 5 \\ 7 \\ 2 \\ 10 \\ 3 \\ 7 \\ 8 \\ 8 \\ 2 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7 \\ & 3 \\ & 3 \\ & 3 \\ & 3 \\ & 1 \\ & 8 \\ & 3 \\ & 3 \\ & 6 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 4 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 5 \\ 7 \\ 2 \\ 10 \\ 3 \\ 7 \\ 8 \\ 2 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7 \\ & 3 \\ & 3 \\ & 3 \\ & 1 \\ & 8 \\ & 3 \\ & 3 \\ & 6 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ |
| Days by Truck Load <br> Atlanta | $1$ | $1$ | $2$ | $1$ | 2 |

## Regional SocioEconomic Factors

|  | Bethel <br> Heights | Cave Springs | Centerton | Highfill | Little Flock |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Chicago  <br> Dallas  <br> Houston  <br> Kansas City  <br> Los Angeles  <br> Memphis  <br> New Orleans  <br> New York City  <br> St. Louis  <br> Atlanta  <br> Days by Truck LTL Chicago <br> Dallas  <br> Houston  <br> Kansas City  <br> Los Angeles  <br> Memphis  <br> New Orleans  <br> New York City  <br> St. Louis  | 1 1 1 1 3 1 1 2 1 3 3 3 2 2 5 2 3 5 2 | 1 1 1 1 3 1 1 2 1 3 3 3 2 2 5 2 3 5 2 | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \\ & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 1 \\ & 6 \\ & 1 \\ & 3 \\ & 6 \\ & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 2 \\ & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 1 \\ & 6 \\ & 1 \\ & 3 \\ & 6 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 3 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 1 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 2 \\ & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 1 \\ & 6 \\ & 1 \\ & 3 \\ & 6 \\ & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 2 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 1 \\ & 6 \\ & 1 \\ & 3 \\ & 6 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ |
| Commercial/Industrial Services: <br> Type of Newspaper(s) in city Number of Banks in City No. of Savings and Loans Total Assets | - | - | 1 | - | - |
| Health Facilities: <br> Number of Hospitals <br> If none, distance to nearest <br> Total No. of Beds <br> Nearest Emergency Med Treatmen <br> No. of Nursing Homes in City |  |  |  |  |  |
| Recreation: <br> Tennis Courts <br> Parks <br> Swimming Pools | - | - | 1 | - | - |
| Housing and Churches: <br> No. of Dwellings <br> Owner Occupied <br> Rental apartments available <br> Churches | - | - | 4 | - | - |

Sources: NWARPC, SWEPCO Economic Development Dept. and Cities

## Regional SocioEconomic Factors

\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \& \begin{tabular}{l}
Elm \\
Springs
\end{tabular} \& Farmington \& Greenland \& Johnson \& Tontitown \\
\hline \begin{tabular}{|r|}
1990 Population \\
2000 Projection \\
2005 Projection \\
2010 Projection \\
2015 Projection \\
2020 Projection
\end{tabular} \& 893
1090
1189
1287
1368
1485 \& \[
\begin{aligned}
\& 1322 \\
\& 1837 \\
\& 2094 \\
\& 2352 \\
\& 2609 \\
\& 2867
\end{aligned}
\] \& \[
\begin{gathered}
\hline 757 \\
958 \\
1059 \\
1159 \\
1260 \\
1360
\end{gathered}
\] \& 599
1164
1447
1729
2012
2294 \& 460
609
683
758
832
907 \\
\hline \begin{tabular}{lr}
\hline Municipal Services: \& \\
Type of Local Govt. \& \\
Annual budget \& \\
Bonded Indebtedness \& \\
\& \begin{tabular}{r} 
City \\
County
\end{tabular} \\
\& School \\
Fire Insurance class \& In City \\
\& Outside \\
No. of pumpers/trucks \& \\
Garbage Service Provided: \& \\
Public Library \& \\
Comprehensive City Plan \& \\
City Zoning \& \\
Percent of Streets Paved \& \\
\hline
\end{tabular} \& Mayor-Council \& \begin{tabular}{l}
Mayor-Council \\
758,142 \\
5 \\
7 \\
3 \\
Yes \\
No \\
Yes \\
Yes
\end{tabular} \& \begin{tabular}{l}
Mayor-Council 350,000 \\
4 \\
1 \\
Yes \\
Yes
\end{tabular} \& \begin{tabular}{l}
Mayor-Council 537,236 \\
1 \\
Yes \\
No \\
Yes \\
Yes
\end{tabular} \& Mayor-Council
142,960
159,952

7
9
7
No
No
Yes
Yes
$100 \%$ <br>

\hline | Utilities: |
| :--- |
| Water Source | \& \& Beaver \& Water \& District \& <br>


\hline | Capacity of Water Plant |
| :--- |
| Average Daily Consumption |
| Storage Capacity |
| Ground Elevated |
| Sewer: |
| Type of Treatment Plant |
| \% of community on sewer |
| Average daily load |
| Design capacity |
| Electric Company | \& \& | Yes 99\% |
| :--- |
| SWEPCO Ozark's Electric | \& SWEPCO Ozark's Electric \& | 85\% |
| :--- |
| SWEPCO | \& | No |
| :--- |
| Ozark's Electric | <br>

\hline Natural Gas Company \& \multicolumn{5}{|c|}{Arkansas Western Gas} <br>
\hline \& \& Prairie Grove Tel. \& S. W. \& Bell \& <br>

\hline | Tax Structure: <br> City |  |
| :--- | ---: |
|  | Property Tax rate |
| Assess. \% |  |
|  | Personal Property Tax Rate |
| Assess. \% |  |
| County |  |
|  | Property Tax rate |
| Assess. \% |  |
|  | Personal Property Tax Rate |
| Assess. \% |  | \& \& \[

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 5,622,240 \\
& 1,500,903
\end{aligned}
$$

\] \& 3 mills \& | .5 mills |
| :--- |
| 5 mills |
| 4 mills |
| 4 mills | \& <br>

\hline
\end{tabular}

Regional SocioEconomic Factors

|  | Elm <br> Springs | Farmington | Greenland | Johnson | Tontitown |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| School Property Tax rate <br> Assess. \%  <br> Personal Property Tax Rate  <br> Assess. \%  <br> College  <br>  Property Tax rate <br> Assess. \%  <br>  Personal Property Tax Rate <br> Assess. \%  <br> Total Property Tax rate <br>  Personal Property Tax Rate |  | $\begin{aligned} & 12,047,220 \\ & 3,528,852 \end{aligned}$ |  | .00065 mills .00065 mills | 2 mills |
| Education  <br> Elementary Grades <br> Middle School Grades <br> Junior High Grades <br> High School Grades <br> Private/Parochial  |  | $\begin{gathered} 3 \\ \mathrm{~K}-6 \\ 1 \\ \\ \\ 2 \\ 7-12 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1 \\ \text { K-6 } \end{gathered}$ $\begin{gathered} 1 \\ 7-12 \end{gathered}$ |  |  |
| Transportation: <br> Nearest intermodal facility <br> Nearest piggyback service <br> Nearest commercial airport <br> Distance <br> Nearest general aviation airport Location, length, time in transit Miles <br> Atlanta <br> Chicago <br> Dallas <br> Houston <br> Kansas City <br> Los Angeles <br> Memphis <br> New Orleans <br> New York City <br> St. Louis | Tulsa, Ok <br> Springfield, MO <br> Fayetteville 15 miles Springdale | Tulsa, Ok <br> Springfield, MO <br> Fayetteville 15 miles Springdale | Tulsa, Ok Springfield, MO <br> Fayetteville 15 miles Fayetteville | Tulsa, Ok <br> Springfield, MO <br> Fayetteville 15 miles <br> Springdale | Tulsa, Ok Springfield, MO <br> Fayetteville 15 miles Springdale |
| Days by Rail Car Load <br> Atlanta <br> Chicago Dallas Houston <br> Kansas City <br> Los Angeles <br> Memphis <br> New Orleans <br> New York City <br> St. Louis | $\begin{gathered} 4 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 5 \\ 7 \\ 2 \\ 10 \\ 3 \\ 7 \\ 8 \\ 2 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3 \\ & 4 \\ & 3 \\ & 3 \\ & 2 \\ & 5 \\ & 1 \\ & 4 \\ & 7 \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3 \\ & 4 \\ & 3 \\ & 3 \\ & 2 \\ & 5 \\ & 1 \\ & 4 \\ & 7 \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3 \\ & 4 \\ & 3 \\ & 3 \\ & 2 \\ & 5 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 4 \\ & 7 \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ | 4 3 5 7 2 10 3 7 8 2 |
| Days by Truck Load Atlanta | $1$ | $2$ | $2$ | $2$ | 1 |

## Regional SocioEconomic Factors

|  | Elm <br> Springs | Farmington | Greenland | Johnson | Tontitown |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
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| Commercial/Industrial Services: <br> Type of Newspaper(s) in city Number of Banks in City No. of Savings and Loans Total Assets | - | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\because$ | - | $1$ |
| Health Facilities: <br> Number of Hospitals <br> If none, distance to nearest <br> Total No. of Beds <br> Nearest Emergency Med Treatmen <br> No. of Nursing Homes in City <br> Recreation: <br> Tennis Courts <br> Parks <br> Swimming Pools | - | - | - | $1$ | $\bar{j}$ |
| Housing and Churches: <br> No. of Dwellings <br> Owner Occupied <br> Rental apartments available Churches <br> Protestant Catholic <br> Nearest synagogue | $-$ | $6$ |  | $2$ | $1$ |

Sources: NWARPC, SWEPCO Economic Development Dept. and Cities

## II. 2020 UNCONSTRAINED PLAN

## A. PLAN DEVELOPMENT SUMMARY

Developing a transportation plan involves an examination of the existing system and preparation of this document which identifies the resources needed to make it better.

The 1991 "ISTEA" legislation requires that an unconstrained plan be developed without limitation to cost. This gives the decision makers maximum latitude in deciding what is needed. Preparing an unconstrained plan also gives them better insights into the most important strategies for producing the best constrained plan with limited resources.

The comprehensive plans of our Metro cities set the stage for improving our regional transportation system. These official documents specify what is wanted and where it should be at the local level. They contain a land use plan and a transportation plan - the basic tools used to direct future growth. The goal of these plans is to protect and improve our "Quality of Life" by establishing policies and standards for acceptable development and the directions it should take.

The 2020 Regional Land Use Plan and 2020 Unconstrained Plan are mosaics which have evolved from these local plans. Land use plans, because they indicate where growth is expected, largely determine what and where our future transportation facilities should be. The 2020 Unconstrained Plan for our transportation system is included in the "2020 Regional Transportation System" map. It portrays all of the facilities needed to serve the growth anticipated by the year 2020.

To determine what the Metro area cities wanted, a "Wish List" of all desired transportation improvements was compiled. Each city completed a questionnaire which identified the specific improvements they wanted. From the questionnaires, tables were developed which separated the project proposals by 5 year periods for each city by type of project and whether the expected use of the facility would be local, sub-regional or regional. Additional details are contained in a complete explanation of the questionnaire in section "III. 2020 Constrained Plan".

A list of unconstrained projects is in the following table entitled "Narts 2020 Long Range Plan Submissions - Unconstrained". These lists include improvements illustrated on the "2020 Regional Transportation System" map including all of the classified roadways that make up the regional transportation plan. Some facilities on the classified system are already in place do not need improvement. Also, some of the cities will upgrade the less costly facilities with their own resources.
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| FYV | 1995-2000 | NL | R | RAZORBACK RD. | US 71 | AR 16 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| FYV | 1995-2000 | NL | s | TOWNSHIPRD. | AR 265 | AR 45 | 1 | L |  | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 90 |
| FYV | 1995-2000 | NL | L | SALEM RD. | EXTENSION N. | MT. COMFORT RD. | 1.75 | c |  | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1208 |
| FYV | 1995-2000 | NL | R | JOYCEST. | EXTENSION W. | GREGG ST. |  | M |  | 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 4025 |
| FYV | 1995-2000 | NL | L | MILL ST. | ROCK ST. | SPRING ST. | 0.25 | c |  | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 173 |
| FYV | 1995-2000 | NL | L | DRAKE ST. | GREGG ST. | DRAKE ST. | 0.25 | c |  | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 173 |
| FYV | 1995-2000 | NL | s | 6TH ST. | WOOD ST. | HUNTSVILLE RD. | 0.25 | P |  | 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 791 |
| FYV | 1995-2000 | NL | L | HAPPY HOLLOW RD. | EXTENSIONE. | AR 265 | 0.5 | c |  | 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2013 |
| FYV | 1995-2000 | BR | R | N. GREGG ST. BR. |  |  | 350 | M | 1 | 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 330 |
| FYV | 1995-2000 | BR | L | MAPLE ST BR. |  |  | $100^{\prime}$ | c | 2 | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 100 |
| FYV | 1995-2000 | BR | L | LAFAYETTE ST. BR |  |  | $10{ }^{\prime}$ | c |  | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 100 |
| FYV | 1995-2000 | IM | R/L | CITY WIDE SIDEWALKIBIKEW | WAY |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| FYV | 1995-2000 | IM | L/S | BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN | PATH (GREGG A |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| FYV | 1995-2000 | EN | R | CORRIDOR ENCHANCEMEN | NT S. SCHOOL ST | US 71 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| FYV | 1995-2000 | EN | R | CORRIDOR ENCHANCEMEN | NT AR 112 S AND L | ST. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| FYV | 1995-2000 | EN | LS | PRESERVATION OF RAIL CO | ORRIDORS (PRAIR | St. TO Center st) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| FYV | 1995-2000 | EN | LS | PRESERVATION OF RAIL CO | ORRIDORS (S. GA | ND TO SCHOOL) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1995-2 | 2000 TOTA | 3 | PRO | ECTS |  |  | 13.12 |  |  |  | 107030 | 179960 |  |  |  |  | 22359 |
| FYV | 2001-2005 | WD | R | AR 265 | AR 45 | US 412 | 7 | P | 2 | 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 10470 |
| FYV | 2001-2005 | WD | R | AR 265 | AR 45 | TOWNSHIP |  |  |  |  | 14190 | 23860 | E | E | c | E |  |
| FYV | 2001-2005 | WD | R | AR 265 | TOWNSHIP | SKILLERN |  |  |  |  | 12110 | 20360 | E | E | c | D |  |
| FYV | 2001-2005 | WD | R | AR 265 | SKILLERN | JOYCE |  |  |  |  | 11530 | 19390 | E | E | c | D |  |
| FYV | 2001-2005 | WD | R | AR 265 | JOYCE | ZION WEST |  |  |  |  | 10800 | 18160 | D | E | c | D |  |
| FYV | 2001-2005 | wo | R | AR 265 | ZION WEST | ZION EAST |  |  |  |  | 11200 | 18830 | - | E | c | D |  |
| FYV | 2001-2005 | wo | R | AR 265 | ZION EAST | IVEY |  |  |  |  | 10890 | 18310 | - | E | c | D |  |
| FYV | 2001-2005 | WD | R | AR 265 | IVEY | US 412 |  |  |  |  | 12640 | 21250 | E | E | c | D |  |
| FYV | 2001-2005 | WD | L | SYCAMORE ST. | Leverett ave. | GARLAND AVE. | 0.24 | c | 2 | 3 | 4870 | 8190 | D | E | D | E | 270 |
| FYV | 2001-2005 | wo | L | 24 TH ST. | US 71B | COUNTRY CLUB DR. | 0.51 | L | 2 | 2 | N/C |  |  |  |  |  | 350 |
| FYV | 2001-2005 | wo | s | ZION RD. | US 71B | AR 265 | 1.51 | c | 2 | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1690 |
| FYV | 2001-2005 | WD | s | ZION RD. | US 71B | OLD MISSOURI |  |  |  |  | 5070 | 8520 | D | E | D | E |  |
| FYV | 2001-2005 | WD | s | ZION RD. | OLD MISSOURI | AR 265 |  |  |  |  | 4220 | 7100 | c | E | c | E |  |
| FYV | 2001-2005 | WD | R | NORTH ST. | GREGG AVE. | AR 45 | 0.95 | P | 2 | 4 | 5060 | 8510 | c | c | c | c | 1420 |
| FYV | 2001-2005 | WD | s | HUNTSVILLE RD. | MILL ST. | HAPPY HOLLOW RD. | 1.24 | c | 2 | 3 | 4550 | 7650 | c | E | c |  | 1390 |
| FYV | 2001-2005 | WD | s | AR 112 | RAZORBACK | MAPLE | 0.25 | M | 2 | 4 | 16160 | 27170 | E | E | D | E | 370 |
| FYV | 2001-2005 | wo | s | AR 16W. | US 71 | DOUBLE SPRINGS RD. | 3.13 | P | 2 | 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 4680 |
| FYV | 2001-2005 | WD | s | AR 16W. | US 71 | SALEM |  |  |  |  | 13950 | 23450 | E | E | C | E |  |
| FYV | 2001-2005 | WD | s | AR 16W. | SALEM | 46TH |  |  |  |  | 8350 | 14040 | c | E | c | c |  |
| FYV | 2001-2005 | WD | s | AR 16W. | 46TH | DOUBLE SPRINGS RD. |  |  |  |  | 6600 | 11100 | c | D | C | c |  |
| FYV | 2001-2005 | NL | R | SHILOH DR. | ESTENSIONS. | DOROTHY JEAN ST. | 0.5 | c |  | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 345 |
| FYV | 2001-2005 | NL | s | GTH ST. | WOOD ST. | HUNTSVILLE RD. | 0.25 | P |  | 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 791 |
| FYV | 2001-2005 | NL | L | DRAKE ST. | GREGG ST. | DRAKE ST. | 0.25 | c |  | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 173 |
| FYV | 2001-2005 | NL | L | HAPPY HOLLOW RD. | extensione. | AR 265 | 0.5 | c |  | 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2013 |

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## B: CONSTRAINED PROJECTS LISTING

The following list contains the projects to be accomplished under the Financially Constrained Plan. The projects are organized by Funding Source and 5 -year period. A more detailed breakdown of these projects, by city and county, begins on page 3-5.

## NHSISTP TYPE FUNDING

1st Five Year Period (1995-2000)
Bentonville
Rogers
Fayetteville
Fayetteville
Bentonville
Fayetteville
Springdale
Springdale
Fayetteville

Rogers
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Bentonville

Springdale
Fayetteville
Rogers
Lowell
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Washington County
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Fayetteville
Washington County
Rogers
Lowell
Bentonville
\$2,500,000
\$4,934,000
\$2,600,000
\$800,000
\$4,350,000
\$4,680,000
\$3,453,000
\$1,870,000
\$1,600,000
2nd Five Year Period (2001-2005)
AR 12 US 62B to Dream Valley Rd \$5,750,000
US 412 New Location (Phase I) \$5,000,000
AR 265 AR 45 to Ivey \$8,600,000
AR 72 US 71B to E. City Limits
3rd Five Year Period (2006-2010)
US 412 New Location (Phase II)
AR 112 AR 112s to US 71
AR 265 New Location (Phase I)
AR 265 New Location (Phase I)
AR 102 US 71B to W. City Limits
4th Five Year Period (2011-2015)
AR 265 Randall Wobbe to AR 264 \$4,744,000
AR 45 North St. to NARTS boundary $\$ 3,658,000$
US 412 New Location (Phase I)
AR 265 New Location (Phase II)
AR 265 New Location (Phase II)
AR 72s AR 72 to US 71B

5th Five Year Period (2016-2020)
US 412 New Location (Phased III) \$5,000,000
AR 16E. 71B to Stone Bridge Rd. $\$ 5,430,000$
US 412 New Location (Phase II)
AR 265 New Location (Phase III)
AR 265 New Location (Phase III)
AR 112 AR 102 to S. City Limits
\$6,900,000
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\$6,076,000
\$6,008,000
\$4,728,000
\$5,750,000
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\$6,008,000
\$4,728,000
\$2,880,000
\$5,000,000
\$6,008,000
\$4,728,000
\$3,734,000

Fayetteville (1995-2000) Gregg Ave. US71 to City Limits \$1,500,000

Springdale (1995-2005) Johnson Rd.
Farmington
Bentonville
Rogers (2001-2015) Dixieland Rd.
Fayetteville (2011-2015) North St.
Lowell (2011-2020) Pleasant Grove
Fayetteville (2016-2020) Happy Hollow

412 to S. City Limits $\$ 3,200,000$
(New Location) $\$ 100,000$
Moberly Ln. to AR 112 \$3,019,000
Oak to Perry \$3,100,000
Gregg Ave. to AR $45 \quad \$ 1,420,000$
US71 to US71B $\$ 1,380,000$
AR 16E to Cliffs Dr.

## BRIDGE FUNDING PROJECTS

 ALL PROJECTS ARE IN THE FIRST 5 YEAR PERIOD (1995-2000)| Fayetteville | Owl Creek Structures and Approaches* | $\$ 180,000$ |
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| Johnson | Clear Creek* | $\$ 140,000$ |
| Fayetteville | E. 7th St. | $\$ 34,000$ |
| Rogers | Dixieland at Price Ln. | $\$ 50,000$ |
| Lowell | Lincoln St. at Puppy Creek | $\$ 40,000$ |
| Springdale | Pump Station Rd. at Spring Creek | $\$ 166,000$ |
| Fayetteville | Lake Sequoyah Bridge | $\$ 676,000$ |
| Rogers | N. 24th St. at RR | $\$ 100,000$ |
| Springdale | Randall Wobbe Ln. at Day Creek | $\$ 85,000$ |
| Fayetteville | E. Huntsville | $\$ 35,000$ |
| Fayetteville | E. Sycamore | $\$ 35,000$ |
| Rogers | W. Olive St. | $\$ 50,000$ |
| Rogers | N. 13th St. at Osage Creek | $\$ 40,000$ |
| Rogers | Dixieland Rd. at Osage Creek | $\$ 40,000$ |
| Rogers | S. 28th St. | $\$ 50,000$ |
| Rogers | Dixieland Rd. at Osage Creek | $\$ 60,000$ |
| Rogers | S. 26th. St. at Osage Creek | $\$ 40,000$ |
| Washington County | Henry Walker | $\$ 150,000$ |
| Washington County | Harvey Dowell | $\$ 150,000$ |
| Washington County | Wyman Rd. at White River | $\$ 330,000$ |
| Washington County | Tilly Willy Bridge on WCO 69 | $\$ 575,000$ |
| Fayetteville | Gregg St. | $\$ 350,000$ |
| Benton County | Lick Branch Creek Bridge on BC 216 | $\$ 100,000$ |
| Benton County | Osage Creek Bridge on BC 71 | $\$ 180,000$ |
| Benton County | Rainbow Rd. Bridge on BC 51 | $\$ 275,000$ |

* These projects have been studied by AHTD and are currently programmed, with Job Numbers, for Federal Fiscal Year 1996.

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## C. FUNDING COMMITMENTS FOR CONSTRAINED PROJECTS

Funding for the facilities included in the 2020 Constrained Plan is included in the following project listings. The listings, organized by unit of government, itemize all project and cost data by 5 year periods. Cost estimates are organized by funding source - Federal, State, and Local. Funding for the first 3 years is already programmed as identified in the NARTS Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for fiscal years 1995-1997.

Funding from each local unit of government will be from the city or county's General Fund or special Street/Transportation funds generated by each unit of government as needed throughout the 2020 planning period. This is a commitment which each unit of government understood during project selection and prioritization for the constrained plan. Commitments to the specific dollar amounts shown on the following pages were also reconfirmed with each city during the final draft.

Progress on construction of planned facilities is expected to vary depending upon changes in final engineering, construction and the economy. Because of this, detailed schedules for capital improvement plans and special street/transportation funding beyond the 1995-1997 TIP are not included. The units of government expect to modify their budgets during each 5 year planning period. By planning to flex funding with construction schedules they can make maximum use of limited funds while including the planned improvements. This process may also make possible earlier completion of some projects.

As progress is made special arrangements may be worked out to help the smaller cities acquire the matching funds necessary to complete their portions of the 2020 Regional Transportation Plan. Already, the city of Fayetteville has agreed to provide the $\$ 28,000$ local match required by the city of Johnson on their Clear Creek bridge project in the first 5 years. It is anticipated that other cooperative agreements may be made during each 5 year period of the 2020 plan. Fayetteville and other cities within the metro area will also be completing local projects with funds generated from bond issues, sales tax and projects identified in local capital improvement programs.
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| USER; L=Local, S=Subregional, R=Regional <br> CLASS: C=Collector, L=Local, M=Minor Arterial, $\mathrm{P}=$ Principle Arterial <br>  <br> ABBREVIATIONS <br> CITY CODES: BVL=Bentonville, BCO=Benton County, CEN=Centerton, $F Y V=$ Fayetteville, JNS=Johnson, LWL=Lowell, NWARAA=Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport Authority, ROG=Rogers, SPD=Sp LOS=Level of Service |  |
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| BENTONVILLE PROJECTS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| YEAR | TYPE PROJ. | USER | ROUTE | BEGIN | END | LENG. | CLASS. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Ex } \\ & \text { x-s } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { PR } \\ & \text { X-S } \end{aligned}$ | ADT |  | LOS WITHOUT IMPROVEMEN |  | LOS WITH IMPROVEMENT |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { TYPE } \\ & \text { FUND. } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | FUNDING SOURCE |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { EST. } \\ & \text { COST } \end{aligned}$ |
| 1995-2000 | WD | R | AR 72 |  | E. CITY LIMIS |  |  |  |  | 1994 | 2020 | 1994 | 2020 | 1994 |  |  | FED. | STATE | LOCAL |  |
| 1995-2000 | WD | R | AR 72 | US 71B | AR 72s |  | P | 2 | $\bigcirc$ | 6660 | 11880 |  |  |  |  | STATE |  | 6900 |  | 6900 |
| 1995-2000 | WD | R | AR 72 | AR 72s | AR 112 |  |  |  |  | 8850 | 15780 | D | E | c | c |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1995-2000 | wD | R | AR 72 | AR 112 | MOBERLY LN. |  |  |  |  | 10290 | 18350 | D | E | C | D |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1995-2000 | WD | R | AR 72 | MOBERLY LN. | E. CITY LIMITS |  |  |  |  | 6410 | 11430 | c | D | c | C |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1995-2000 | WD | s | AR 102 | US 71B | MOBERLY LN. | 1.64 | P | 2 | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  | NHS | 2000 | 500 |  | 2500 |
| 1995-2000 | WD | s | AR 102 | US 71B | AR 72 S |  |  |  |  | 13570 | 24200 | E | E | c | E |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1995-2000 | WD | s | AR 102 | AR $72 S$ | AR 112 |  |  |  |  | 14640 | 26090 | E | E | C | E |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1995-2000 | WD | s | AR 102 | AR 112 | MOBERLY LN. |  |  |  |  | 17280 | 30800 | E | E | c | E |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1995-2000 | wD | R | US 71B | SW "A" | US 71 | 2.7 | P | 3 | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  | NHS | 3480 | 870 |  | 4350 |
| 1995-2000 | WD | R | US 71B | SW "A" | AR 204 |  |  |  |  | 19520 | 34810 | E | E | D | E |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1995-2000 | WD | R | US 71B | AR 204 | AR 12 |  |  |  |  | 16760 | 29890 | E | E | D | E |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1995-2000 | WD | R | US 71B | AR 12 | AR 112 |  |  |  |  | 18430 | 32870 | E | E | D | E |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1995-2000 | WD | R | US 71B | AR 112 | US 71 |  |  |  |  | 20390 | 36360 | E | E | D | E |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2001-2015 | NL | S | SE 28TH ST. | MOBERLY LN. | AR 112 | 1.12 | M |  | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  | STP | 2415 |  | 603.8 | 3019 |
| 2006-2010 | WD | s | AR 102 | W. CITY LIMITS | US 71B | 1.61 | P | 2 | 5 | 8980 | 16000 | D | E | c | c | NHS | 4600 | 1150 |  | 5750 |
| 2011-2015 | WD | s | AR 728 | AR 72 | US 71B | 1.25 | P | 2 | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  | NHS | 2304 | 576 |  | 2880 |
| 2011-2015 | WD | s | AR 72S | AR 72 | AR 102 |  |  |  |  | 7010 | 12490 | c | E | c | c |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2011-2015 | WD | S | AR 72S | AR 102 | US 71B |  |  |  |  | 5070 | 9040 | c | D | c | c |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2016-2020 | WD | $R$ | AR 112 | AR 102 | S. CITY LIMITS | 1.52 | P | 2 | 5 | 4070 | 7250 | c | C | c | c | NHS | 2987 | 746.8 |  | 3734 |

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| $1995-2000$ | BR | R | LICK BRANCH CREEK BR. ON BC 216 |
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| LOWELL PROJECTS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| $2006-2010$ | WDINL | R | AR 265 | AR 264 | ROG C. L. (PHASEI) |  | P |  |  |  |  |  |  | NHS | 3782 | 945.6 |  | 4728 |
| 2011-2015 | WDINL | R | AR 265 | AR 264 | ROG C. L. (PHASE II) |  | P |  | 4 |  |  |  |  | NHS | 3782 | 945.6 |  | 4728 |
| 2011-2020 | wD | R | PLEASANT GROVE | US 71 | US 718 | 1.5 | c | 2 | 2 | 1200 | 2140 | c | c | STP | 1104 |  | 276 | 1380 |
| 2016-2020 | WD/NL | R | AR265 | AR 264 | ROGC. L. (PHASE III) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | NHS | 3782 | 945.6 |  | 28 |
| 1995-2000 | BR | R | LINCOLN AT PUPPY |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | BRIDGE | 32 |  | 8 | 40 |


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SPRINGDALE PROJECTS

|  | TYPE |  |  |  |  |  |  | Ex | PR | ADT |  | IMPRO I | $\begin{aligned} & \text { OS } \\ & \text { HOUT } \\ & \text { VEMEN } \end{aligned}$ | IMPRO | $\begin{array}{l\|l\|} \hline \text { TH } \\ \text { EMENT } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | TYPE |  | FUÑDING SOURCE |  |  |
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| YEAR | PROJ. | USER | ROUTE | BEGIN | END | LENG. | CLASS. | X-S | X-S | 1994 | 2020 | 1994 | 2020 | 1994 | 2020 | FUND. | FED. | STATE | LOCAL | COST* |
| 1995-2000 | WD | R/S | AR 265s | US 412 | OLD MISSOURI RD. | 2.31 | M | 2 | 4 | 6180 | 10390 | c | E | C | E | NHS | 2762 | 690.6 |  | 3453 |
| 1995-2000 | WD | R | AR 265 | IVEY | US 412 | 1.21 | P |  |  | 12640 | 21250 | E | E | C | D | NHS | 1496 | 374 |  | 1870 |
| 1995-2005 | WD | R | JOHNSON RD. | US 412 | CITY OF JNS | 2.17 | M | 2 | 4 | 7440 | 12510 | D | E | c | C | STP | 2560 |  | 640 | 3200 |
| 2001-2005 | NL | R/L | US 412 | BYPASS N. OF SPD | PHASEI | 5 | P |  | 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  | NHS | 4000 | 1000 |  | 5000 |
| 2006-2010 | NL | R/L | US 412 | BYPASS N. OF SPD | PHASE II | 5 | P |  | 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  | NHS | 4000 | 1000 |  | 5000 |
| 2011-2015 | WD/NL | R | AR 265 | RANDALL WOBBE | AR 264 | 1.52 | M | 2 | 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  | NHS | 3795 | 948.8 |  | 4744 |
| 2016-2020 | NL | R/L | US 412 | BYPASS N. OF SPD | PHASE III | 5 | P |  | 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  | NHS | 4000 | 1000 |  | 5000 |
| 1995-2000 |  | s | RANDALL WOBBE LN. AT DAY CREEK PUMP STATION RD. AT SPRING CREEK |  |  |  | c |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | BRIDGE | 68 |  | 17 | 85 |
| 1995-2000 | BR |  |  |  |  | $120^{\prime}$ | c | 1 | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  | BRIDGE | 132.8 |  | 33.2 | 166 |



## E. IDENTIFICATION OF NARTS TRANSPORTATION NEEDS

The following is a brief summary of the process and development of the Constrained Plan. NOTE: Several issues discussed here are documented in other sections of the plan.

## 1. Questionnaire

In development of the NARTS 2020 Regional Transportation Plan, AHTD, with help from NWARPC staff, designed a questionnaire/survey to identify and define the transportation needs of the urbanized area of Northwest Arkansas. This questionnaire was discussed and distributed during TAC and Policy meetings in the Spring of 1994 (Pg. A-9). Cities were asked to complete the questionnaire for each proposed project and submit them to NWARPC. Actual questionnaires received are on file at NWARPC and are available for review.

The questionnaire specifically requested the following information: Location of Perceived Need; Average Daily Traffic; Type Work, Accident Data; Alternatives; Explanation of Justification; User of Improved Facility; Availability of Matching Funds; and Proposed Time Period for Implementation in five year increments.

## 2. Unconstrained "WISH LIST"

The questionnaire was the starting point in the development of the Unconstrained Plan of transportation improvements. Each questionnaire received, represented a single project. The data was entered into an Unconstrained file for further analysis, and became the region's "Wish List". It does not consider funding sources, future allocations, or costs.

Projects were broken down by the following data:
CITY: The "Participating" cities or units of government, and transportation providers listed on page ii. The plan only addresses that portion of Benton and Washington counties located within the NARTS study area.

YEAR: Although the MPO is only required to use a "20 year horizon", the NARTS 2020 Regional Transportation Plan addresses the years of 1995 through 2020 or the next 25 years. The time periods are broken up into 5-year increments with 1995-2000 being the first 5-year period.

USER: This column describes the range of users the proposed improvement would benefit. Three possible categories ( $\mathrm{R}=$ Regional user, $\mathrm{S}=$ Sub-Regional user, $\mathrm{L}=$ Local user). The listing of user is the suggestion of the city requesting the improvement.

TYPE WORK: This identifies the actual type of improvement requested by the city.

- New Location (NL) refers to the construction of a new road.
- Widening (WD) refers to the adding of lanes and/or shoulders to an existing route (due to existing congestion or anticipated growth).
- Bridge (BR) refers to the reconstruction or rehabilitation of an existing bridge (also known as "Structures and Approaches").
- Enhancements (EN) refers to projects such as a bicycle lane network - (Enhancement Pg. 4-1)
- Intermodal (IM) refers to projects dealing with two or more modes of transportation. (Management Systems Pg. 6-7)

ROUTE: Name of street to be improved. Roadways on the U.S. and State System are identified by "US" or "AR" followed by highway number.

BEGIN/END: These two columns refer to the starting and ending points of the proposed improvement.

LENGTH: Distance, in miles, of the proposed improvement from the beginning and ending points. Bridge distances are expressed in feet.

CLASSIFICATION: This refers to the Functional Classification of the proposed improvement. (Functional Classifications Pg. A-3)

EXISTING CROSS-SECTION: This refers to the current or existing number of lanes of the roadway (does not apply to New Locations).

PROPOSED CROSS-SECTION: This refers to the proposed number of lanes of the improved roadway. This applies to both Widening Jobs and New Locations. Please note that when requesting federal funding for a functionally classified road, the road must conform to the adopted cross-section criteria for that functional classification. (Functional Classifications, Pg. A-3)

1994 AVERAGE DAILY TRAFFIC: The average number of vehicles that use a specific road or particular segment on a daily basis. These numbers come from traffic count studies performed by AHTD in March/April of 1994. The counts were taken over a 48 hour period in the middle of the week (usually Tuesday-Thursday) and were axially and seasonally adjusted. See Appendix (Pg. A-8)

2020 AVERAGE DAILY TRAFFIC: Projected Average Daily Traffic on a particular road in the year 2020 (without consideration of proposed improvements). This number considers future growth and/or development (example: the planned construction of a new subdivision, school, or shopping center on a specific street). Please Note: To consider future growth and development when projecting future ADT's, the specific development must be committed to by the builder/developer and acknowledged by the appropriate city or unit of government.

1994 LEVEL OF SERVICE (Without Improvements): Refers to the current Level of Service for a route or segment where the proposed improvement is not a consideration. (Levels of Service, Pg. A-7)

1994 LEVEL OF SERVICE (With Improvements): Refers to a projected Level of Service for a route or segment where the proposed improvement is considered.

2020 LEVEL OF SERVICE (Without Improvements): Refers to a projected Level of Service for a route or segment where the proposed improvement is not a consideration. a route or segment where the proposed improvement is a consideration.

ESTIMATED COST: Projected cost of the proposed improvement ( x 1000 ). The figure used is a "typical cost per mile" that AHTD uses for first estimates. These estimates do not represent "detailed costs," which involve actual cubic feet of concrete, base, surfacing, and steel. The cost figure is in terms of 1994 dollars, with $15 \%$ for "engineering and contingencies".

> NOTE: The Unconstrained "Wish List" Plan has progressed through many stages in which a reevaluation period preceding and following each TAC meeting occurred as committee "focus" narrowed on the "most important" needs of the area. Intersection and signalization improvements were dropped from the plan after discussion with AHTD as these types of improvements are too numerous for a long range plan. The suggested improvements were, however, prioritized by each city and given to AHTD for further study and analysis. Likewise, drainage improvements were also dropped from the Plan. If, however, drainage improvements were associated with a Bridge, Widening, or New Location Job, they were left in the Plan.

## F. FUNDING PROJECTIONS BY FUNDING SOURCE

The following funding projections, were provided by Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department. The projections address Federal and State monies for transportation Improvements under the ISTEA of 1991 and represent what can reasonably be expected over the next 25 years. The projections are not a guarantee - (the area could receive more or less depending upon Federal Appropriations and statewide priorities of the Arkansas Highway Commission). Therefore, the funding projections are used as a best-case scenario to establish the parameters of the Constrained Plan. The following is a breakdown of these projections by funding source (or type), the estimated amount (in 1994 dollars), the type of projects, and the criteria a project must meet to receive funding:

## 1. National Highway System/Surface Transportation Program (NHS/STP):

- Description: This type of funding involves Federal dollars with an Arkansas State match at an 80\%/20\% ratio.
- Estimation: \$4,000,000(Federal) $+\$ 1,000,000$ (State Match) $=\$ 5,000,000$ annually \$25,000,000 each 5-year period $\$ 125,000,000$ over the 25 -year plan
- Eligibility/Criteria: Projects eligible for this type of funding involve roads on the National or State Highway System within the NARTS study area boundary (Map, Pg. 3-1). These are U.S. Highways and Arkansas State highways.
- Type Project: The funds may be used for widening existing roads or constructing new roadways. All roads listed in the Unconstrained and Constrained Plans that are listed with a US or AR prefix and followed by a highway number apply to this type of funding.
- Description: This type of funding involves Arkansas State monies with a Local Match at an $80 \% / 20 \%$ ratio. If an improvement is within the corporate boundaries of a city, the city is responsible for the $20 \%$ match. If the improvement is outside the corporate boundaries of a city, but within Washington or Benton Counties, the County is responsible for the $20 \%$ match.
- Estimation: \$500,000(State) + \$125,000(Local Match) $=\$ 625,000$ annually \$3,125,000 each 5-year period $\$ 16,625,000$ over the 25 -year plan
- Eligibility/Criteria: Projects eligible for this type of funding involve roads that are functionally classified as an urban collector or above, and a rural major collector or above (Functional Classifications, Pg. A-7). It should also be noted that the city or county receiving the improvement must provide the local match.
- Type Projects: The funds may be used for widening existing roads, building new locations, or maintenance.


## 3. Bridge:

- Description: This type of funding involves Federal monies with a State or Local match at an $80 \% / 20 \%$ ratio.
- Estimation: \$800,000(State) $+\$ 200,000($ Local Match $)=\$ 1,000,000$ annually \$5,000,000 each 5-year period $\$ 25,000,000$ over the 25 -year plan
- Eligibility/Criteria: Eligible projects include existing bridges (structures and approaches) of 20 feet or more (measured along the center line) within the NARTS study area boundary. They must also meet FHWA rating criteria of Functionally Obsolete or Structurally Deficient (determined by AHTD) and have not received funding within the past 10 years.
- Type Projects: Bridge replacement, reconstruction, or rehabilitation projects all qualify for these type funds.


## 4. Enhancement Program:

- Description: This type of funding involves Federal monies with a Local match at an 80\%/20\% ratio.
- Estimation: \$200,000(State) + \$50,000(Local Match) $=\$ 250,000$ annually \$1,250,000 each 5-year period
$\$ 6,250,000$ over the 25 -year plan
- Eligibility/Criteria: Please refer to the "Enhancement Program" page (4-1).
o Type Project: Please refer to the "Enhancement Program" page (4-1).
- Please Note: These funds were not "prioritized" in the Constrained Plan. The projects must go through a yearly application process and be reviewed by the Arkansas Transportation Enhancement Program (ATEP) Advisory Committee at AHTD. These projects compete for funding with other areas around the State of Arkansas and are decided upon an annual basis. Cities in the NARTS area feel that the enhancement needs of Northwest Arkansas cannot be defined for a 25-year horizon at this time.


## 5. Interstate:

At this time, the NARTS area does not have any roadways designated as "Interstate" facilities.

## 6. State Maintenance:

- Description: State Maintenance funds are used to maintain existing roads. These funds are not available for improvements such as Widening Jobs or New Locations. Therefore, these funds are not "prioritized" in the Constrained Plan. No Local Match is involved.
- Estimation: \$700,000 (State) annually
$\$ 3,500,000$ each 5-year period
$\$ 17,500,000$ over the 25 -year period
- Eligibility/Criteria: Projects available for this type of funding involve existing roads on the US or State Highway System.
- Type Project: These funds may only be used for maintenance. An example would be resurfacing or overlaying a state highway.


## G. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

NARTS has been and will continue to be committed to early and meaningful public involvement in the process of developing the NARTS 2020 Regional Transportation Plan . The following is a summary of the Federal Requirements, AHTD Policy, NARTS Policy, and related Public Forums.

## 1. FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS ON PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Taken from 23 United States Code (U.S.C.) Section 134. Metropolitan Planning
(g) DEVELOPMENT OF LONG RANGE PLAN. -
(4) - PARTICIPATION BY INTERESTED PARTIES. -- Before approving a long range plan, each metropolitan planning organization shall provide citizens, affected public agencies, representatives of transportation agency employees, private providers of transpor-
tation, and other interested parties with a reasonable opportunity to comment on the long range plan, in a manner that the Secretary deems appropriate.
(5) - PUBLICATION OF LONG RANGE PLAN. - Each long range plan prepared by a metropolitan planning organization shall be--
(i) published or otherwise made readily available for public review;

## 2. AHTD LISTENING SESSIONS

The Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department, as part of its public involvement process for the State Long Range Transportation Plan, conducted nine "listening sessions" around the State, in the urban as well as rural areas. The meetings were held in May and June of 1993. The State's Plan will be a "policy" plan and may be reviewed at the NWARPC offices upon completion.

In an effort to gain early and meaningful public involvement, NWARPC participated in the first of these listening sessions on May 18, 1993, at the Springdale Public Library. In doing so, NWARPC was able to (1) provide participants with information through discussion and displays; and (2) receive feedback on the planning process and the needs of the area.

NWARPC provided the following materials and maps for comment:

- The NARTS 1970 Long Range Transportation Study
- The Federal Fiscal Year 1994 Unified Work Program
- The Federal Fiscal Year 1994-1996 Transportation Improvement Program
- The proposed NARTS Public Involvement Procedures
- A Map of the NARTS Study Area Boundary

AHTD handled the public notification for the meeting. The location, Springdale Public Library, is an accessible facility for mobility impaired persons.

## 3. NARTS Public Involvement Procedures

As one of the Federal Requirements of ISTEA, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO's) are required to develop a Public Involvement Process to outline strategies for public participation in the planning process - specifically, with the development of the Long Range Transportation Plan. The development of this Public Involvement Process should involve public participation and review. ISTEA specifically requires a 45 day period for public review and comment on the document before it may officially become approved and adopted. NARTS approved Public Involvement Procedures are in the APPENDIX. The time line below shows how the NARTS Procedures progressed from concept to official policy.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROCEDURES TIME LINE:

1. 5-1-93 "NARTS Public Involvement Procedures" drafted by NWARPC staff, with consultation from AHTD.
2. 5-10-93 Proposed Procedures sent to TAC for review.
3. 5-17-93 TAC approval of proposed Procedures.
4. 5-18-93 Proposed Procedures presented for review and comment at AHTD "Listening Session" at Springdale Public Library
5. 5-19-93 Proposed Procedures sent to Policy Committee for review.
6. 5-26-93 Policy Committee adoption of Proposed Procedures. Please Note: Adoption to become "Official" pending 45 day period for public comment.
7. 5-27-93 News Articles published in local newspapers. Articles detail action taken by the Policy Committee on the previous day - including information pertaining to the NARTS Public Involvement Procedures.
8. 6-6-93 Legal Notices published in local newspapers explaining that NARTS "Public Involvement Procedures" are on file at NWARPC for public comment and review. The notice cites the purpose of the Procedures, the "affected area", the time period for public comment, the address of NWARPC, and an address to send comments.
9. 8-11-93 No verbal or written inquiries or comments received on Procedures. NARTS Proposed Public Involvement Procedures become "Official".

## 4. The First Round of Public Involvement

Following the guidelines outlined in the NARTS Public Involvement Procedures, two public forums were scheduled for public review and comment on the 2020 Plan following the development of the Unconstrained Plan. The Unconstrained Plan represents the preliminary plans (without financial constraint) of the region.

These public forums represented the "first round" of public involvement in the planning process. A "second round" of public involvement would be scheduled to review the TAC's final proposal for the 2020 Plan ( the Financially Constrained Plan).

Through discussion with TAC and Policy members, AHTD and other Metropolitan Planning Organizations in Arkansas, and after reviewing federal guidelines and regional newsletters, NARTS decided that the public "forums" would be Public Hearings and would be supplemented with an informal survey.

WHY PUBLIC HEARINGS? NARTS felt that the public hearing format provided the greatest opportunity for regional participation in the planning process. In general, hearings held prior to a decision point gather citizen comments and positions from all interested parties for public record and input into the decisions. Advantages: (1) Anyone may attend, whether as an individual or as a representative of a special interest group; (2) Hearings are held before a decision is made; (3) Citizen comments are recorded in written form as input to the controlling agency (NWARPC), (4) Hearings can be tailored to specific issues or citizen groups; (5) Hearings can be formal or informal. An indirect benefit of the public hearing format was that it provided maximum use of time and cost effectiveness for NWARPC.

WHY SURVEYS? In this specific case, the surveys provided a means for people to participate in the planning process if they were unable to attend the hearings. They also provide a means to statistically analyze a direct response to questions.

The survey was designed by NWARPC staff with consultation from AHTD and TAC Chair, Dr. Robert Alguire. Respondents were requested to rank "issues' and "improvements" in order of importance and answer several questions characterizing their transportation habits. Number of Vehicles in Household, Mode of Transportation to Work, Distance Traveled to Work, and Time it takes to get to Work were measured. The last question asked was, "In your opinion, which (5) transportation improvements in the area deserve the highest priorities? (Survey, Pg. A-13)

The Public Involvement Procedures specified that "to make public participation as accessible as possible, the TAC will conduct evening forums for review of preliminary plans in the cities of Rogers and Springdale". These cities were chosen as they represent the center of the region's population.

The first hearing was held at Central Junior High School in Springdale on Tuesday, October 18, 1994, from 7:00-9:00 pm. The second hearing was held at the Rogers' High School Auditorium on Thursday, October 20, 1994, from 7:00-9:00 pm. In addition to the hearings, an unscheduled Open House was conducted at the Bentonville City Hall, on Tuesday, November 1, 1994, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, at the request of Bentonville Mayor John Fryer, and other city administrative officials.

## Notification

The notification of public forums is outlined in the NARTS Public Involvement Procedures. NARTS has taken, and will continue to implement, aggressive steps in notifying the public of public forums that will impact NARTS planning and policy by: placing legal notices and advertisements in the local newspapers (The Northwest Arkansas Times, The Morning News of Northwest Arkansas, and The Benton County Daily Record); notifying local journalists of planning activities for news coverage (news articles are an important form of notification and are constantly solicited); and contacting specific agencies that might have an interest in planning activities. Notification also depends upon word of mouth to any interested parties through our committee members as they deal with the public on a daily basis.

Specifically, there were at least 26 news articles published in the local newspapers detailing all aspects of the planning process. NWARPC placed 12 advertisements (for both the first and second rounds of public involvement) in the " A " sections of the local newspapers.

## Format of Hearings

The format was consistent for both hearings. The doors were opened at 6:30 pm for an informal viewing of maps and materials. The maps and materials were displayed on eight 4' $x 8$ ' foam board sheets and included the following:

- The Proposed 2020 Regional Transportation System Map
- The Regional Land Use Plan
- Enlargements of the Unconstrained "Wish List" (detailing project information)
- The Map of Unconstrained "Wish List" Projects
- Enlargements of the Fiscal Year 1995-1997 Transportation Improvement Program
- A listing of the Levels of Service (defined)
- Maps detailing the routes of Razorback Transit
- Ozark Transit ridership information.
- Highway Commission Approved Funding Projections (by type)

Members of the public were asked to sign in and to take, for review, several handouts including:

- An Agenda of the Hearing
- A map of the NARTS Study Area Boundary
- A list of TAC and Policy Representatives (including phone numbers)
- Population and Growth Projections through the year 2020
- A list of the 15 ISTEA Factors to be considered
- A list of the Six Management Systems required by ISTEA
- A Survey requesting that they rank the "most important issues \& improvements" facing the NARTS area.

A formal presentation began at 7:00 pm with an introduction from Policy Committee Chair, Charles McKinney. An explanation of the purpose and function of the 2020 Regional Transportation Plan, the planning process, and materials and maps, was presented by NARTS Coordinator, Robert Harlan. Specific details of the Unconstrained Plan were discussed by AHTD Coordinator, Scott Bennett and NWARPC Transportation Planner, Max Salassi. The discussion lasted about 20 minutes.

After the introduction, a 30 minute break was scheduled where participants could view displayed maps and materials and interact with TAC members and NWARPC staff in a one-on-one format. The TAC members and NWARPC staff wore name tags for easy identification. This break and the one-on-one format allowed participants to receive immediate feedback on their individual questions and view points. For people with busy schedules, it provided a way to get direct answers and then leave the hearing if it conflicted with their itinerary.

The break was then followed by a formal question and answer period in which questions were summarized on an overhead projector. Participants could either raise their hand or submit a question in writing. We feel that this is important to note as some people are intimidated by speaking in public. At the end of the hearing, participants were encouraged to return the survey and/or written comments to staff - or send them to NWARPC. NWARPC's address and phone number were placed on the agenda, on business cards that were handed out, and also noted in the formal discussion. Participants also had the option of making verbal comments into a tape recorder. It was noted several times, that all comments would remain confidential and only used in aggregate, unless otherwise specified by the person making the comment.

Note: The hearings were held at facilities that are accessible to those with mobility impairments. Interpreters were present for those with hearing disabilities.

Note: The format of the Bentonville Open House deviated from that of the Public Hearings. The open house format was informal and provided for more one-on-one
interaction. Bob Harlan gave a brief summary of the planning process, maps, and materials.

## Results

Participation in the first round of public hearings (Springdale \& Rogers public hearings and Bentonville open house) was by a geographically diversified but mainly older sample of Northwest Arkansas's residents. Overall, participants were concerned and expressed their views on the problems associated with growth and how future transportation dollars should be spent.

A total of 125 people participated in the first round of public involvement and generated 159 comments. 57 questionnaires were filled out and returned. 45 questions were answered and summarized in the formal question and answer periods.
Special interest groups attending included:

- Citizens and Business Opposed to US 412 Extension (CABO).
- Sources For Community Independent Living Services, INC. (SOURCES).
- Tyson Foods
- Northwest Arkansas Community College
- Services To The Blind
- McGoodwin, William, and Yates
- EDI Architects and Planners
- Life Styles (did not attend - dialogue through correspondence)

CABO is specifically opposed to the extension of US 412 through Springdale and submitted petitions with approximately 6600 signatures in support of stopping the project.

The following special interest groups actually participated in the planning process through the Technical Advisory Committee:

- University of Arkansas - Fayetteville
- Arkansas Missouri Railroad
- Willis Shaw Express
- Crafton and Tull \& Associates
- Ozark Transit
- Razorback Transit
- Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport Authority

The following special interest groups were represented in the Transit interest and planning process through Elaine Walker's (NWARPC staff - Transit Director) association with their organizations:

- The Northwest Arkansas Area Agency on Aging
- The Harvey and Bernice Jones Center
- The Human Resource Preservation League
- Friends of Housing
- Life Styles

Specifically, the most important issues to the area's residents were; traffic congestion, traffic
safety, road condition, and revenue sources - in that order. The most important type of "improvements" were; the widening of existing roads, the constructing of new roads, the improving/upgrading of intersections, and the improving/upgrading of signalization--in that order.

The projects that received the most comments or attention (both positive and negative) were:

- A proposed US 412 Northern Springdale Bypass
- A proposed new location of US 412 in Springdale
- The widening/new location of AR 265 from AR 16 (FYV) to US 62 (ROG)
- The completion of US 71 from Fayetteville to I-40 (Ft. Smith)
- The widening of AR 102 from US 71B (BTV) to US 71 (BTV)
- Access to the proposed Regional Airport
- East/West Arterials in general

NOTE: In addition to the hearings and the open house, the survey was printed in The Morning News on November 6, 1994, with an accompanying news article explaining its purpose. The survey was also sent to The Northwest Arkansas Times but was not printed.

The most important issues to the respondents of the survey printed in The Morning News were; traffic congestion, traffic safety, environmental issues, and road conditions - in that order. The most important type of "improvements" were; the construction of new roads, the construction of intermodal connections/transfer facilities, the widening of existing roads, and the development of carpool programs - in that order.

## 5. Major Investment Studies

The Major Investment Study is a special component of the planning process. It is addressed in this section of the text, under Public Involvement, because of the critical impact public involvement has on this process.

The following information was taken from: United States. Department of Transportation. Federal Highway Administration. "Guidance on Major Investment Studies 5584", Nov. 14, 1994.

The Major Investment Study (MIS) is a subset of the more comprehensive metropolitan transportation system planning process. The planning process includes initial analyses at a systems level which identify regional needs and assess strategies for serving them. Normally, the analytical effort involved relies on techniques which assess trends and demands at a relatively coarse level of detail. In selected cases, however, there is a need to address transportation needs on a corridor or subarea scale, using more focused analyses to help decision makers understand the options for addressing corridor - or subarea level transportation problems. The MIS serves this need.

Some proposed projects such as the US 412 Northern Springdale Bypass will be required to go through a MIS to receive funding.

Current AHTD "Major Metropolitan Transportation Investments" policy is in the appendix.

## Purpose

The purpose of the MIS is to develop information about the likely impacts and consequences of the alternative transportation investment strategies at the corridor or subarea level. Where Federally funded major transportation investments are being contemplated, the MIS should identify all reasonable alternative strategies for addressing the transportation demands and other problems. The MIS should produce information on the costs, benefits, and impacts of these alternatives so that an informed choice can be made.

## Elements

The metropolitan planning regulations state that a major investment study shall include:

- A cooperative and collaborative process to establish the range of alternatives to be studied, and factors to be addressed.
- An evaluation of the effectiveness and cost effectiveness of alternative investments or strategies in attaining local, state, and national goals and objectives.
- Consideration of the direct and indirect costs of alternatives, and factors such as mobility improvements, social, economic, and environmental effects; safety; operating efficiencies, land use and economic development; financing; and energy consumption.
- A proactive public involvement process that provides opportunities for the public and various interests to participate.
- Documentation of the consideration given to alternatives and their impacts.

Consistent with Executive Order 12893 on Principles of Federal Infrastructure Investments, major investment studies will include a systematic analysis of expected benefits and costs, utilizing both quantitative and qualitative measures appropriate.

## Benefits

The MIS addresses an array of factors in a focussed fashion, and should lead to improved transportation decisions, consistent with land use, environmental considerations, transportation system performance and community resources. The MIS framework also provides a mechanism through which highway, transit, and multimodal alternatives can be developed through a single integrated process. The new planning process levels the playing field to encourage the selection of alternatives that best address the area's transportation needs.

## Alternatives

The study should consider all reasonable alternatives for addressing identified transportation problems, including as appropriate, demand and system management options. All of the participating agencies, as well as the public and interested resource and regulatory agencies, should have opportunities to be involved at this point. Principles for the development of alternatives are:

- The corridor/subareas's current and future transportation problems should be carefully defined first as the basis for identifying, defining, and evaluating alternatives;
- Both physical and operating characteristics should be identified for each strategy.

Institutional factors, alternative operational, land-use, pricing, parking policies, and funding strategies may also be important elements of the definition of alternatives.

- The alternatives should be designed from the start in a fashion that avoids or minimizes adverse social, economic and environmental consequences.
- The operating characteristics for each alternative should be optimized. Each alternative should be designed to take advantage of its inherent operating efficiencies.
- All of the alternatives should be defined in terms of a consistent set of policy assumptions, such as the price of parking and the level of development although sensitivity analyses may be done to explore the impact of alternative policies.
- For the purposes of computing benefits and costs and other purposes, a transportation system/demand management alternative should be included for comparison with other investment options.


## Elimination of Alternatives

The elimination of alternatives should take into account a broad spectrum of evaluation criteria including major impact issues (social, economic, financial, and environmental), interagency coordination and public involvement in addition to transportation service/performance measures, as tools for comparative assessment for ultimate compliance with 40 CFR Parts 1500-1508, and 23 CFR 771. General principles are:

- The purpose and need for the major investment should be agreed to as part of the early collaborative process.
- The determination of what constitutes a reasonable range of alternatives will be made on a case by case basis using the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), as reflected in 40 CFR Parts 1500-1508 and 23 CFR Part 771, and best professional practice as a guide.
o The evaluation of alternatives should not be based on quantitative factors only, but should involve qualitative factors as appropriate.
- Costs beyond the realm of fiscal reasonableness may serve as a deciding factor for what can be included in a fiscally constrained plan. However, cost factors alone are not a sufficient basis for the elimination of alternatives.
- Sufficient cost, impact, and transportation service information should be gathered on all alternatives to provide for a reasonable comparison of impacts and to support subsequent decisions, while assisting in meeting the principles set forth in Executive Order 12893. The level of detail should flow from the agreements reached during the collaborative process.


## H. FINANCIALLY CONSTRAINED PLAN

This section specifically deals with the final stages of constraining the plan. It is inserted at this point because the activity chronologically followed the first round of public involvement in plan development.

## 1. Rating System

In order to achieve equity and efficiency in the prioritization process (constraining the "wish list"), NWARPC staff, AHTD, and the TAC Chair, Dr. Robert Alguire, developed a rating system to define need and priority. Proposed improvements received points based on specific criteria that define the "need" of the improvement for a city or area. The rating system is in the Appendix.

Full implementation of the rating system never actually occurred in the planning process; however, it was used when the TAC prioritized local projects that received "STP-Local" type funding. The TAC did not officially adopt the rating system, but instead, used it as a planning tool to assess priority. In other words, the rating system acted as a gauge, defining which projects were the most important with respect to time (5-year periods). Actual placement of projects into 5 -year time periods was the decision of the TAC members and not the rating system itself.

## 2. Project Selection

After reviewing the results of the first round of the NARTS Public Involvement Process, and after reviewing the amount of funding that could reasonably be expected over the next 25 years, it was time to fiscally and financially prioritize (constrain) the "wish list' of projects. The members of the TAC were asked to consult with their Policy members and develop a "realistic and feasible" list of projects, from "the wish list", based on cost, to be prioritized.

Actual prioritization was accomplished through "round table" discussion by the TAC. The TAC Chair, Dr. Robert Alguire, asked for each city's/entity's highest priority for each 5-year period by funding category. Once the funds for a specific 5 -year period had been exhausted, official action was taken and a new 5 -year period was prioritized, through the 25 year period of the plan.

In this process, only three funding sources were prioritized. They were: National Highway System/ Surface Transportation Program (NHS/STP); Surface Transportation Program-Local (STP-Local); and Bridge. Prioritization of the STP-Local projects depended heavily upon the use and results of the Rating System. The results of the process can be seen in the Constrained Plan and Map (Pg. 3-1).

## 1. FINAL PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

After the "Wish List" of projects had been prioritized, it was time to schedule the "second round" of public involvement to receive public input and comment on the Constrained Plan, before a final decision could be made by the Policy Committee.

The emphasis of the first round of public hearings had been the Unconstrained Plan. The emphasis for the second round was on providing information and receiving feedback on the Constrained Plan and the 2020 Regional Transportation System.

Notification of the hearing duplicated the procedures used for the first round previously discussed, however, the format of the hearing changed.

After an evaluation of the first round of public involvement and participation in AHTD's listening sessions, NWARPC staff felt that the listening session or informal style of the hearings created a more "energized and interactive" experience for the participant. In an attempt to generate a high degree of satisfaction for the participant, the second round of public involvement was designed as an "informal listening session" public hearing. Surveys were not used at this hearing.

Following the guidelines outlined in the NARTS Public Involvement Procedures previously discussed, the informal public hearing was scheduled for December 15, 1994, at the Worthen National Bank Heritage Center in Springdale from 7:00-9:00 pm.

The maps and materials presented on foam board displays included:

- The 2020 Regional Transportation Systems Map
- The Regional Land Use Plan
- A map of the NARTS Study Area Boundary
- Enlargements of the Unconstrained Projects (detailing project information)
- Enlargements of the Constrained "Prioritized" Plan (detailing project information)
o The map of the Constrained "Prioritized" Projects
- Maps detailing the routes of Razorback Transit
- A list of Levels of Service (defined)
- Ozark Transit ridership information
- Highway Commission Approved Funding Projections (by type)
- A list of ISTEA Factors to be Considered
- A list of ISTEA Management Systems
- Growth and Population Projections through the year 2020

Members of the public were asked to sign in and to take, for review, several handouts:

- A map of the NARTS Study Area boundary
- A list of TAC and Policy Representatives (including phone numbers)
- Population and Growth Projections through the year 2020
- Tables of the Constrained "Prioritized" Projects (detailing project information)

The Heritage Center, Worthen National Bank, Springdale, is an accessible facility, and an interpreter was present for people with hearing disabilities.

## RESULTS OF SECOND ROUND OF PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The second round of public involvement was similar to the first. A geographically diverse sample of about 30 people attended the informal hearing and discussed transportation issues with NARTS committee representatives and NWARPC staff in a one-on-one format.

The projects that received the most comments or attention (both positive and negative) were:

- A proposed US 412 Northern Springdale Bypass
- The widening/new location of AR 265 from AR 16 (FYV) to US 62 (ROG)
- The completion of US 71 from Fayetteville to I-40 (Ft. Smith)
- The Fayetteville Gregg Ave. Project
- The Fayetteville US 71/US 71B Loop
- Access to the proposed Regional Airport
- East/West Arterials in general
- Increased Transit operations for the City of Bentonville
- The widening of AR 102 from US 71B to US 71 (BTV)


## IV. ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITIES

The Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) of 1991 contains provisions for improving the surface transportation system through development of transportation enhancements. Transportation enhancements are defined in ISTEA as follows:

- Bicycle and pedestrian facilities
- Acquisition of scenic easements and historic sites
- Scenic or historic highway programs
- Landscaping or other scenic beautification
o Historic preservation
- Rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation facilities
- Preservation of abandoned railway corridors (including their conversion to bicycle and pedestrian facilities)
o Control and removal of outdoor advertising
- Archeological planning and research
- Mitigation of water pollution due to highway runoff above and beyond normal environmental mitigation.


## A. Projects

Enhancement projects within the metro area involve NWARPC, the Cities of Bentonville, Fayetteville, Rogers and Springdale. While the activities within these cities are localized, they each set up potential linkages to the joint project between NWARPC and the Western Arkansas Planning and Development District (WAPDD). This project could be the beginning of an intermodal enhancement plan for bike and pedestrian paths along the rail corridors that connect the cities along the U. S. 71 highway corridor. Metro area projects are listed below with their Funding status. Enhancement funding currently extends through 1997.

## 1. NWARPC/WAPDD Scenic Highway Corridor (not yet funded)

The joint project between NWARPC and WAPDD is to develop the existing U. S. 71 highway between Fayetteville and Alma as the U. S. 71 Scenic Highway Corridor so that the route will become a pleasant alternative to the tourist when the new U.S. 71 route, now under construction, is completed. Projects along the route include:
a. Expand Rest Stop at Brentwood. Add parking and picnic facilities, enlarge area to include the West Fork of the White River, add walking trail along river.
b. Acquire land between U. S. 71 and the Arkansas/Missouri Railroad from Winslow to Greenland for linear park. Develop walkway, bikeway, campgrounds, recreation facilities, water features and other tourist oriented facilities.
c. Acquire additional Rights-of-Way and landscape roadway to develop pleasant driver/passenger views along this drive through the forest and screen unwanted views.
d. Acquire the old "Boyland" property at Winslow and recreate the 1920's tourist hotel lifestyle.
e. Develop a tourist information center in the Greenland area with displays showing the Scenic Hwy 71 Route and features along the way.
f. Acquire Rights-of-Way and develop a separate bicycle lane paralleling the existing route.

## 2. BENTONVILLE (Funded)

The Moberly Lane Bikeway and Pedestrian Walk will connect the eastern most sections of the City to downtown Bentonville and Northwest Arkansas Community College. Industrial and commercial businesses will be linked to two major highways. This will allow the community's residents to enjoy safe and easy access to Bentonville Memorial


Park and Athletic Facility, Walton Junior High School, Apple Glen Elementary School, Senior Citizen Center, and the Boys and Girls Club. The project transforms an abandoned railway into an active, attractive facility and restores the property's to it's original use transportation.

## 3. FAYETTEVILLE (Funded)

Fayetteville's projects include:
a. A Bicycle and Pedestrian Trailway that links educational facilities, parks, neighborhoods and shopping centers with safe pathways. The Butterfield School project is approved. Future trailways could link to the U. S. 71 Scenic Highway corridor.

b. Preserving abandoned railway corridors (funding approved) for bikes and pedestrian use;

1. East along the historic St. Paul line from South Garland, across South School Avenue to Armstrong Road, and
2. from Center Street to Prairie Street.

c. Corridor enhancement of entrances to Fayetteville at:
3. AR Hwy. 45-1/4 mile east of AR 45/AR 265,
4. Weddington Road at Lewis Avenue intersection,
5. Intersection of Cato Springs Road and Ashwood, and
6. The north side of "Y" intersection of U. S. 71B and U. S. 71.

## 4. ROGERS (Funded)

A walkway/bicycle trail is proposed for an existing underdeveloped park area where two historic transportation routes, the Frisco Railroad and Butterfield Overland Stage, converged in downtown Rogers. This park corridor will link the historic downtown commercial area of Rogers to a nearby city park, Lake Atalanta. The parkway propo will also include Frisco Springs and Diamond Springs, Atalanta. The parkway proposed early railroad. Facilities planned include a covered pavilich were water sources for the stop for Ozark Transit System, serving the elderly and persons which will serve as a bus parkway is illustrated on the map below.


## 5. SPRINGDALE (not yet funded)

Sidewalk improvements are planned in Springdale which will link Northwest Medical Center, the Art Center of the Ozarks, Shiloh Museum, City Hall, the Arkansas/Missouri Railway Station, the Post Office \& Fire Station, Grove Street Park, and the Jones Family Center. The route is illustrated below.


## B. ISTEA Enhancement Guidelines

All eligible projects must meet the following program guidelines:
O Applications for funding may be submitted by city or county governments, state agencies, or Federal agencies.

- This is not a "grant" program. Federal law requires that each project be administered as a traditional federally funded highway project. This requires that each work phase (right-of-way, utility adjustments, construction, and construction engineering) follows federal guidelines in its implementation.
- An applicant may submit more that one project, but the maximum cost that will be considered for each project is $\$ 500,000$. Because of the administrative resources required to process these federal-aid projects, a minimum project cost of $\$ 10,000$ has been established.
- Federal funds available under the Enhancement Program may be used for a maximum of $80 \%$ of the eligible project costs. A minimum of $20 \%$ of the project costs must be provided (in non-federal funds) as a cash contribution by the project sponsor. No "inkind" services, donated materials, volunteer labor, previous project expenditures, or private funds may be utilized for any of the minimum $20 \%$ matching share.
- Federal funds are not available as reimbursement for any work, project advertising, or purchases accomplished prior to project authorization by FHWA and issuance of a Work Order by AHTD. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in the work being ineligible for federal-aid funding.
- In some cases, it may be necessary to increase the project cost for AHTD staff to review environmental, right-of-way, or design documents or to supervise project construction. These costs will be added to other project costs and the sponsor will be responsible for $20 \%$ of all such charges.
- Transportation enhancement projects must comply with federal laws and regulations governing environmental processes, accessibility for persons with disabilities, DavisBacon Act requirements, competitive bidding, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise consideration, equal employment opportunity standards, and other applicable provisions.
o The property on which the project is located must be owned by or under long-term lease to the sponsor.
- All projects must be open for use by the general public during normal business hours. Normal business hours must be at least 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.
- Applicants will be responsible for operating and maintaining the project. Failure to adequately maintain the project may result in repayment of all federal funds.
- Project funds may not be used to pay for office furnishings.
- Funding for utility relocation or right-of-way acquisition shall only be provided in connection with funding for total project costs.
- Projects for which funding is sought for any of the historic purposes shall involve properties which are listed on the National Register of Historic Places or are determined eligible for such listing by the State Historic Preservation Office. Successful applicants for projects in this category must execute a Deed of Conservation Easement provided by the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program.
- The applicant shall agree to adopt all necessary ordinances or resolutions and to take such legal steps as may be required to fully implement and maintain the project.


## C. Project Selection Procedures

Projects will be reviewed by the AHTD staff for eligibility and then forwarded to the Arkansas Transportation Enhancement Program (ATEP) Advisory Committee for ranking. The ATEP Advisory Committee is made up of representatives of the following agencies:

- Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
- Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism
- Keep Arkansas Beautiful
- State Historic Preservation Office
- University of Arkansas Department of Architecture
- Arkansas Municipal League
- Association of Arkansas Counties
- Landscape Architect Consultant

Projects will be selected for approval based on their ranking and availability of federal funds. If funds are inadequate to approve all eligible projects, the Committee will generally give priority to those projects which:

1. Fulfill the intent of several of the eligibility categories.
2. Have a low cost in relation to benefits received.
3. Are able to be implemented with a minimum of additional planning or design work.
4. Provide more than a $20 \%$ local matching share.
5. Have no other source of funds readily available.
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## Service Area Map

## Ozark Regional Transit - Service Map <br> Benton County Passengers <br> July 1, 1993 - June 30, 1994

Total Benton County Passengers:

## A. Ozark Regional Transit

Ozark Regional Transit (Ozark) is operated by Community Resource Group, a not-for-profit corporation with headquarters in Springdale, AR. The organization's objective is to improve mobility in Northwest Arkansas.

Ozark operates community transportation in most cities and many communities in Benton, Carroll, Madison and Washington Counties, including Fayetteville/Springdale, an area officially designated by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to be urbanized.

Ozark began in 1977, as a recipient of one of the earliest Rural Public Transportation Demonstration grants, a Title XX grant, a HEW Human Service Transportation Coordination Demonstration Grant, and county funding. Services for the year provided 68,000 rides and started building on a tradition of human service agency cooperation which is maintained to this day.

In 1980, Ozark became one of the first UMTA Section 18 Rural Public Transit Programs. Ten years later, Ozark became an FTA Section 9 Urban Public Transit Program recipient, as well. Today, Ozark's 34 vehicles operate predominantly demand-response service. One fixed route is operated for the City of Fayetteville in the downtown area.

## Current Demand Response Service Description

Ozark operates demand-response service using 34 small buses and vans. Most of Ozark's demand-response rides, 126,170, in the study area last year, are centrally scheduled.

Demand-response service means that passengers are picked up at home and dropped off at the destination of their choice. Routing of each vehicle is accomplished the day prior to operation, utilizing a zone assignment system, and carried out to accommodate those citizens who have requested rides in advance. Bus stops are not used. The service is accessible to citizens with mobility impairments. It also assures broad geographic coverage, because the routing is flexible.

The Regional Map shows data pertaining to Ozark's current demand-response service to each incorporated community in the study area. Table 1 shows that ridership totaled 126,170 from July, 1993 through June, 1994. Service within the study area cost approximately $\$ 218,850$ in Federal Transit Administration Section 9 urban funds, $\$ 155,900$ in FTA Section 18 rural funds, $\$ 99,180$ in local government funds, and $\$ 378,930$ in other local funds, for a total of $\$ 852,860$. (Note: costs are for the period 10/1/93-9/30/94, thus lags 3 months behind ridership data.)

## Fixed Routes for Community Transportation

It is expected that within the next five years additional fixed routes, or deviated fixed routes, will be operated in close conjunction to high-use zone assignment systems within Ozark's demand-response system. This will free demand-response vehicle time and resources to provide additional non-ambulatory service. It is also possible that some demand-response resources will be diverted to the development of routes and bus stops.

Fixed routes operated in conjunction with demand-response service play a role in
providing service to persons with disabilities who are able to use bus stops, and for ambulatory citizens who need an alternative to private transportation for financial reasons, or to avoid personally negotiating traffic.

Ozark operates a new downtown trolley service for the City of Fayetteville, and a number of other parking shuttles and community activity routes, many of which are seasonal. The Fayetteville Trolley operates with 20 minute headways between the Fayetteville Square and Dickson Street. The Trolley's core route ridership has been growing since it began last December, to a present level of about 40 per day. The service is offered primarily for visitors to the city, though $50 \%$ of riders have been residents. It is also, in part, an effort to use transit to reduce traffic and improve access to downtown. Ridership is somewhat hampered by lack of public transportation for visitors from hotels and motels in the region, to the downtown area.

Parking shuttle services currently operated by Ozark include transit to and from University of Arkansas Football and Basketball games, and special park and ride shuttles for fall festivals in the region. Fixed route ridership totals 40,000 to 50,000 per year.

## Long Range Plan

## Demand Response Service

The NWARPC reports the population of the Benton \& Washington County study areas to be 180,277, as of the 1990 census. It projects the study area population to be 234,282 by the year 2000. Table 2 presents cost and ridership data for each study area community at the end of the year 2000. If ridership increases at the same rate as population growth, 177,245 study area citizens will use Ozark's demand-response service at a cost of $\$ 1,164,525$.

Tables 3 and 4 present similar demand-response data for the year 2010 and 2020. By the year 2020, 260,129 residents will use demand response service at a cost of 1.6 million.

Table 5 presents unconstrained demand-response ridership and cost data, i.e., what will service look like if cost were not a barrier to development.

Ozark uses two methods to forecast demand for demand-response transit. One is the aggregate estimate method using a rural transit trip rate of 3 per capita. The other is a method developed by Oklahoma researcher Sandra Rosenbloom, which uses population data to project riders with mobility impairments, a population to which Ozark carefully targets its service. The average of these two methods would forecast a total of about 740,000 demand-response trips per year by 2020, at a cost of approximately $\$ 5$ million. Ozark currently estimates that it meets approximately $25 \%$ of demand for flexible door-to-door service in the study area.

## Improved Community Transportation for the General Public

Ozark has traditionally focused upon the development of demand-response transportation targeted to meet the needs of elderly and handicapped residents of Northwest Arkansas. The unconstrained data presented here show that the demand for such service cannot be met within the constraints of existing sources of public or private financing. Ozark will continue to work toward the development of service for the most transit dependent
citizens.
In addition, population growth and traffic congestion throughout the study area accentuate the potential role of community transportation for the general public. Ozark dropped all eligibility criteria for demand-response service last year, following the commitment of most local governments in the region to participate in the funding of service. Many younger, ambulatory citizens now use Ozark service for transportation to work and other destinations.

Ozark's infrastructure, including a 10 acre maintenance facility and a fully developed communication system, will meet the needs for the expansion of the system for decades to come.

Table 6 summarizes unconstrained data pertaining to the development of improved community transportation routes for the general public in the region, beginning with the expansion and Federal Transit Administration funding of the Fayetteville Trolley. Ozark is encouraging the City of Fayetteville to consider a second Trolley route. The proposed route connects with the downtown Trolley at the City Administration building. The route will provide transportation for residents and visitors who are not located along an existing Trolley or other fixed route, and thus cannot use the downtown Trolley. It will also meet a need for transportation from both the downtown area and the Central 71B area to the Westgate shopping area, which is difficult to schedule on a demand response basis due to traffic congestion and consequent dwell and trip times. Colt Square and Oak Plaza are also areas without current transit service. The second route would also serve additional areas of downtown Fayetteville, including the high-rise and a grocery store.

If the Trolley service continues to grow, Federal Transit Administration funds should be made available for the purchase of trolley buses for the downtown route.

Table 6 also outlines several other new fixed routes serving the study area:

- Springdale residential and US 412 corridor
o AR 265 - East Fayetteville and Springdale
- South Fayetteville, Westgate \& US 62 corridor
- Rogers \& Bentonville
o Proposed regional airport site along US 71B to Greenland
The last route would provide a backbone of service along the most heavily traveled highway in the region, which would connect with other services in operation.
The routes coincide with Ozark's current operating authority. In addition, Ozark is currently providing demand-response service during rush hour between Rogers and Springdale, Springdale and Fayetteville, Bentonville and Rogers, Bella Vista and Bentonville/Rogers, and both north and west Benton County and Bentonville/Rogers. Fixed route development to improve current service is important in some areas, and may fall within funding constraints. Demand-response service currently operated along each proposed route is experiencing standing room only rush hour operation.

Finally, both Benton and Washington Counties are currently experiencing traffic congestion during rush hours. A 1994 University of Arkansas - Fayetteville (UAF) survey, on attitudes of local citizens toward an improved transportation infrastructure and continued
growth, found $83 \%$ of those surveyed felt that the problem of traffic congestion in the region was either somewhat or very serious (see publication of Fendley and Miller, MackBlackwell Transportation Center, 1994, page 6)

Increased community transportation should be considered along major arterials in the region. Highway 265 between Fayetteville and Springdale, Highways 62 and 16 west of Fayetteville, and Highway 102 between Bentonville and Rogers are examples of areas which might benefit from rush hour transit routes to alleviate traffic congestion.

Finally, note that cost constraints may limit expansion to that sustainable by local sources. Ozark has traditionally expanded service by means of a combination of service contracts, advertising sales, and local government support. It has also benefited from increased Federal Transit Administration funds.

The only state funding initiative on the horizon, a plan released last year by the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department, should, but may not, include significant additional revenues for the region.

## Capital Acquisition Plan

Table 7 summarizes Ozark's capital improvement program for the period 1995-2000. Ozark will need to spend approximately $\$ 1,323,952$ in FTA Section 9 funds, $\$ 795,952$ in FTA Section 18 funds, and $\$ 659,976$ in local matching funds (including $100 \%$ of a Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) project which will not be eligible under the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department guidelines for FTA funding), for a total of $\$ 2,779,880$ over the five year period.
Nearly all vehicles currently in operation will need replacement during the five year period. In addition, the plan considers purchasing trolley replica buses for the City of Fayetteville's visitor transportation program, new larger buses for fixed route development, and replacement equipment for maintenance and administration.
Finally, the plan includes funding for the establishment of a driver training course for the Northwest Arkansas region, and to complete paving and other work at the Ozark facility. Ozark moved in September, 1994, to a 10 acre facility on Highway 412 E. in Springdale, which includes 10,000 square feet of maintenance garage space in one building, and another maintenance building which is to be used for painting and automatic bus washing. The 10 acre site also includes additional office space and offers room for a driver training course.
TABLE 1
CURRENT OZARK REG．TRANS．DEMAND RESPONSE SERVICE \＆OPERATING COST－NWARPC TRANSPORTATION STUDY AREA－FY94

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TABLE 2
FIVE YEAR PLAN - OZARK REG. TRANS. DEMAND RESPONSE SERVICE \& OPERATING COST - NWARPC TRANSPORTATION STUDY AREA - 1994

TABLE 3
2010 PLAN - OZARK REG. TRANS. DEMAND RESPONSE SERVICE \& OPERATING COST - NWARPC TRANSPORTATION STUDY AREA - 1994

|  | RIDERSHIP PROJECTIONS |  |  | FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMIN. FUNDS |  |  | LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS |  | TOTAL COST PER YEAR AT END OF 2010 |
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|  | 1990 CENSUS BASE | ESTIMATED POPULATION BY 2010 (NWARPC) | DEMAND- RESPONSE RIDERSHIP (END OF YEAR 2010 ) | $\begin{gathered} \text { FTA SECTION } \\ 9 \end{gathered}$ | FTA SECTION 18 | TOTAL FTA | PROJECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS | OTHER LOCAL FUNDS (EARNED, CONTRACT, ETC.) |  |
| UZA (FTA URBANIZED AREA) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| FARMINGTON | 1,322 | 2,262 | 1,256 | \$3,240 |  | \$3,240 | \$889 | \$3,770 | \$7,899 |
| FAYETTEVILLE | 42,099 | 72,571 | 72,654 | \$187,340 |  | \$187,340 | \$50,752 | \$218,170 | \$456,262 |
| GREENLAND | 757 | 1,287 | 328 | \$850 |  | \$850 | \$230 | \$980 | \$2,060 |
| JOHNSON | 599 | 1,744 | 306 | \$790 |  | \$790 | \$123 | \$920 | \$1,833 |
| SPRINGDALE | 29,941 | 49,476 | 55,474 | \$143,040 |  | \$143,040 | \$40,427 | \$166,580 | \$350,047 |
| SUBTOTAL UZA | 74,718 | 127,340 | 130,018 | \$335,260 |  | \$335,260 | \$92,421 | \$390,420 | \$818,101 |
| NON-UZA |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| BENTON CO. UNINCORPORATED | 33,986 | 36,782 | 13 |  | \$40 | \$40 | \$15 | \$40 | \$95 |
| BENTONVILLE | 11,257 | 18,684 | 30,644 |  | \$93,320 | \$93,320 | \$22,228 | \$92,020 | \$207,568 |
| BETHEL HEIGHTS | 281 | 359 | 569 |  | \$1,730 | \$1,730 | \$536 | \$1,710 | \$3,976 |
| CAVE SPRINGS | 465 | 593 | 82 |  | \$250 | \$250 | \$77 | \$250 | \$577 |
| CENTERTON | 491 | 1,032 | 3,113 |  | \$9,480 | \$9,480 | \$1,792 | \$9,350 | \$20,622 |
| LITTLE FLOCK | 944 | 1,809 | 441 |  | \$1,340 | \$1,340 | \$276 | \$1,320 | \$2,936 |
| LOWELL | 1,224 | 2,612 | 73 |  | \$220 | \$220 | \$31 | \$220 | \$471 |
| ROGERS | 24,692 | 47,540 | 51,214 |  | \$155,960 | \$155,960 | \$32,032 | \$153,790 | \$341,782 |
| WASHINGTON CO. UNINCORPORATE | 30,866 | 37,643 | 2,473 |  | \$7,530 | \$7,530 | \$2,451 | \$7,430 | \$17,411 |
| ELM SPRINGS | 893 | 1,344 | 57 |  | \$170 | \$170 | \$46 | \$170 | \$386 |
| TONTITOWN | 460 | 420 | 23 |  | \$70 | \$70 | \$31 | \$70 | \$171 |
| SUBTOTAL NON-UZA | 105,559 | 148,818 | 88,702 |  | \$270,110 | \$270,110 | \$59,515 | \$266,370 | \$595,995 |
| TOTAL STUDY AREA | 180,277 | 276,158 | 218,720 | \$335,260 | \$270,110 | \$605,370 | \$151,936 | \$656,790 | \$1,414,096 |

TABLE 4
2020 PLAN - OZARK REG. TRANS. DEMAND RESPONSE SERVICE \& OPERATING COST - NWARPC TRANSPORTATION STUDY AREA - 1994

|  | RIDERSHIP PROJECTIONS |  |  | FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMIN. FUNDS |  |  | LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS |  | TOTAL COST PER YEAR AT END OF 2020 |
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|  | 1990 CENSUS BASE | ESTIMATED POPULATION BY 2020 (NWARPC) | DEMAND- RESPONSE RIDERSHIP (END OF YEAR 2020 ) | FTA SECTION 9 | FTA SECTION 18 | TOTAL FTA | PROJECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS | OTHER LOCAL FUNDS (EARNED, CONTRACT, ETC.) |  |
| UZA (FTA URBANIZED AREA) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| FARMINGTON | 1,322 | 2,690 | 1,494 | \$3,750 |  |  |  |  |  |
| FAYETTEVILLE | 42,099 | 85,388 | 85,485 | \$214,610 |  | $\$ 3,750$ $\$ 214,610$ | \$1,020 | \$4,490 | \$9,260 |
| GREENLAND | 757 | 1,487 | 379 | \$ $\$ 950$ |  | \$214,610 | \$58,276 $\$ 264$ | \$256,700 | \$529,586 |
| JOHNSON | 599 | 2,289 | 401 | \$1,010 |  | \$1,010 | \$141 | \$1,140 | \$2,354 $\$ 2,351$ |
| SPRINGDALE | 29,941 | 58,489 | 65,580 | \$164,640 |  | \$164,640 | \$46,420 | \$196,920 | \$407,980 |
| SUBTOTAL UZA | 74,718 | 150,343 | 153,339 | \$384,960 |  | \$384,960 | \$106,121 |  | \$407,980 |
| NON-UZA |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | \$460,450 | \$951,531 |
| BENTON CO. UNINCORPORATED | 33,986 | 38,180 | 13 |  | \$40 |  |  |  |  |
| BENTONVILLE | 11,257 | 22,113 | 36,268 |  | \$109,090 | \$109,090 | $\$ 18$ $\$ 25,523$ | \$ ${ }^{\text {\$ }}$ | \$98 |
| BETHEL HEIGHTS | 281 | 382 | 605 |  | \$1,820 | \$1,820 | \$2,523 | \$108,910 | \$243,523 |
| CAVE SPRINGS | 465 | 638 | 88 |  | \$260 | \$260 | \$88 | \$1,820 | \$4,256 |
| CENTERTON | 491 | 1,276 | 3,849 |  | \$11,580 | \$11,580 | \$2,058 | \$11,560 | \$608 |
| LITTLE FLOCK | 944 | 2,208 | 538 |  | \$1,620 | \$1,620 | \$317 | \$1,560 | \$25,198 |
| LOWELL | 1,224 | 3,256 | 90 |  | \$270 | \$270 | \$35 | \$1,620 $\$ 270$ | \$3,557 |
| ROGERS | 24,692 | 58,219 | 62,718 |  | \$188,650 | \$188,650 | \$36,781 | \$188,330 | $\$ 575$ $\$ 413761$ |
| WASHINGTON CO. UNINCORPORATEQ | 30,866 | 38,566 | 2,534 |  | \$7,620 | \$7,620 | \$2,814 | \$ ${ }^{\text {\$7,610 }}$ | \$413,761 |
| ELM SPRINGS | 893 | 1,544 | 66 |  | \$200 | \$200 | \$53 | \$200 | \$10,044 |
| TONTITOWN | 460 | 385 | 21 |  | \$60 | \$60 | \$35 | \$60 | \$453 |
| SUBTOTAL NON-UZA | 105,559 | 166,767 | 106,790 |  | \$321,210 | \$321,210 | \$68,338 | \$320,680 | \$710,228 |
| TOTAL STUDY AREA | 180,277 | 317,110 | 260,129 | \$384,960 | \$321,210 | \$706,170 | \$174,459 | \$781,130 | \$ \$1,661, 759 |

TABLE 5
UNCONSTRAINED 2020 PLAN - OZARK REG. TRANS. DEMAND RESPONSE SERVICE \& OPERATING COST - NWARPC TRANSPORTATION STUDY AREA - 1994

|  | RIDERSHIP PROJECTIONS |  |  | FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMIN. FUNDS |  |  | LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS |  | TOTAL COST PER YEAR AT END OF 2000 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1990 CENSUS BASE | ESTIMATED POPULATION BY 2020 (NWARPC) | DEMANDRESPONSE RIDERSHIP (TOTAL DEMAND FORECAST) | FTA SECTION 9 | $\begin{gathered} \text { FTA SECTION } \\ 18 \end{gathered}$ | TOTAL FTA | $\begin{gathered} \text { PROJECTED } \\ \text { LOCAL } \\ \text { GOVERNMENT } \\ \text { FUNDS } \end{gathered}$ | OTHER LOCAL FUNDS (EARNED, CONTRACT, ETC.) |  |
| UZA (FTA URBANIZED AREA) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| FARMINGTON | 1,322 | 2,690 | 6,268 | \$21,938 |  | \$21,938 | \$1,020 | \$20,918 | \$43,876 |
| FAYETTEVILLE | 42,099 | 85,388 | 198,954 | \$696,339 |  | \$696,339 | \$58,276 | \$638,063 | \$1,392,678 |
| GREENLAND | 757 | 1,487 | 3,465 | \$12,128 |  | \$12,128 | \$264 | \$11,863 | \$24,255 |
| JOHNSON | 599 | 2,289 | 5,333 | \$18,666 |  | \$18,666 | \$141 | \$18,524 | \$37,331 |
| SPRINGDALE | 29,941 | 58,489 | 136,279 | \$476,977 |  | \$476,977 | \$46,420 | \$430,556 | \$953,953 |
| SUBTOTAL UZA | 74,718 | 150,343 | 350,299 | \$1,226,048 |  | \$1,226,048 | \$106,121 | \$1,119,924 | \$2,452,093 |
| NON-UZA |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| BENTON CO. UNINCORPORATED | 33,986 | 38,180 | 88,959 |  | \$311,357 | \$311,357 | \$18 | \$311,338 | \$622,713 |
| BENTONVILLE | 11,257 | 22,113 | 51,523 |  | \$180,331 | \$180,331 | \$25,523 | \$154,807 | \$360,661 |
| BETHEL HEIGHTS | 281 | 382 | 890 |  | \$3,115 | \$3,115 | \$616 | \$2,499 | \$6,230 |
| CAVE SPRINGS | 465 | 638 | 1,487 |  | \$5,205 | \$5,205 | \$88 | \$5,116 | \$10,409 |
| CENTERTON | 491 | 1,276 | 2,973 |  | \$10,406 | \$10,406 | \$2,058 | \$8,347 | \$20,811 |
| LITTLE FLOCK | 944 | 2,208 | 5,145 |  | \$18,008 | \$18,008 | \$317 | \$17,690 | \$36,015 |
| LOWELL | 1,224 | 3,256 | 7,586 |  | \$26,551 | \$26,551 | \$35 | \$26,516 | \$53,102 |
| Rogers | 24,692 | 58,219 | 135,650 |  | \$474,775 | \$474,775 | \$36,781 | \$437,994 | \$949,550 |
| WASHINGTON CO. UNINCORPORATED | 30,866 | 38,566 | 89,859 |  | \$314,507 | \$314,507 | \$2,814 | \$311,692 | \$629,013 |
| ELM SPRINGS | 893 | 1,544 | 3,598 |  | \$12,593 | \$12,593 | \$53 | \$12,540 | \$25,186 |
| TONTITOWN | 460 | 385 | 897 |  | \$3,140 | \$3,140 | \$35 | \$3,104 | \$6,279 |
| SUBTOTAL NON-UZA | 105,559 | 166,767 | 388,567 |  | \$1,359,988 | \$1,359,988 | \$68,338 | \$1,291,643 | \$2,719,969 |
| TOTAL STUDY AREA | 180,277 | 317,110 | 738,866 | \$1,226,048 | \$1,359,988 | \$2,586,036 | \$174,459 | \$2,411,567 | \$5,172,062 |
| DEMAND FORECAST METHODOLOGIES - (AVERAGE USED): |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. AGGREGATE ESTIMATE: 3 TRIPS PER PERSON PER YEAR IN RURAL AREAS. SOURCE IS FTA. <br> 2. TRIPS BY PERSONS WITH MOBILITY IMPAIRMENTS (APPLICABLE TO DEMAND-RESPONSE SERVICE) $3.2 \%$ OF POPULATION TIMES 1 TRIP EVERY OTHER WEEK. SOURCE ROSENBLOOM STUDY |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

TABLE 6
UNCONSTRAINED FIVE YEAR PLAN - OZARK REG. TRANS. FIXED ROUTE SERVICE \& OPERATING COST - NWARPC TRANSPORTATION STUDY AREA - 1994

| NOT IN PRIORITY ORDER | ROUTE DATA |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | ANNUAL OPERATING \$ - END OF 2000 |  |  |  | ANNUAL CAPITAL REPLACEMENT \$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ROUTE DESCRIPTION | NUMBER OF BUSES | ROUTE MILES | ROUND TRIPS (EACH BUS) | DAILY MILEAGE (ALL BUSES) | HEADWAY IN MIN. | OPER. HOURS | TOTAL <br> DAILY <br> BUS <br> HOURS | PROJECTED RIDERSHIP END OF 2000 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { PUBLIC } \\ & \text { FARES @ } \\ & \$ 0.75 \end{aligned}$ | FEDERAL | LOCAL | TOTAL | FEDERAL | local | total |
| EXISTING DOWNTOWN FAYETTEVILE TROШEY (6 DAYS) | 1 | 2.62 | 21 | 55 | 20 | $\begin{aligned} & 0930 \\ & 1630 \end{aligned}$ | 7 | 31,200 |  | 22,460 | 22,460 | 44,920 | 6,000 | 1,500 | 7,500 |
| NEW ROGERS RESIDENTIALMALL. BENTONVILE* | 3 | 24 | 8 | 576 | 30 | $\begin{aligned} & 0700 \\ & 1800 \end{aligned}$ | 33 | 150,000 | 112,500 | 60,230 | 60,230 | 232,960 | 58,000 | 14,500 | 72,500 |
| NEW SPRINGDALE 412 \& RESIDENTIAL LOOP* | 3 | 20 | 8 | 480 | 30 | $\begin{aligned} & 0700 \\ & 1800 \end{aligned}$ | 33 | 150,000 | 112,500 | 53,715 | 53,715 | 219,930 | 58,000 | 14,500 | 72,500 |
| NEW FAYETTEVILLE MOTEL \& BUSINESS LOOP TROLLEY (6 DAYS)* | 4 | 14 | 7 | 392 | 15 | $\begin{aligned} & 0930 \\ & 1630 \end{aligned}$ | 28 | 100,000 |  | 92,715 | 92,715 | 185,430 | 24,000 | 6,000 | 30,000 |
| NEW -SPRINGDALE 41271B TO FAYETTEVILLE 265/16 LINE* | 4 | 36 | 7 | 1,008 | 30 | $\begin{aligned} & 0700 \\ & 1800 \end{aligned}$ | 44 | 150,000 | 112,500 | 85,930 | 85,930 | 284,360 | 77,334 | 19,333 | 96,667 |
| NEW 71B CORRIDOR ROUTE (GREENLAND TO VAUGHN)* | 8 | 96 | 4 | 3,072 | 20 | $\begin{aligned} & 0700 \\ & 1800 \end{aligned}$ | 88 | 700,000 | 525,000 | 147,460 | 147,460 | 819,920 | 154,666 | 38,667 | 193,333 |
| NEW FAYETTEVILLE SQUARE TO NWA MALL VIA 16, 265, \& ZION RD. ${ }^{\circ}$ | 4 | 22 | 8 | 704 | 20 | $\begin{aligned} & 0700 \\ & 1800 \end{aligned}$ | 44 | 150,000 | 112,500 | 68,740 | 68,740 | 249,980 | 77,334 | 19,333 | 96,667 |
| NEW SOUTH FAYETTEVILLE \& 62 WEST-71B LINE* | 2 | 20 | 8 | 320 | 40 | $\begin{aligned} & 0700 \\ & 1800 \end{aligned}$ | 22 | 150,000 | 112,500 | 18,040 | 18,040 | 148,580 | 38,666 | 9,667 | 48,333 |
| TOTALS | 29 | 235 | NA | 6,607 | NA | NA | 299 | 1,581,200 | 1,087,500 | 549,290 | 549,290 | 2,186,080 | 494,000 | 123,500 | 617,500 |

*ALL INFORMATION FOR THESE POSSIBLE ROUTES IS ESTIMATED.

TABLE 7
5 YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM - OZARK REG. TRANS. - NWARPC TRANSPORTATION STUDY AREA - 1994

| ITEM DESCRIPTION | FTA SECTION 9 | FTA SECTION 18 | LOCAL | TOTAL | (NOTES |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

## B. University of Arkansas/Razorback Transit

## 2020 Long Range Transportation Planning

Razorback Transit originated in 1989, through the joint efforts of the University of Arkansas - Fayetteville (UAF), the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) and the Metropolitan Planning Office (MPO) of Northwest Arkansas. The nucleus for public mass transit in Fayetteville was a well developed and highly effective University of Arkansas Transit System established in 1979. In July 1990,
UAF/Razorback Transit became a directly operated public mass transit system with the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department as recipient and administrator of federal transit grants.

Razorback Transit is currently providing a successful public mass transit system. The University of Arkansas is centrally located within the City of Fayetteville and generates the highest ridership for public mass transit. Consequently without this system, the UAF campus area becomes the City's most congested area for both vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Any transit service improvement efforts should first consider expansion of the current fixed route system. Future expansion of transit services would require the purchase of additional new transit buses and the construction of an intermodal transit passenger terminal facility. Prior to initiation of any new routes or expansion of current routes, routes that would serve any future high demand areas must be identified and new sources for local matching funds would need to be made available from non-UAF resources.

Identified needs based on current population and projected population growth in geographical locations within or adjacent to the current service area forms a basis for service expansion or improvement in specific locations. The current Razorback Transit system services, outlined in Table 1 should be able to serve all projected ridership increases over the next five years, assuming the current and projected level of resources are provided.

Projected ridership for the year 2000, Table 2, in geographical locations within or adjacent to the Brown, Blue and Green routes indicate a change in service will be needed. Adding one additional bus to each route during peak ridership hours is proposed to address the additional demand. Part-time employees would be hired for the additional peak service hours. Short range plans include equipment upgrades and replacements when needed. Four transit buses must be replaced with accessible buses because the currently leased UAF buses lack wheel chair lifts and do not meet ADA requirements.

The short range capital improvements plan, shown in Table 3, does not allow for fixed route service expansion and is designed to maintain the current mass transit system with an anticipated increase in annual ridership of 176,000 passengers, projected over the next five years.

Completion of the Intermodal Transit Facility is considered essential to meet current and future growth of public mass transit needs. The new intermodal facility will allow a direct transfer of passengers from rural transit to public mass transit fixed route services, reduce vehicular congestion and provide security and safety for the numerous transit
passengers, most of whom currently must wait at various unsheltered transit stops.

## Long Range Service Plan 2001-2020

Long range planning must be based upon the assumptions that all short range goals have been realized and that new sources of local matching funds are provided to support any new transit service needs. Expansion of transit service is costly, especially for first year start-up. First year costs include expensive new buses, maintenance equipment and additional operational and maintenance staff. In succeeding years the operational costs would increase proportionately according to local economic inflationary trends. Capital costs would also increase for bus and maintenance equipment replacement purchases, based upon future national inflationary trends.

Growth trends based upon building permits over the past 14 years indicate the direction of city population growth to be generally north towards the City of Springdale. The largest growth area is west of U.S. Highway 71B and north of the University. The second largest growth area is north and along Highway 45 and west of Crossover Road (Highway 265).

The UAF Razorback Transit currently has one fixed route (Red) that extends north on U.S. Highway 71B to the Northwest Arkansas Mall, approximately $1 / 8$ of a mile south of the northern most boundary between the City of Fayetteville and Springdale. This route extends through the center of the two largest growth areas and its annual ridership has increased each year. It is conceivable that additional north bound routes to the west and the east of this existing route would be beneficial to the general population of the City of Fayetteville, and to a minor extent, employees and students of the UAF. One additional bus added to the current Red route with minor route changes and transfer points would improve service and increase ridership by allowing more frequent service and additional scheduled stops.

## The long range Razorback Transit service and capital improvement plans are based upon the following assumptions:

1. FTA capital improvement funds remain available on an $80 / 20$ cost share basis.
2. FTA operating funds remain available on a $50 / 50$ cost share basis.
3. Local matching funds (other than solely from the UAF) would be provided for any Razorback Transit service expansions beyond the current system.
4. Additional budgeted staff positions would be approved in a timely manner for any expanded transit operations and maintenance requirements.
5. An increased number of transit vehicles for the transit fleet would be approved.
6. The current UAF/Razorback Transit maintenance facility would be expanded, as needed, to allow for additional maintenance and bus parking space.
7. Short range plans would be realized.

Projected additional fixed routes planned for 2001-2020:

1. Add one bus for the current Red Route service area and identify any needed changes
to the current route and service schedule.
2. Add a second bus to the Tan Route and implement any route changes required to accommodate new passenger service needs identified in that area.
3. Add two north bound routes, originating at the projected Intermodal Transit Facility, to serve areas north on the west and east side of the Highway 71B route, with imple-
mentation to be determined by major ridership generators.
4. Add one route originating at the Intermodal Transit Facility and proceeding generally to the south and southwest area of Fayetteville, with service implementation to be determined by major ridership generators.
5. Plan for other additional buses and fixed service routes, as determined by new ridership generators, population growth, actual need and available funding.
Table 4 outlines Total Service for the 10-year period.
Should all of the assumptions stated in the preceding pages prove valid and the proposed additional fixed route service receive approval, the projected capital improvement costs are as depicted in Table 5.

Insufficient data projections preclude a proposed transit service plan beyond the year 2010. However, if the proposed service and capital improvements plan for FY 20012010 are realized and there is no expansion beyond the city limits of Fayetteville, the projected capital costs from FY 2011 through 2020 are depicted in the Table 6.

Projected Additional Fixed Route Transit Services - FY 2011 Through 2020 Insufficient data projections preclude a proposed transit service plan beyond the year 2010.

Planning for projected fixed route transit services through the year 2010, Table 6, has been limited to within the city limits of Fayetteville. It is conceivable that fixed route transit would be more beneficial to the general public if it was extended into the Springdale area, thereby connecting transit services between the two cities. Coordinated efforts between the cities of Fayetteville and Springdale would help determine if expansion of fixed route transit services beyond the northern Fayetteville city limits would be feasible and determine possible sources of local matching funds for any increased services. Three to four fixed routes operating within the city limits of Springdale connecting at transfer points with selected Fayetteville routes and rural transit services, could reduce the congested traffic conditions on major thoroughfares within and between both cities.

It is expected that the University of Arkansas/Razorback Transit could manage and operate any expanded service, providing that all previously mentioned assumptions and all resources were realized.

Table 1
Current Razorback Transit System Services - FY 94

| Route | Nr.of Buses | Route Miles | Round Trips | Daily Mileage | Headway Minutes | Route Opn'l Hours | Daily Bus Hours | Total Ridership FY 94 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Brown | 2 | 1.6 | 76 | 121.6 | 15 | $\begin{gathered} 0700 \\ \text { to } \\ 1800 \end{gathered}$ | 19 | 287,219 |
| Blue | 3 | 2.9 | 100 | 290.0 | 15 | same | 25 | 366,762 |
| Gray | 1 | 2.0 | 55 | 110.0 | 12 | same | 11 | 159,008 |
| Green | 3 | 2.2 | 120 | 264.0 | 15 | same | 30 | 456,042 |
| Orange | 1 | 2.4 | 55 | 132.0 | 12 | same | 11 | 89,171 |
| Red | 1 | 14.0 | 7 | 98.0 | 75 | $\begin{gathered} 0830 \\ \text { to } \\ 1800 \end{gathered}$ | 9 | 44,373 |
| Tan | 1 | 6.1 | 22 | 134.2 | 30 | $\begin{gathered} 0700 \\ \text { to } \\ 1800 \end{gathered}$ | 11 | 81,904 |
| Night <br> Route | 1 | 3.5 | 12 | 42.0 | 20 | $\begin{gathered} 1800 \\ \text { to } \\ 2200 \end{gathered}$ | 4 | 10,270 |
| ParaTransit Vans | 3 |  |  |  | N/A | $\begin{gathered} 0700 \\ \text { to } \\ 1800 \end{gathered}$ | 22 | 9,718 |
| Totals | 16 | 34.7 | 447 | 1,082.8 |  |  | 142 | 1,504,467 |

Table 2
Razorback Transit Short Range Service Plan
1994-2000
Projected service changes from 1994 through FY 2000 are depicted in the chart below

| Route | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{Nr.} \\ \text { of } \\ \text { Buses } \end{gathered}$ | Route Miles | Round Trips | Daily Mileage | Head way in Min | Opn'l Hrs | Daily <br> Bus <br> Hours | Projected Ridership End of FY 2000 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Brown | *3 | 1.6 | 88 | 140.8 | 15 | $\begin{gathered} 0700 \\ \text { to } \\ 1800 \end{gathered}$ | 22 | 330,301 |
| Blue | *4 | 2.9 | 112 | 324.8 | 15 | same | 28 | 403,438 |
| Gray | 1 | 2.0 | 55 | 110.0 | 12 | same | 11 | 166,958 |
| Green | *4 | 2.2 | 132 | 290.4 | 15 | same | 33 | 524,448 |
| Orange | 1 | 2.4 | 55 | 132.0 | 12 | same | 11 | 93,630 |
| Red | 1 | 14.0 | 7 | 98.0 | 75 | $\begin{gathered} 0830 \\ \text { to } \\ 1800 \end{gathered}$ | 9 | 48,810 |
| Tan | 1 | 6.1 | 22 | 134.2 | 30 | $\begin{gathered} 0700 \\ \text { to } \\ 1800 \end{gathered}$ | 11 | 90,094 |
| Night <br> Route | 1 | 3.5 | 12 | 42.0 | 20 | $\begin{gathered} 1800 \\ \text { to } \\ 2200 \end{gathered}$ | 4 | 10,784 |
| ParaTransit Vans | 3 |  |  |  |  | Same | 22 | 11,176 |
| Totals | 19 | 34.7 | 483 | 1,272 |  |  | 151 | 1,679,639 |

*One additional bus during peak ridership hours.

Table 3
Razorback Transit
Capital Improvement Program FY 1994-2000

| Description | FTA Funds | UAF Funds | UAF/Razorback Transit | Comments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Purchase 4 New ADA Accessible Transit Buses | \$732,500 | \$183,200 | same | Buses to Replace UAF Leased Buses Used for Peak Hours and Reserve |
| Purchase 4 Paratransit Vans | \$107,500 | \$26,900 | same | Replacement Vans/ Age \& Mileage |
| Purchase 2 <br> Supervisory Vehicles | \$15,700 | \$3,900 | same | Replacement |
| Purchase 1 <br> Maintenance Vehicle | \$11,800 | \$2,900 | same | Replacement |
| Administration Equipment | \$24,000 | \$6,000 | same | Computer Updates \& General Office New \& Replacement |
| Maint Shop Equip | \$16,000 | \$4,000 | same | New |
| Bus Capital Equipment | \$40,000 | \$10,000 | same | New Engines Transmissions A/C Updates |
| Intermodal Transit Facility Including Parking Decks <br> Totals* | $5,600,000$ $6,547,500$ | 1,400,000 1,636,900 | same | Intermodal Transit Facility to provide transfer of passengers between routes and other transit providers and provide parking for transit users |

*Estimated cost based on 1994 dollars with a $12 \%$ increase over the five year period.

Table 4
Razorback Transit Proposed Service Plan for FY 2001-2010

| Route | No of Buses |  | Round Trips 31 | Daily Mileage | Headway in Min | Opn'l Hrs | Daily <br> Bus <br> Hours | Projected Ridership End of FY 2010 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (1) Brown | 3 | 1.6 | 88 | 140.8 | 15 | $\begin{aligned} & 0700 \\ & 1800 \end{aligned}$ | 22 | 330,301 |
| (1) Blue | 4 | 2.9 | 112 | 324.8 | 15 | same | 28 | 403,438 |
| Gray | 1 | 2.0 | 55 | 110.0 | 12 | same | 11 | 166,958 |
| (1) Green | 4 | 2.2 | 132 | 290.4 | 15 | same | 33 | 524,448 |
| Orange | 1 | 2.4 | 55 | 132.0 | 12 | same | 11 | 93,630 |
| (2) Red | 2 | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD | $\begin{aligned} & 0830 \\ & 2200 \end{aligned}$ | 27 | 127,500 |
| Tan | 2 | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD | $\begin{aligned} & 0700 \\ & 1800 \end{aligned}$ | 22 | 165,000 |
| Northwest Route | 1 | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD | $\begin{aligned} & 0700 \\ & 1800 \end{aligned}$ | 11 | 50,000 |
| Northeast Route | 1 | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD | $\begin{aligned} & 0700 \\ & 1800 \end{aligned}$ | 11 | 50,000 |
| Southwest Route | 1 | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD | $\begin{aligned} & 0700 \\ & 1800 \end{aligned}$ | 11 | 30,000 |
| (3)Paratran sit | 4 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | $\begin{aligned} & 0700 \\ & 2200 \end{aligned}$ | 31 | 22,000 |
| Night Route | 1 | 3.5 | 12 | 42.0 | 20 | $\begin{aligned} & 1800 \\ & 2200 \end{aligned}$ | 4 | 13,000 |
| Totals | 25 | ... | ... | ... | ... |  | 222 | 1,976,275 |

Notes: TBD (to be determined)
(1) One peak hour bus added to the Brown, Blue and Green routes.
(2) Extended night hours to coincide with closing times of major shopping centers.
(3) Additional paratransit service required to complement all additional routes.

Table 5
Razorback Transit Capital Improvement Program FY 2001-2010

|  | FTA Grants | Local Share | Local Share Source | Comments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Purchase 16 New ADA Buses | \$2,930,240 | \$732,560 | UAF | Current Fleet Replacements Age \& Mileage |
| Purchase 6 New ADA Buses | 1,098,840 | 274,710 | City or Other Agencies | New to Start New Routes |
| Purchase Route Accessories | 6,000 | 1,500 | City or Other Agencies | New |
| Expand Current Maintenance Facility \& Parking Area | 400,000 | 100,000 | UAF, City \& Other Agencies | Needed to Park \& Maintain Increased Fleet |
| Purchase 8 New <br> Paratransit Vans | 215,000 | 53,800 | UAF | Current Fleet Replacements Age \& Mileage |
| Purchase 4 New <br> Paratransit Vans | 107,500 | 26,900 | City or Other Agency | New Route Service to ADA Paratransit Eligible |
| Purchase 4 New Supervisory Vehicles | 31,400 | 7,800 | UAF, City or Other Agency | Replacements and New |
| Purchase 2 New Maintenance Vehicles | 23,600 | 5,800 | UAF, City or Other Agency | Current Fleet Replacements |
| Administration Equipment | 24,000 | 6,000 | UAF | New and Replacement Updates |
| Maintenance Shop Equipment | 16,000 | 4,000 | UAF | New |
| Bus Capital Equipment | 48,000 | 12,000 | UAF, City or Other Agency | New Engines, Transmissions, etc. |
| Total 10 Year Capital | \$4,900,580 | \$1,195,070 |  |  |

Table 6

Razorback Transit Capital Improvements Program FY 2011-2020

| Purchase 22 New <br> ADA Buses | $\$ 4,029,080$ | $\$ 1,007,270$ | UAF, City or <br> Other Agencies | Fleet Replacements <br> Age and Mileage |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Purchase 12 New <br> Paratransit Vans | $\$ 322,500$ | $\$ 80,700$ | UAF, City or <br> Other Agencies | Fleet Replacements <br> Age and Mileage |
| Purchase 4 New <br> Supervisory Vehi- <br> cles | $\$ 31,400$ | $\$ 7,800$ | Same | Fleet Replacements <br> Age and Mileage |
| Purchase 2 New <br> Maintenance Vehi- <br> cles | $\$ 23,600$ | $\$ 5,800$ | Same | Fleet Replacements <br> Age and Mileage |
| Purchase <br> Communications <br> Equipment | $\$ 40,000$ | $\$ 10,000$ | Same | New and Replace- <br> ment |
| Administration <br> Equipment | $\$ 24,000$ | $\$ 6,000$ | Same | New and Replace- <br> ment |
| Bus Capital <br> Equipment | $\$ 48,000$ | $\$ 12,000$ | Same | New Engines, <br> Transmissions, etc. |
| Purchase Route <br> Accessories | $\$ 80,000$ | $\$ 20,000$ | Same | Bus Stop Signs <br> and Shelters |
| Totals | $\$ 4,618,580$ | $\$ 1,154,570$ |  |  |

## C. Elderly Taxi Programs

The Elderly Taxi Programs began operation in Springdale in 1983 and in Fayetteville in 1989 as a result of cooperative agreements among the Cities, C \& H Taxi Company, and the Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Arkansas (AAA). Twin City Taxi began operation and became a participant in 1992.

This Program provides affordable, flexible transportation for low-income senior citizens who meet specific eligibility criteria. Coupons are distributed by the Cities to offset a portion of the taxi fare. The Programs are administered by the respective Cities with technical assistance provided by the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission.

These programs have been highly successful. Current Program providers are committed to continue this worthy and much needed program for their senior citizens, and anticipate that future leaders will continue the Program through the year 2020.

# VI. THE INTERMODAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION EFFICIENCY ACT 


#### Abstract

The Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA), was signed into law by President Bush, in December of 1991. This Federal Legislation outlines the process and procedures in which DOT's and MPO's receive federal dollars. The actual language of this legislation can be located in Title 23 of the United State Code. The bill's comprehensive coverage is located in its eight titles: TITLE I - Surface Transportation (related to highways); TITLE II - Highway Safety; TITLE III - Federal Transit Act Amendments of 1991; TITLE IV Motor Carrier Act of 1991; TITLE V - Intermodal Transportation; TITLE VI - Research; TITLE VII - Air Transportation; VIII - Extension of Highway Related Taxes and Highway Trust Fund.


The following description of ISTEA policy goals, major features, and funding was taken from "A Summary: Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991" (USDOT: FWHA-PA-92-008).

## A. ISTEA's Policy Statement and Major Features

## 1. Statement of Policy

"To develop a National Intermodal Transportation System that is economically efficient, environmentally sound, provides the foundation for the Nation to compete in the global economy and will move people and goods in an energy efficient manner."

## 2. Major features

- A National Highway System (NHS), consisting primarily of existing Interstate routes and a portion of the Primary System, is established to focus Federal resources on roads that are the most important to interstate travel and national defense, roads that connect with other modes of transportation, and are essential for international commerce.
- State and local governments are given more flexibility in determining transportation solutions, whether transit or highways, and the tools of enhanced planning and management systems to guide them in making the best choices.
- New technologies, such as intelligent vehicle highway systems and prototype magnetic levitation systems, are funded to push the Nation forward into thinking of new approaches in providing 21st Century transportation.
- The private sector is tapped as a source for funding transportation improvements. Restrictions on the use of Federal funds for toll roads have been relaxed and private entities may even own such facilities.
- The Act continues discretionary and formula funds for mass transit.
- Highway funds are available for activities that enhance the environment, such as wetland banking, mitigation of damage to wildlife habitat, historic sites, activities that contribute to meeting air quality standards, a wide range of bicycle and pedestrian projects, and highway beautification.
o Highway safety is further enhanced by a new program to encourage the use of safety belts and motorcycle helmets.
o State uniformity in vehicle registration and fuel tax reporting is required. This will ease the recordkeeping and reporting burden on businesses and contribute substantially to increased productivity of the truck and bus industry.


## B. TITLE - I Surface Transportation: Programs and Funding

The NARTS 2020 Regional Transportation Plan is mandated and specifically deals with programming funds under TITLE I. Authorizations of $\$ 121$ billion are provided under this Title.

## 1. National Highway System

The National Highway System (NHS) will consist of 155,000 miles (plus or minus 15 percent) of major roads in the United States. Included will be all Interstate routes, a large percentage of urban and rural principal arterials, the defense strategic highway connectors. The system, which will be proposed by the Secretary of Transportation, after consultation with the States, must be designated by law by September 30, 1995. In the interim, the NHS will consist of highway classified as principal arterials.

The NHS funding level is $\$ 21$ billion for the 6 years. The formula for distribution is the same as for the Surface Transportation Program (STP) - see below. A State may choose to transfer 50 percent of the NHS funds to the new STP program; if the Secretary approves, 100 percent may be transferred.

## 2. Interstate

Although a part of the NHS, the Interstate System will retain its separate identity and will receive separate funding:
o Complete funding of Interstate Construction (\$7.2 billion).
o Interstate Substitute highway projects ( $\$ 960$ million).
o An Interstate Maintenance program, at a total of $\$ 17$ billion, finances projects to rehabilitate, restore, and resurface the Interstate System.

## 3. Surface Transportation Program

The Surface Transportation Program (STP) is a new block grant type program that may be used by the States and localities for any roads that are not functionally classified as local or rural minor collectors. These roads are now collectively referred to as Federal-aid roads. Bridge projects paid for with STP funds are not restricted to Federal-aid roads but may be on any public road. Transit capital projects are also eligible under this program.

The total funding for the STP over the 6 years is $\$ 23.9$ billion. However, this level may be augmented by the transfer of funds from other programs and by the equity funds.

The formula for distribution of funds is based on each State's FY 1987-1991 share of total national funding with appropriate adjustment for Interstate Maintenance and Bridge apportionments.

Once the funds are distributed to the States, each State must set aside 10 percent for
safety construction activities, i.e. hazard elimination and rail-highway crossings, and 10 percent for transportation enhancements, which encompass a broad range of environmentalrelated activities. The State must divide 50 percent ( 62.5 percent of the remaining 80 percent) of the funds by population between each of its areas over 200,000 and the remaining areas of the State. The remaining 30 percent ( 37.5 percent of remaining 80 percent) can be used in any area of the State. Areas of 5,000 population or less are guaranteed an amount based on previous Secondary funding.

## C. ISTEA Planning Requirements

ISTEA specifically mandates that DOT's and MPO's develop a 20 year, multimodal, intermodal, fiscally constrained transportation plan. These plans must address 15 ISTEA Factors and 6 Management Systems.

## ISTEA Factors

The Intermodal Surface Transportation and Efficiency Act (ISTEA) of 1991 requires, under 23 USC 134(f)/FTA-Sec 8(f), that plans and programs address the fifteen factors listed below.

## 1. Preservation of existing transportation facilities.

AHTD is currently implementing Pavement and Bridge Management Systems. These systems will evaluate the current status of road and bridge conditions in the NARTS study area so that decisions on the needs of the area are addressed in an efficient-systematic format.

The results of the informal public hearing survey that was provided in the "first round" of public involvement and printed in local newspapers ranked "improving existing transportation facilities" as the highest priority.

Of the 38 road improvements identified and prioritized in the Constrained Plan, 27 or $71 \%$ of those projects specifically deal with improving existing roads.
2. Consistency of transportation planning with Federal, State, and Local energy conservation programs, goals, and objectives.
The goals and objectives of the NARTS 2020 Regional Transportation Plan are consistent with the 1991 State Energy Conservation Plan.

NWARPC conducted a "Carpool/Vanpool" study in 1992 in which interest in such programs by the public was assessed via informal surveys that were sent to major employers in the NARTS study area and printed in local newspapers. The results of the survey indicate that there is minimal interest in Northwest Arkansas for carpool/vanpool programs.
3. Relieving and preventing congestion where it does not yet occur.

AHTD is currently developing the Congestion Management System, required by ISTEA, for the purpose of identifying and evaluating congestion with respect to current and future transportation decisions.

The Congestion Management System will:

- Define areas of consideration.
- Set performance measures.
- Develop a program of transportation system monitoring and evaluation based on selected performance measures.
- Provide methods for identifying and assessing alternative strategies and actions, emphasizing single-occupant vehicle trip reduction and measures to increase existing transportation system efficiency.
o Provide a process of implementing cost-effective strategies and actions.
o Provide methods for evaluating the effectiveness of implemented actions and monitoring system performance.
See Congestion Management System (Pg. 6-7).
The provision of a variety of transportation modes envisioned in this Plan will help relieve reliance on a single system.

Bike routes on roadways have been identified for inclusion in future transportation improvement programs.

The incorporation of the various units of government land use plans and master street plans into the regional plan matches anticipated growth and density with necessary transportation improvements.
4. The effect of transportation policy decisions upon land use and development and consistency of plans and programs with applicable land and short term land use and development plans.
All of the transportation decisions and improvements in this plan originated through the study of current and future land use and development plans and concepts. The 2020 Regional Transportation Systems Map and the 2020 Unconstrained and Constrained Plans are based upon and compatible with the 2020 Regional Land Use Plan (the aggregate existing individual land use plans). The 2020 Systems Map represents the aggregate existing individual master street plans.

## 5. Programming transportation enhancement activity expenditures by Section 133.

 The programming of transportation enhancement activities, project eligibility, ISTEA guidelines, and project selection procedures is discussed in detail in section IV. (Pg. 4-7). The use of transportation enhancement funds for transportation related projects has enabled NARTS to incorporate more bicycle and pedestrian facilities than might otherwise be possible.
## 6. The effects of all transportation projects within the metropolitan area whether publicly or privately financed.

The effects of all transportation projects within the NARTS study area has been and will continue to be an on-going element in the planning process. Information such as traffic counts (Average Daily Traffic - ADT's) and levels of service (LOS's) are constantly evaluated for control and performance measures. The Congestion Management System, currently being developed by AHTD, will enhance NARTS ability to study the effects of current and future transportation projects for detailed areas and the overall system. Also, Dr. Robert Alguire, PhD., of the Mac-Blackwell Rural Transportation Center at the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville, is developing a transportation model that will illustrate the effects of future land use and transportation decisions and projects.
7. Access to airports, intermodal transportation facilities, major freight distribution routes, national parks, recreational areas, monuments and historic sites.
AHTD is currently developing the Intermodal Management System (IMS) which will deal with and identify waterports, airports, trucking operations, railroads, and other non-highway modal shippers. The ultimate benefit of this management system should be that the States's agricultural and industrial shippers should receive more efficient transportation of their products. The primary goals of the IMS are:
o To develop intermodal investment strategies that will enhance local and regional economic development efforts.
o To develop a balanced intermodal system that will lower transportation costs, reduce delays, and increase productivity.
o To identify needed transportation infrastructure improvements to support intermodal activities.
o To identify the key intermodal links in the State and methods for improving these modal connections.
o To promote the use of new and emerging intermodal technology and marketing techniques.
See Intermodal Management System (Pg. 6-7).
Access to airports and intermodal transportation facilities within the NARTS study area have been addressed in previous studies performed by NWARPC staff. These airport access studies for Drake Field-Fayetteville, Springdale Municipal Airport, Carter Field-Rogers, and Bentonville Municipal Airport identified:

- A level of service (measured in direct access time) of "C" or above for the airports to; Regional Arterial Highways, Regional Population Centers, Employment/Activity Centers, Fire Protection, and Security.
- A level of service (measured in indirect access distance) of "C" or above for the airports to; Public Transit Terminals, Off-Airport Private Transit, Educational Institutions, Medical Facilities, Freight Distribution Centers, and Other Transportation Modes.

There are no national parks or waterports within the study area.

## 8. Connectivity of roads within the metropolitan area to those outside.

Connectivity of roads within the metropolitan area to those outside the NARTS study area has been a main concern of NARTS in the planning process since the initiation of the 2020 Regional Transportation Plan. Specific items that address this concern are the 2020 Regional Transportation Systems Plan, the 2020 Regional Land Use Plan, and both the Unconstrained and Constrained Plans. These plans reflect years of work on the part of individual cities and units of government through their adopted Land Use Plans and Master Street Plans.

## 9. Transportation needs identified through management systems as required by Section

 303.Currently, the Managements System mandated be ISTEA are being developed by AHTD. Drafts of each system have been reviewed by NARTS and NWARPC staff, and comments on the systems have been forwarded to AHTD for MPO input. NARTS will continue to support AHTD in their efforts to develop these systems when required or requested. Please see Management Systems (Pg 6-7).
10. Preservation of right-of-way for future projects including identification of unused right-of-way needed for future corridors and identifications of corridors which need protection from destruction or loss.
Cities and units of Government within the NARTS study area were asked to submit a list of high priority corridors to AHTD for consideration by the United States Congress. Preservation of right-of-way for future projects was the main concern of this study.

Following adoption of the NARTS Plan copies will be provided to local units of government. Local units of government will be encouraged to amend their Master Street Plan to reflect new corridors identified in the NARTS plan. Once included in the Master Plans, right-of-way may be preserved as development occurs.

## 11. Methods to enhance efficient freight movement.

Increasing the efficiency of freight movement is an objective of this plan and NARTS. Private carriers such as Willis Shaw Express and the Arkansas-Missouri Railroad participate in the planning process through the NARTS Technical Advisory Committee.

Specific projects in the constrained plan that will enhance freight movement within the NARTS study are include:

- The proposed US 412 northern Springdale By-pass. This new location will alleviate congestion on US 71B in Springdale by providing a limited access - principal arterial route for freight to by-pass the business corridors of Springdale.
- The widening of AR 265 from AR 16E (Fayetteville) to US 62 (Rogers). This transportation improvement will provide better north-south movement for freight by adding lanes to an existing state highway that connects the industrial parks of Fayetteville, Springdale, and Rogers.

12. Use of life-cycle costs in design and engineering of bridges, pavement or tunnels. As 2020 Plan implementation takes place, life-cycle costs will be addressed by AHTD's Engineering and Design Section under the normal review process as project engineering is submitted for approval. AHTD monitoring under the Pavement and Bridge Management Systems will also insure that life-cycle costs will have a bearing upon selection and approval of the most cost effective designs.
13. The effects of transportation decisions upon social, economic, energy, and environmental conditions.
The effects of transportation decisions upon social, economic, energy, and environmental conditions will be evaluated on a case by case basis when warranted or requested by any unit of government, special interest group, or the public. Projects implemented by AHTD that have an Environmental component, will follow the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) at a minimum. For projects that involve federal funding for improvements on Principle Arterials (or above) and have limited access, a Major Investment Study will result (See Pg. A-14).

## 14. Methods to enhance and expand transit services and increase their use.

An Intermodal Terminal Transfer Facility for Razorback Transit has been approved by the NARTS Committees and is listed under federal fiscal year 1996 in the Transportation Improvement Program. The project is currently being reviewed by Federal Transit Administration for final approval and will require Section 3 funding. The project will cost
$\$ 6,796,778$ million ( $\$ 5,437,422$ federal funds and $\$ 1,359,356$ local match). This transportation improvement will enhance and expand transit services and increase their use by providing a centralized multimodal transfer facility in which pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists will have safe and efficient access to Razorback and Ozark Transit. The facility will involve the construction of a multi-level parking deck for visitors to the University of Arkansas.
15. Capital investments that would increase security in transit systems.

Northwest Arkansas benefits from a relatively low crime rate. Past and present transit providers have not experienced significant safety or security related problems. Therefore, until such time that added security measures are warranted, no foreseeable capital investments are forecasted at this point and time. Transit providers are committed to maintain secure systems and provide constant evaluation of security related factors. Immediate action will be taken as problems arise. Two factors contribute to the absence of security problem in the area: (1) Late night services are not provided; and (2) there is no money collected on the Razorback Transit system; and only minimal donations are collected by Ozark Regional Transit.

Security measures are an important part of the driver training programs. In addition, Razorback Transit's radio communications network is linked with the Department of Public Safety thereby providing constant monitoring and communique.

## Management System Summaries

Section 303 was added to ISTEA legislation (1991) that required the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations for State development, establishment, and implementation of six systems for transportation infrastructure management. A management system includes data collection and analysis, identification of performance measures, determination of needs, evaluation and selection of appropriate strategies/actions to address needs, and evaluation of the effectiveness of the implemented strategies/actions. The State may enter into agreements with local governments or other agencies to implement parts of the management systems; however, the State is the agency responsible for ensuring that the system is being properly implemented. The six management systems (MS) are:

## Pavement Management

The Pavement Management System (PMS) is scheduled to be in operation by October 1, 1995. By that date, the PMS is expected to be providing projects and programs for consideration in developing metropolitan and statewide transportation plans and improvement programs.

The PMS is implementing a database system that has segmentation capabilities. It will include

- Roadway Inventory
- Pavement Condition History
- Construction and Maintenance History
- Coordination Among Management Systems.

Pavement information will be obtained by using a new system that enables evaluation in
an office setting. Pavement condition will be collected at highway speeds in uniform increments over 100 percent of the State federal-aid highway system by using video technology. In addition, traffic information such as counts, classifications and loads will be an essential part of the overall pavement condition indices. Preferable maintenance strategies will be established by a Pavement Advisory Committee made up of the PMS task force and personnel from the areas that will be affected by the results of the decisions. Monitoring will occur over the full pavement system each year.

## Intermodal

The Intermodal Management System (IMS) provides for the optimum use of all transportation modes in the movement of both passengers and freight. The IMS planning process will focus on providing improved intermodal connections, enhanced modal shipping and passenger choices, and coordination and cooperation between all modes and affected agencies. The IMS will stress the attainment of an integrated, competitive multimodal transportation system for the efficient, safe, and cost-effective movement of freight and passengers.

The IMS will be developed in cooperation with the Metropolitan Planning Organizations, local and state officials, and affected regional agencies. Public involvement and input from freight and passenger transportation providers will be encouraged. Primary goals of the IMS are:

- Development of strategies that would enhance local and regional economic development efforts.
- Development of a system that would lower transportation costs, reduce delays, and increase productivity.
- Identification of needed infrastructure improvements
- Identification of the key intermodal links in the State and methods for improving these modal connections.
- Promotion of the use of new and emerging intermodal technology and marketing techniques.

The IMS is scheduled to be in operation by October 1, 1996 and shall provide projects and programs for consideration in developing metropolitan and statewide transportation plans and improvement programs.

## Safety

The Safety Management System (SMS) is designed to assist decision makers in the allocation of available transportation safety resources. The goal is to reduce the number and severity of traffic crashes by ensuring that opportunities to improve highway safety are identified, considered, and evaluated in all phases of highway planning, design, construction, maintenance and operation.

The SMS will cover all public roads, except federally owned roads, and will incorporate the roadway, human, and vehicle safety elements.

Several agencies within the State are involved with highway safety. Among them are the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department, Arkansas State Police, Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration, Arkansas Department of Health, Federal Highway Administration, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and all local
governments. The SMS appointed a Task Force to assess the State's safety program to determine the strengths and weaknesses. The assessment was conducted with an emphasis on opportunities for improvement.

Goals of the SMS are:

- Focus more attention on reducing the severity of accidents.
- Expand the membership of the multi-agency safety group to establish coordination among safety agencies and implementation of the SMS. The group should provide input annually for the development of future Highway Safety Plans.
- Formalize and enhance the process within AHTD for identifying and investigating hazardous or potentially hazardous highway safety problems, roadway locations and features, including highway-railroad grade crossings, and developing, implementing and evaluating countermeasures to correct the hazards.
- Expand and reemphasize the "Action Plan for Effective Highway Collision Countermeasures".
- Expand and integrate the various databases to insure that safety is considered in all aspects of highway transportation programs and projects.
- Determine if there is a feasible method for entering crash data in the Traffic Accident Reporting System (TARS) quicker and with less human resources.
- Provide TARS and other data bases in a geographical information system.
- Develop and provide more training to representatives of local governments and Metropolitan Planning Organizations, possibly through the Technology Transfer program, for enhancing their skills in identifying and investigating high accident rate locations and developing countermeasures.
The SMS is scheduled to be in operation by October 1, 1996.


## Bridge

The ultimate goal of the Bridge Management System (BMS) is to provide timely, adequate information to help decision makers decide "what to do and when to do it" regarding bridge maintenance, rehabilitation and replacement. It will also assist decision makers in selecting optimum, cost-effective alternatives needed to achieve desired levels of service within funding limitations.

The BMS will keep a centralized database that will include the National Bridge Inventory data, condition data, cost data, traffic and accident statistics, historical data and deterioration data. It will include a computer model for applying network analysis as well as a monitoring system for the entire bridge inventory.

The BMS has been implemented since October 1, 1994.

## Congestion

The Congestion Management System (CMS) is a systematic approach to identify, evaluate, and alleviate congestion on existing and future transportation systems. The CMS must include monitoring both metropolitan and non-metropolitan areas, and should be developed and implemented in cooperation with local officials and MPO's.

Strategies to alleviate congestion should emphasize single-occupancy-vehicle trip reduction and increase the efficiency of the existing transportation system. Adding general purpose lanes should only be used as a last resort. Emphasis is placed on the
consideration of Transportation Demand Management strategies, which aim to reduce the number of vehicles on the road, and Transportation System Management strategies, which are used to increase the capacity of the existing transportation system by making it more efficient.

The AHTD will monitor and maintain a database on all State Highway System routes in all areas of the State. Other functionally classified roads that are identified as congested must be monitored and evaluated by local jurisdictions or regional agencies and will also be included in the State's database. Necessary transit data will be collected from the Intermodal Management System and the Public Transportation Management System.

Once a segment is identified as congested, data collection sites which effectively represent traffic patterns will be selected. Most of these data collection sites will only record traffic volumes, but some will be chosen to collect speed and vehicle classification data also. In addition, vehicle occupancy counts will also be performed in areas where single-occupancy vehicle trip reduction is a feasible correction strategy.

The data resulting from CMS data collection will be maintained in a database by AHTD. Included will be a program for identification and evaluation of congestion mitigation strategies. Consideration will be given to traditional and non-traditional strategies, especially those resulting in a reduction in Single-Occupancy-Vehicle travel and increase in overall system efficiency. Once strategies have been evaluated and recommended for implementation, efforts will be required via the planning process to implement the strategy as a coordinated effort between the AHTD and all other parties involved.

The final product of this component will be an outlined - systematic process of introducing selected congestion reduction strategies into the statewide planning and transportation system improvement processes. The CMS is scheduled to be in operation by October, 1996.

## Public Transportation

The Arkansas Public Transportation Management System (PTMS) is a systematic process that collects and analyzes information on the condition and cost of transit assets (public transportation facilities, equipment and rolling stock). It also identifies the transit needs for metropolitan and statewide planning efforts.

A computerized database on transit inventory information will be kept and updated annually. With this information it is expected that

- State and local management can more easily evaluate the condition and age of public transportation assets and thus project financial needs
- PTMS can provide faster statewide information sharing about assets
- Local systems can easily share vehicles and equipment
- PTMS will provide input to the Intermodal and Congestion Management System

It is expected that with this information transit assets will be designed to accommodate current and predicted ridership in a safe and cost effective manner. The PTMS is scheduled to be in operation by October 1, 1996.

## VII. RECOMMENDATIONS

As stated in the introductory letter by the Policy and Technical Advisory Committee Chairs, NARTS feels "that this document provides a comprehensive framework of transportation guidance for the next 25 years." There is, however, a level of uncertainty when considering future funding allocations. And although there has been "a genuine spirit of regional cooperation and dedication," and "NARTS has defined the transportation needs of Northwest Arkansas and developed a plan to address those needs," several units of government have stated - for the record - that they feel the projected funding is not sufficient. Therefore, NARTS recommends the following:

- Full Funding of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) by Congress. NARTS will support and promote all efforts to ensure maximum funding of ISTEA through all means possible.
- Timely completion of the 1991 Highway Improvement Program (HIP) by the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department. NARTS realizes that the HIP is a high priority of AHTD and it is so stated in their Long Range Plan. NARTS will support AHTD's effort in completing this program.
- That NARTS, along with all units of government in Northwest Arkansas, be involved and have meaningful input in any discussion associated with future revenue sources for transportation and transit. NARTS feels that it is imperative that it have input in any decision that may affect the transportation dollars that Northwest Arkansas receives in the future.
- That the Federal Government and The State of Arkansas recognize that small cities/units of governments have difficulty in providing a "local match" for transportation improvements. This is a major concern of the area and needs to be addressed. Several small cities in the NARTS area have defined transportation needs and would like to receive improvements; however, they cannot supply the required local match. While they do participate in the Planning Process, they feel powerless and overlooked. NARTS will continue to research and lobby for any available funds for these cities.


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## Acronyms and Abbreviations

| ADT | Average Daily Traffic |
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| ADA | Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 |
| AHTD | Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department |
| ATEP | Arkansas Transportation Enhancement Program |
| BMS | Bridge Management System |
| CFR | Code of Federal Regulations |
| CMS | Congestion Management System |
| DOT | Department of Transportation |
| FHWA | Federal Highway Administration |
| FTA | Federal Transit Administration |
| HIP | Highway Improvement Program |
| IMS | Intermodal Management System |
| ISTEA | Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 |
| LOS | Level of Service |
| MIS | Major Investment Study |
| MPO | Metropolitan Planning Organization |
| MSA | Metropolitan Statistical Area |
| NARTS | Northwest Arkansas Regional Transportation Study |
| NEPA | National Environmental Policy Act |
| NHS | National Highway System |
| NWARPC | Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission |
| PMS | Pavement Management Systems |
| PTMS | Public Transportation Facilities and Equipment Management System |
| ROW | Right of Way |
| SMS | (Highway) Safety Management System |
| STP | Surface Transportation Program |
| TAC | Technical Advisory Committee |
| TARS | Traffic Accident Reporting System |
| TIP | Transportation Improvement Program |
| UWP | Unified Work Program |
| USC | United States Code |
| USDOT | United States Department of Transportation |
| VPD | Vehicles Per Day |
| WAPDD | Western Arkansas Planning and Development District |
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## Freeway/Expressway



## Function

Design Service Volume

Speed $\quad 45-55 \mathrm{mph}$
Traffic Lanes Four 12 ft . lanes; where at-grade intersections occur on expressways, right and left turn lanes shall be provided.

Parking Lanes None; emergency parking permitted on shoulders.
Shoulders $\quad 10 \mathrm{ft}$. outside and 6 ft . insider shoulders
Side Slopes Slopes should not exceed a minimum ratio of 6:1 to a distance 30 ft . from the edge of traffic lanes.

Paved Width $\quad 80 \mathrm{ft}$. from edge of paved shoulder
Right-of-Way Variable; on Federally funded and State projects; r-o-w requirements will normally be 300 ft ., with more at interchanges.
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Median } & \begin{array}{l}25 \mathrm{ft} \text {. minimum desirable; median is measured between edges of opposing } \\ \text { traffic lanes; when Federal funding is involved, a depressed median should } \\ \text { be } 48 \mathrm{ft} \text {. providing a } 60 \mathrm{ft.} \text { median - } 48 \mathrm{ft} \text {. plus two } 6 \mathrm{ft} \text {. shoulders; where } \\ \mathrm{r}-\mathrm{o}-\mathrm{w} \text { cannot accommodate an acceptable depressed median, a raised } \\ \text { median such as a New Jersey barrier wall may be used for safety. }\end{array} \\ \text { Frontage Roads } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Should not be permitted except where existing development needs front- } \\ \text { age roads to maintain access. Freeway exit ramps will not intersect } \\ \text { frontage roads. }\end{array}\end{array}$

## Principal Arterial



Function Connects freeway/expressways, rural highways at the edge of the metropolitan area, and major urban activity centers within the metropolitan area. Traffic is composed predominantly of traffic across or through the city. Access may be controlled through medians or by the limitation of curb cuts through the orientation of access for new developments, especially residential subdivisions, to intersection cross streets.

## Design Service Volume

## Speed $\quad 40-45 \mathrm{mph}$

Traffic Lanes Four 12 ft . travel lanes; 12 ft . left turn bay at intersections where necessary, and a continuous left turn lane where there are high volumes of mid-block turns.

Parking Lanes None
Paved Width $\quad 52 \mathrm{ft}$. from back of curb to 64 ft . with a continuous turn lane.
Right-of-Way $\quad 80 \mathrm{ft}$. minimum; 90 ft . for intersection widening and where possible for 5 lane sections.

## Minor Arterial



Function Connects higher functional class facilities, activity centers, regions of the area, and major country roads at the edge of the metropolitan area. Traffic is composed predominantly of trips across and within regions of the city. Provides service to traffic at a somewhat lower level of travel mobility than principal arterials with minimal control of access. Ideally does not penetrate neighborhoods.

Design Service 12,200 vpd; 14,800 vpd with left turn bays

Speed
Traffic Lanes

Parking Lanes None
Paved Width
Right-of-Way
$35-40 \mathrm{mph}$
Four 12 ft . travel lanes; 11 ft . left turn lane may be necessary at intersections and in areas with high volumes of mid-block turns.

52 ft . from back of curb; 63 ft . with turn lanes
70 ft . minimum; 80 ft . for intersection widening and where possible for 5lane sections.

## Collector



Function Provides traffic circulation within neighborhoods, commercial, and industrial areas. Collects traffic from local streets in neighborhoods and channels it into the arterial system. Connections between arterials should be indirect or should not be allowed in order to discourage use by traffic from outside the neighborhood.

Design Service
Volume
Speed
Traffic Lanes
Parking Lanes 8 ft . lane provided but not necessarily defined; none when turn bay is provided.

Paved Width 36 ft . from back of curb
Right-of-Way 60 ft .

## LEVELS OF SERVICE <br> The following information was taken from "The 1985- Highway Capacity Manual".

Levels of service are defined as qualitative measures describing operational conditions within a traffic stream, and their perception by motorists and/or passengers. A level of service describes conditions in terms of such factors as speed and travel time, freedom to maneuver, traffic interruptions, comfort and convenience, and safety. Six levels of service (A through F) are defined for each type of facility. Level of service "A" represents the best operating conditions with "F" being the worst. The various levels of service for uninterrupted flow facilities are defined as follows :
A represents free flow. Individual users are virtually unaffected by the presence of others in the traffic stream. Freedom to select desired speeds and maneuver within traffic is extremely high. Comfort and convenience provided to the motorist, passenger, or pedestrian is excellent.
B is stable flow, but the presence of other users in the traffic stream begins to be noticeable. Freedom to select desired speeds is relatively unaffected, but there is a slight decline in the freedom to maneuver within the traffic stream from "A". Comfort and convenience provided is somewhat less than at " A ", because others in the traffic stream begin to affect individual behavior.
C is in the range of stable flow, but in this range the operation of individual users becomes significantly affected by interactions with others in the traffic stream. The selection of speed is now affected by the presence of others, and maneuvering within the traffic stream requires substantial vigilance of the user. The general level of comfort and convenience declines noticeably at this level.
D represents high-density, but stable, flow. Speed and freedom to maneuver are severely restricted and the driver or pedestrian experiences a generally poor level of comfort and convenience. Small increases in traffic flow will generally cause operational problems at this level.
E represents operating conditions at or near the capacity level. All speeds are reduced to a low, but relatively uniform value. Freedom to maneuver within the traffic stream is extremely difficult and it is generally accomplished by forcing a vehicle or pedestrian to "give way" to accommodate such maneuvers. Comfort and convenience levels are extremely poor, and driver or pedestrian frustration is generally high. Operating conditions at "E" level are usually unstable, because small increases in flow or minor perturbations within the traffic stream will cause breakdowns.
F is used to define forced or breakdown flow. This condition exists wherever the amount of traffic approaching a point exceeds the amount which can traverse the point. Queues form behind such locations. Operations within the queue are characterized by stop and go waves. and they are extremely unstable. Vehicles may progress at reasonable speeds for several hundred feet or more, then be required to stop in a cyclic fashion. LOS F is used to describe the operational conditions within the queue, as well as the point of the breakdown. It should be noted, however, that in many cases operating conditions of vehicles or pedestrians discharged from the queue may be quite good. Nevertheless, it is the point at which arrival flow exceeds discharge flow which causes the queue to form and "F" is an appropriate designation for such points.

## AVERAGE ANNUAL DAILY TRAFFIC

Traffic volumes reported for planning and design purposes should be average annual daily traffic (AADT). The AADT is a traffic volume representative of the average number of vehicles (including trucks) a route will handle on any given day of the specified year. To determine the AADT, two adjustment factor are applied to 24 -hour machine counts. The seasonal adjustment factor takes into account the time of year the 24 -hour count is taken. The axle adjustment factor takes into account the volume of trucks on a route.

## Estimated AADT $=24$-hour machine count x axle adjustment factor x seasonal adjustment factor.

## SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT FACTORS

Naturally, traffic volumes are higher in some months/seasons than others. Monthly and day-of-week adjustment are combined to estimate average annual daily traffic (AADT) from a single raw traffic count. Automatic traffic recorder data is used at sample locations (by area and by functional classification) to compute these factors by collecting data 24 hours a day, 365 (or 366) days a year. The total yearly volume is then averaged into a daily volume. Seasonal adjustment factors are then derived based on the average count within a certain month compared to the average count for the year. This factor should be applied to raw counts made during the normal weekdays of Monday through Thursday.

## AXLE ADJUSTMENT FACTORS

To represent vehicles, counts taken by axle counting equipment require adjustment by axle correction factors. If only axles are counted, a 5 -axle truck will be counted as $2-1 / 2$ cars. The adjustment factor at a point is simply the ratio of vehicles to axles as determined from a classification count. The application of the factors is straightforward procedure. Sample sections where classification counts are taken or where vehicle detection equipment is used require no adjustment since the number of vehicles is known. Sample sections where axle counts are taken are assigned the factors on the basis of functional class and these are applied in the computation of estimated AADT.
NORTHWEST ARKANSAS REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY 2020 TRANSPORTATION PLAN

1. LOCATION OF PERCEIVED NEED (CITY OR COUNTY, ROUTE, ENDPOINTS OF ROUTE):
QUESTIONNAIRE FOR PROJECT JUSTIFICATION
2. AVERAGE DAILY TRAFFIC, IF KNOWN:
3. TYPE OF WORK (INCLUDE NUMBER OF LANES, IF APPLICABLE):
$\square \mathrm{YES}$
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4. ALL THINGS TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION (PROJECTS CURRENTLY SCHEDULED FOR PROJECT, LIMITED FUNDING IN EACH YEAR, ABLIITY TO PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS, ETC.), IN WHICH PERIOD DO YOU THINK THIS PROJECT SHOULD BE SCHEDULED, IF IT IS JUSTIFIED?

WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING BEST DESCRIBES THE RANGE OF USERS THIS PROJECT SUB-REGIONAL
REGIONAL

## WHY?

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## IF THIS PROJECT IS ON THE LOCAL SYSTEM, IS IF ANTICIPATED THAT THE LOCAL

$\square \mathrm{YES}$
NO JURISDICTION WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED MATCHING FUNDS?
a UNSURE

## QUESTIONNAIRE FOR PROJECT JUSTIFICATION, PAGE 2 <br> 5. FOR WHAT REASONS DO YOU THINK THIS PROJECT IS OR WILL BE JUSTIFIED (WHY DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA, ETC. - BE SPECIFIC - ACTUAL NUMBERS HELP)?

 QUESTIONNAIRE FOR RROJECT JUSTIFICATION[^4]9

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# NORTHWEST ARKANSAS REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY <br> RATING SYSTEM <br> FOR PRIORITIZATION OF LONG RANGE PLAN PROJECTS 

In order to achieve equity and efficiency in the prioritization process, NWARPC staff and the TAC Chair have proposed the following rating system. This system will apply to all proposed projects pending TAC approval.
Please Note: It will be assumed that each unit of government has funds for a local match when necessary.

## Prioritization Process

1. Each city submits their number one project for each 5 year period by funding category.

Funding Categories: National Highway System/Surface Transportation Program (NHS/STP);
Bridge; Surface Transportation Program (STP) Local - 80\% Federal, 20\% Local Match; and
Enhancement.
2. Total the dollar amount and compare to the 5 year allocation.
-If amount is less than allocation, request number 2 project from each city.
-If amount is greater than allocation, proceed to rating system and prioritize.

## Rating System

1. The Functional Classification of Proposed Project.

POINTS: $P A=15, M A=10, C=5, L=0$
2. The (existing) Level of Service (LOS) of Proposed Project.

POINTS: $A-C=5, D=10, E=15$
3. The change in 1994 Level of Service (LOS) with the Improvement.

POINTS: 5 Points for each level of improvement in Level of Service;
Example: 1994 LOS of "E" changes to 1994 LOS of "C" = 10 Points
1994 LOS of "E" changes to 1994 LOS of "D" = 5 Points
4. The change in 2020 Level of Service (LOS) with the Improvement.

POINTS: 5 Points for each level of improvement in Level of Service;
Example: 2020 LOS of "E" changes to 2020 LOS of "C" = 10 Points
2020 LOS of "E" changes to 2020 LOS of "D" = 5 Points
EXCEPTION: A 2020 LOS of "E" remains a 2020 LOS of "E" = 10 Points
5. 1994 Average Daily Traffic (ADT) per Lane.

POINTS: 5 Points for every 1000 ATD per Lane.
Example: A 2 Lane road with an ADT of $6000=15$ Points
(3000 ADT/Lane at 5 Points/1000 ADT) $=15$ Points
6. 2020 Average Daily Traffic (ADT) per Lane.

POINTS: 5 Points for every 1000 ATD per Lane.
Example: A 2 Lane road with an ADT of $6000=15$ Points
(3000 ADT/Lane at 5 Points/1000 ADT) $=15$ Points
7. Type User of Proposed Project.

POINTS: Regional "R" = 15 Points
Sub-Regional "S" = 10 Points
Local "L" = 5 Points
In the case of a rating tie that can not be resolved otherwise, responses to the following questions will be used to decide the higher priority. Responses to these question will be yes/no and will not have a point value applied.

YES NO

1. Did your city (NOT) receive funds in the previous five year period?
2. Is the Proposed Project on the Master Street Plan?
3. Is the Proposed Project on the 2020 Plan?
4. Was the Proposed Project ranked in the top 5 "Issues" with respect to question \#1 on the Responses to Public Hearing Survey.
5. Was the Proposed Project ranked in the top 4 "Improvements" with respect to question \#2 on the Responses to Public Hearing Survey.

List the number of ISTEA Factors that the Proposed Project addresses out of the list of "15 ISTEA Factors to be Considered".

# PROCEDURES <br> for <br> PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT 

## A.INTRODUCTION

The 1991 Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) requires an on-going public involvement program in the development of the NARTS 2020 Regional Transportation Plan and in other transportation planning and implementation activities.

The NARTS Policy committee wants public input from all citizens - employers, transportation providers and other interested parties - as it develops and implements programs to make the most of transportation facilities in Northwest Arkansas. These procedures are designed to give the public several opportunities to make comments and suggestions during the process of planning and implementation of transportation programs.

Special Public Forum notification and review procedures will be implemented to supplement the normal notice and review procedures used in local planning. NARTS will also utilize Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) local Listening Sessions to gain public input. At these sessions, NARTS will make their projects available for review and will request written comments from participants. The NARTS staff will also submit any comments by the NARTS Technical Advisory (TAC) or Policy committees to AHTD, as appropriate, at these meetings.

## B.PUBLIC FORUMS

Three Public Forums are planned for special public review and comment on the 2020
Regional Transportation Plan. To make public participation as accessible as possible, the TAC will conduct evening forums for review of preliminary plans in the cities of Rogers and Springdale. The Policy Committee will conduct the third Public Forum to review the TAC's final proposal for the 2020 plan. If comments from the final Public Forum indicate that additional revisions are needed, the Policy Committee has the option to send the plan back to the TAC for revisions before their final adoption.

## 1. Public Notification

Two weeks prior to the first Public Forum, NARTS will place news articles in the Region's major newspapers which explain the process of creating and adopting the 2020 Regional Transportation Plan and opportunities for public input. Ad's and public notices will also be placed in the major print and electronic media.
a) Ads - for Public Forums will include their schedule listing dates, times, and places for public comment and suggestions. As other opportunities for comment on the 2020 plan come up, NARTS will send meeting information to the print and electronic media specifying subjects, dates, times and meeting places.
b) Legal Notices - will be sent for publication 2 weeks prior to Public Forums.
c) Public Notices - containing meeting agendas will be sent to the Region's major print and electronic media 1 week prior to Public Forums and public meetings of the TAC and Policy committees. These notices will also be sent to all public and private
agencies concerned with transportation issues such as social services, transportation providers, intermodal and other known interest groups.
d) News Articles - on the Public Forums and other 2020 planning activities will be solicited from the print and electronic media.

## 2. Public Comment

At each Public Forum the public would be requested to sign an attendance roll. Those requesting to make comment will be asked to provide their comments in writing for the public record. Written comments on the forums and their content will be encouraged and requested to be submitted within 2 weeks after the Public Forum. The NARTS staff will maintain a file of Public Forum comments and compile a comment document for the TAC.

## C.TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN \& UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM

## 1. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

In December, the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (NWARPC) will publish a special public notice requesting that citizens and commission representatives of each city submit their lists of needed transportation projects to NWARPC for review at their January meeting. NWARPC will also publish a public notice of the January meeting with agenda and meeting information 7 days prior to the meeting. After the meeting, NWARPC will forward the transportation project list to the NARTS staff for TAC consideration. The list of projects compiled at that meeting will also be published after the meeting and interested citizens will be asked to submit comments about the projects. They will also be asked to propose any additional projects that should be considered by the NARTS TAC as they prepare the proposed TIP for the coming fiscal year.

## 2. Unified Work Program

In the Spring of each year the NARTS staff and AHTD transportation planners will draft a proposed work program for the coming fiscal year. This draft will be submitted to the TAC for their consideration and recommendation to the Policy committee. Public notices will be published a week prior to the TAC and Policy meetings listing their agendas, meeting place, date and time. The print and electronic media will be encouraged to do news articles on the proposals prior to the meetings.

# NORTHWEST ARKANSAS REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY PUBLIC INPUT ON NARTS 2020 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN PUBLIC HEARING SURVEY 

The purpose of this survey is to prioritize the public's transportation concerns.
Your comments will be confidential and used only in aggregate.
Today's Date $\qquad$

1. Please rank the following transportation issues in order of importance from from 1 to 12 (with 1 being the most important and 12 being the least important).
___Traffic Congestion
____Traffic Safety
___Revenue Sources
___Toll Roads
_Road Condition
____Freight Movement

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| PHONE \#: |

___Environment Issues (Air, Water, Noise)
Historic Preservation
___Carpool Programs
___ Public Transit
___Air Passenger Service
___Rail Passenger Service
2. Please rank the following types of improvements in order of importance from 1 to 11 (with 1 being the most important and 11 being the least important).
___Constructing New Roads
___ Widening Existing Roads
___Constructing or Repairing Bridges
___Constructing Drainage Facilities
___Constucting New Sidewalks
____Constructing Bike Lanes
___Constructing Intermodal Connection/Transfer Facilities
(Point where two or more modes of transportation meet. Example-Park \& Ride Lots)
Developing Carpool Programs
____Improving/Up-grading Intersections
____Improving/Up-grading Signalization
___Improving/Up-grading Public Transit
3. Number of Vehicles in your household? $\qquad$
4. How do you get to work?

Drive Alone__
Drive with others
Carpool

Public Transit $\qquad$
Ride Bike $\qquad$
Walk $\qquad$
5. How far do you travel to get to work? $\qquad$
6. How long does it take you to get to work? $\qquad$
7. In your opinion, which (5) transportation improvements in the area deserve the highest priorities. Explain-Use back of page if needed:

## MAJOR METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION <br> INVESTMENTS

Includes those projects that are on facilities classified as principal arterials or higher which have some degree of access control. The projects must increase capacity by adding lanes or lengthen facilities more than a mile. AHTD proposes the following approach to addressing these major investment studies.

## Planning Strategy Meeting(s)

The Planning Strategy Meetings(s) will include the MPO, State, Transit, Regulatory and other relevant permit agencies.

1. The MPO will convene the meeting(s) and work with AHTD's Environmental Division to determine the regulatory and permit agencies which should be invited.
2. Agency roles for the project will be established with the funding agency expected to conduct the study in most cases.
3. Aerial photos, topos, documents, etc., will be presented to clearly identify areas of concern and present all alternatives already identified.
4. The appropriate range of alternatives for the study will be determined.

## Alternatives' Public Forum

The MPO will invite the Public to a separate meeting held as an open forum.

1. Aerial photos, maps, and posters will be used to clearly explain the purpose and need for transportation improvements and the alternatives that have been identified to date.
2. New location highway alternatives will be indicated on a map with a broad shaded corridor to emphasize the uncertainty of the corridor and to discourage individuals from focusing on the exact location.
3. All major recommendations and alternatives suggested by the public will be recorded and addressed in the study at a level of detail appropriate to its feasibility.

# BYLAWS <br> NORTHWEST ARKANSAS REGIONAL <br> <br> TRANSPORTATION STUDY <br> <br> TRANSPORTATION STUDY <br> 5-26-93 

## ARTICLE I-POLICY COMMITTEE

1. The Northwest Arkansas Regional Transportation Study Policy Committee shall elect a chairman and vice chairman biannually at the first meeting of the calendar year.
2. The Chairman shall preside at all meetings and public hearings of the Policy Committee; shall decide all points of order or procedure, and shall certify plans and transmit reports and recommendations of the Policy Committee.
3. The Vice Chairman shall assume the duties of the Chairman in the absence of the Chairman.
4. In the event that the Chairman is unable to serve, the Vice Chairman shall assume the office of Chairman and call a Special Election at the next meeting to fill the office of Vice Chairman for the remaining portion of the term. Should the Vice Chairman be unable to serve, the Chairman shall call a Special Election at the next meeting to fill the office of Vice Chairman for the remaining portion of the term. If both Chairman and Vice Chairman are unable to serve, the Study Director shall call a Special Election at the next meeting to fill these vacancies for the remaining portion of the term.
5. The Policy Committee shall meet as frequently as necessary to preform its functions and shall meet at least once a year to review the status of planning within its jurisdiction.
6. Meetings of the Policy Committee shall be called at the initiative of the Study Director or by any member of the Policy Committee, who shall instruct the Study Director to convene the Committee.
7. It Shall be the duty of the Study Director to send written notices of meetings, which shall state the date, time, and place, including an agenda, copies of minutes of the previous meeting, copies of proposed resolutions and reports, to all members of the Committee. Such notices shall be distributed by the Study Director to reach members of the Committee not less than five working days in advance of the meeting. The Study Director shall arrange a place for the meeting and shall assure that the time, place and date of the meeting shall be convenient for the members.
8. The Study Director shall arrange for adequate public notice of meetings of the Policy Committee.
9. A simple majority shall constitute a quorum of the Policy Committee.
10. The Policy Committee shall be comprised of the highest elected official or an official designee from each participating unit of government. Each unit of government will have one voting representative for each 10,000 population rounded to the nearest 1000. Each member shall have one vote. In case of absence each designated voting member may be represented by an official proxy. There shall be a maximum of three voting members representing any participating entity. A majority vote of a quorum at any duly called meeting shall be sufficient to authorize any action to be taken on behalf of the Committee.
11. The Policy Committee is responsible for establishing policies and procedures for conducting the continuing phase program consistent with the plan and related Federal Highway

Administration and Urban Mass Transportation Guidelines. The Policy Committee will seek recommendations from the Technical Advisory Committee on technical issues. No report or document generated through the Transportation Planning Process shall be published without approval of the Policy Committee, Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department, and the Federal Highway Administration, as so noted in the Section 112(PL) Agreement, or by the Urban Mass Transportation Administration if UMTA funds are involved.
12. All meetings and records of the Policy Committee shall be open to the public.
13. The Study Director shall keep a record of the proceedings of the committee and conduct correspondence and necessary administrative duties.

## ARTICLE II - TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1. The Northwest Arkansas Area Transportation Study Technical Advisory Committee shall elect a chairman and vice chairman biannually at the first meeting of the calendar year.
2. The Chairman shall preside at all meetings and public hearings of the Technical Advisory Committee, shall decide all points of order of procedure, and shall certify plans and transmit reports and recommendations of the Technical Advisory Committee.
3. The Vice Chairman shall presume the duties of the Chairman in the absence of the Chairman.
4. In the event that the Chairman is unable to serve, the Vice Chairman shall assume the office of Chairman and call a Special Election at the next meeting to fill the office of Vice Chairman for the remaining portion of the term. Should the Vice Chairman be unable to serve, the Chairman shall call a Special Election at the next meeting to fill the office of Vice Chairman for the remaining portion of the term. If both Chairman and Vice Chairman are unable to serve, the Study Director shall call a Special Election at the next meeting to fill these vacancies for the remaining portion of the term.
5. The Technical Advisory Committee shall meet as frequently as necessary to perform its functions.
6. Meetings of the Technical Advisory Committee shall be called at the initiative of the Study Director or by any member of the Technical Advisory Committee, who shall instruct the Study Director to convene the Committee.
7. It shall be the duty of the Study Director to send written notices of meeting, which shall state the date, time, place, including an agenda, copies of minutes of the previous meeting, copies of proposed resolutions and reports, to all members of the Committee. Such notices shall be distributed by the Study Director to reach members of the Committee not less than five working days in advance of the meeting. The Study Director shall arrange a place for the meeting and shall assure that the time, place and date of the meeting shall be convenient for the members.
8. The Study Director shall arrange for adequate public notice of meetings of the Technical Advisory Committee.

## 9. A simple majority shall constitute a quorum of the Technical Advisory Committee.

10. The Technical Advisory Committee shall be comprised of one officially designated voting member per 10,000 population rounded to the nearest 1000. Each entity can have up to two non-voting members. In case of absence each designated voting member may be represented by an official proxy. There shall be a maximum of three voting members representing any
participating entity. The two non-voting members should have a background such as engineering, planning, or street construction etc. A majority vote of a quorum at any duly called meeting shall be sufficient to authorize any action to be taken of behalf of the Committee.
11. The Technical Advisory Committee shall serve as a study team composed of technical and professional personnel from local governments, and participating agencies. The Technical Advisory Committee shall guide all technical aspects of the continuing planning process, The Technical Advisory Committee will conduct all business and submit recommendations as requested by the Policy Committee and/or the Study Director.
12. All meetings and records of the Technical Advisory Committee shall be open to the public.
13. The Study Director Shall keep a record of the proceeding of the committee and conduct correspondence and necessary administrative duties.

## ARTICLE III - NORTHWEST ARKANSAS REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY DIRECTOR

1. The Study Director shall be appointed by the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission.
2. The Study Director shall:
a. Notify the Policy Committee concerning decisions on routine matters, made by the Technical Advisory Committee.
b. Prepare and present to the Policy Committee a written annual progress report.
c. Coordinate the continuing multi-modal transportation planning process with all governmental entities and maintain liaison between all organizations.
d. The Study Director will be responsible for all U.S. Department of Transportation regulations and requirements necessary to meet annual certification.

## ARTICLE IV - AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the Policy Committee and of the Technical Advisory Committee membership, provided that official notice of the proposed amendment is included in the notice of the meeting.

## Resolution

## To Participate in the Northwest Arkansas Regional Transportation Study

WHEREAS, a continuing, comprehensive and cooperative transportation planning process is critical to the future development of and quality of life for the Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers Metropolitan Statistical Area; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission, the designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers Metropolitan Statistical Area, To provide a forum in which that planning process can be accomplished; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of $\qquad$ to participate in this process via the Northwest Arkansas Regional Transportation Study Agreement of Understanding;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the (governing body), duly adopt the attached Agreement of Understanding indicating our intent to participate in the Northwest Arkansas Regional Transportation Study.

Duly adopted by Resolution this $\qquad$ day of $\qquad$ 1993.
(ENTITY)
Mayor/Judge/CEO

ATTEST:
City Clerk/Notary/County Clerk

the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission

## WHAT IS IT?



NWARPC is a planning organization which serves local units of government in Benton and Washington counties. It is also the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization
(MPO) for transportation planning in the Fayetteville/Springdale/Rogers Metropolitan Statistical Area within these counties.

## WHO IS INVOLVED?

The Commission was formed in 1966 through a cooperative agreement signed by Benton County, Washington County, Bentonville, Fayetteville, Rogers, Siloam Springs and Springdale. NWARPC membership now includes 22 units of government and the Beaver Water District.

Membership in NWARPC is voluntary. Each member pays a participation fee (currently 85 C per capita) based upon their latest official Census population. Additional operating funds come from a variety of local, state and federal sources - depending upon available funding programs in any given year.

The staff includes a Director, 3 General Planners, 2 Transportation Planners ( 1 full time and 1 part time), a Transit Planner (part time), a full time Draftsman and an Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper. The staff has a combined work experience of 128 years in Northwest Arkansas,

## WHAT DO THEY DO?

Act 26 of 1955 (which provided for the formation of NWARPC) states its purpose "... to make those studies and plans for the metropolitan area or region that will guide the unified development of the area, that will eliminate planning duplication and promote economy and efficiency in the coordinated development of the area and the general welfare and prosperity of it's people."

## NWARPC HISTORY

For the past 28 years the Commission's work has been varied and extensive. In the beginning NWARPC gathered data and conducted studies concerning all aspects of the Region. After the completion of some 75 studies and several public hearings, the first "Regional Plan" was adopted in 1973. The Commission then concentrated on the pressing issues of water, sewer and solid waste. From these concerns came definitive studies with recommendations for solutions. Due to Federal funding reductions in the 1980's, NWARPC was forced to limit it's Regional study effort and concentrate on assistance to local governments in their planning activities. Today, most of the Commission's work involves planning and technical assistance to local government. However, current work on the "2020 Regional Transportation Plan" has, again, put NWARPC back into the Regional planning mode.

## THE REGION'S WINDOW

The Commission continues to be a "Window" to the Region. Daily, people come to the office looking for a map, specific information about a city or general information about our dynamic Region. Many are newcomers, some are from the business world looking for investment opportunities but nearly everyone wants to know more about our Region. Other visits come from the Region's newest and oldest residents with concerns about keeping our Region's unique character. They want planning to protect their way of life and to conserve those qualities which are attracting so many more to Northwest Arkansas.


## OUR WORK INCLUDES

. Comprehensive Plans \& Revisions,
-Zoning Ordinances,
-Subdivision Regulations,

- Master Street Plans,
-Regional Transportation Plans,
-Regional Development Data
-Park Plans,
- Voting Ward Redistricting Assistance,
-Grant Writing \& Administration,
-Census coordination,
-Annexation Assistance and
■General Information to the Public.


OUR PRODUCTS INCLUDE
-Reports on Planning Studies, -Regional Development,
$\square$ U. S. Census Reports,
-Special Studies
OUR MAPPING INCLUDES
-Base Maps
(City, County \& Region),

- Zoning
- Flood Insurance
-USGS Topo Maps
-Soil Mapping
-Census
-Land Use
-Master Street Plans
- Aerial Photos.



# TRANSPORTATION PLANNING in <br> Northwest Arkansas <br> with NWARPC as the M PO 

A basic planning activity of the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (NWARPC) is it's function as a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Each governmental unit and transportation agency in the metropolitan portion of the Fayetteville/Springdale/Rogers Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) can participate in transportation planning. This is done by executing letters of agreement to participate between NWARPC, the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The participants then appoint people to represent their entity in the planning process. These appointments are usually made by the Mayor, County Judge or Chief Executive Official.

The MPO organization has a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and a Policy Committee. The TAC develops the technical aspects of plans and reports and makes recommendations to the Policy committee. TAC members are usually people who understand the technical side of transportation. The Policy Committee members make the MPO's final decisions.
These committees prepare the Northwest Arkansas Regional Transportation Study (NARTS). Two documents are the principal NARTS products each year -- The Unified Work Program (UWP) and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

NARTS also prepares the 2020 Regional Transportation Plan and all supporting documents. The metro portion of the Fayetteville/Springdale/Rogers MSA (designated by the U. S. Census Bureau) is the study area for the plan.

The Unified Work Program (UWP) outlines the MPO's annual work activities. Each year ,the TAC and Policy committees review and approve projects to submit to AHTD and FHWA for final approval.


The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) contains all commitments for state and federal transportation funding for a three year period in the Metro area. In developing the TIP, the TAC reviews projects submitted by cities, counties and transportation services within the Metro area. This review also includes representatives from the AHTD and FHWA. After discussion the TAC prioritizes the projects and recommends a three year listing to the Policy Committee for approval. Please Note: This is an important document because No Federal expenditures can be made on transportation facilities within the NARTS Metro Area unless they are listed in the TIP. The TIP is a major tool for shaping the Region's transportation.

## NWARPC-MPO STAFF

NWARPC is proud to have a staff which has a combined experience of 128 years in regional planning. It's general planners deal with all phases of planning while the transportation planners focus on their specific areas in transportation planning.

## Director - Larry Wood

Larry has been with the commission since it's inception in 1966, initially serving as Assistant Director and Planner. Larry has a BS degree in Landscape Architecture (1957) and a BS degree in Urban \& Regional Planning (1960) from Michigan State University.

## Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper - Donna Marrs

Donna joined the commission in 1973, initially serving as Secretary.

## Draftsman - Nancy K. Wood

Nancy joined the commission in 1972 as the chief Draftsman.

## General Planner-Robert L. Harlan

Bob joined the commission in 1968 as a Planner and is now the senior General Planner and project director for the 2020 Regional Transportation Plan. Bob has a BA degree in Architecture (1956) from the University of Arkansas.

## General Planner - Celia Scott-Silkwood

Celia joined the commission in 1989 as an assistant in Transportation planning and now works as a General Planner. Celia has a BA degree in Fine Arts (1977) from Washington State University.

## Transit Planner - Elaine Walker

Elaine joined the commission in 1972 and has worked as Office Manager, Transportation Planner and is now the senior Transportation Planner specializing in Transit Planning.

## Transportation Planner - Janet L. Hargus

Jan joined the commission in 1994 as a Transportation Planner. Jan has a BLA degree in Landscape Architecture (1989) from the University of Arkansas.

Transportation Planner - Paul M. Salassi
Max joined the commission in 1992 as a Transportation planner. Max has a BS degree in Transportation (1992) from the University of Arkansas.
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[^0]:    Voting is based upon official population with 1 vote per 10,000 people rounded to the nearest 1000.
    The membership list shows original participants and their current replacements as of Jan. 1, 1995 * $=$ New members as of January 1, 1995.

[^1]:    Source: Arkansas Employment Security Division

[^2]:    Sources: NWARPC, SWEPCO Economic Development Dept. and Cities

[^3]:    ** City of Fayetteville will supply the Local Match for the Clear Creek project for the City of Johnson.

[^4]:    If THIS IS A SAFETY PROBLEM OFF THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, CAN YOU PROVIDE ACCIDENT DATA?
    NEW LOCATION
    WIDENING
    BRIISGE RECONSTRUCTION OR REPLACEMENT
    INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS - DUE TO TRAFFIC VOLUMES
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[^5]:    4. IF THE NEED FOR THIS PROJECT CAN BE MET IN MORE THAN ONE WAY, LIST EXISTING ROUTE OR IMPROVING INTERSECTIONS ALONG AN EXISTING ROUTE):
    $\square \mathrm{NO}$
