Northwest Arkansas Alternatives Analysis

In 2014 NWARPC finalized the work on the Transportation Alternatives Analysis study funded by a grant from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The purpose of the project was to carry out a transportation alternatives analysis concentrating on three major alternatives: existing bus rapid transit, existing commuter rail and proposed light rail alternative. More information about the project and the final report can be found at http://nwarpc.org/transit/transportation-alternatives-analysis-study/

Northwest Arkansas Congestion Management Process

The CMP objectives are to develop procedures for evaluating the relative congestion of facilities, develop procedures to determine if congestion mitigation strategies should be implemented for a particular facility, and develop procedures for evaluating the effectiveness of congestion mitigation strategies implemented. More information about the process can be found at http://nwarpc.org/transportation/congestion-management-process/

Northwest Arkansas Razorback Regional Greenway

The Greenway is a 37.5 mile, primarily off-road, shared use trail that extends from the Town Branch Trail in southern Fayetteville to Mercy Way Road in Bella Vista.

The Razorback Regional Greenway connects seven cities in the region: Bella Vista, Bentonville, Rogers, Lowell, Springdale, Johnson and Fayetteville. The TIGER II funded trail project was completed in spring 2015. The grand opening was on May 2, 2015 and was attended by over a thousand people. More information about the Greenway can be found at http://nwarpc.org/bicycle-and-pedestrian/nwa-razorback-regional-greenway/

Northwest Arkansas Open Space Plan

The Northwest Arkansas Open Space Plan is a coordinated, voluntary program to protect and promote the region’s most valued natural landscapes and open spaces. Open space includes the lands and waters where people hunt and fish, play with their children, hike through the woods, observe wildlife in their natural habitat, and, in some cases, where they farm and grow food. The goal is to preserve these assets, thereby maintaining our high quality of life as the region continues to grow and prosper. Simply put, the vision of this Plan is to ‘conserve some country as we grow.’ More information about the plan can be found at http://www.nwaopenspace.com/

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

The FFY 2019 - 2022 TIP includes all transportation improvements planned or programmed within the MPA that will utilize federal funding for all or part of their implementation costs. The projects that are contained in the FFY 2019 - 2022 TIP have been selected by and coordinated with local units of governments within the MPA and with ARDOT and MoDOT.

Northwest Arkansas Travel Demand Model

The Northwest Arkansas Travel Demand Model is continuously being updated and improved to provide transportation forecasts for 2025, 2035 and 2045. In 2016 a transit component was developed to forecast bus transit. The model is regularly used to assist cities and others in providing the most accurate transportation forecast information and to help identify ways of utilizing the travel time results from the model to aid the local transit agencies in their route planning, evaluation, and needs assessment. The model is currently upgraded to a 2018 base year model and will be used in the 2045 MTP process to forecast transportation needs and priorities for the region.

Northwest Arkansas Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan

One of the major Plan goals is for each city with a population of over 1,000 to have an unique individual Master Trail Plan and for the area to work towards linking all these communities through a regional trail system. To date, 29 cities have adopted community trail plans and endorsed the Northwest Arkansas Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. The Plan will be utilized as the cornerstone of the bicycle and pedestrian component of the updated 2045 Northwest Arkansas Metropolitan Transportation Plan. More information at: http://www.nwabikepedplan.com/

Connect Northwest Arkansas 10-Year Transit Development Plan

Connect Northwest Arkansas is a 10-Year Transit Development Plan (TDP) that will create a “Blueprint” for improving and expanding transit in the Northwest Arkansas region. The Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (NWARPC), Ozark Regional Transit (ORT) and Razorback Transit (RT) are committed to ensuring this plan connects NW Arkansas at the regional and local level and that a robust public engagement process is used to inform the plan. The Plan is currently under development and will be completed by Spring, 2020. More information about this project is found at http://nwarpc.org/transit/connect-northwest-arkansas/