NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR DRAFT NWARPC 2020 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

The Draft Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (NWARPC) 2020 Public Participation Plan (PPP) is available for public comment beginning July 24, 2020 through September 6, 2020. The PPP is required to be updated during the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) update cycle, which is every 5 years. NWARPC is currently working on the 2045 MTP. The PPP has been developed to ensure that the transportation planning process conducted by NWARPC complies with federal requirements for public participation and involvement. It outlines procedures that are designed to promote and encourage public participation and involvement in the transportation planning process. The Draft PPP is available on the NWARPC website at https://www.nwarpc.org/. A hard copy can be mailed if requested. Any questions should be directed to Celia Scott-Silkwood at cscott-silkwood@nwarpc.org.

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