NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE NWARPC DRAFT 2021 TITLE VI PROGRAM

Title VI, 42 U.S.C. §2000d et seq., was enacted as part of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. It prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, and national origin in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance. It is the full intent of the NWARPC Metropolitan Planning Organization to operate its programs without regards to race, color, and national origin and is committed to preventing discrimination as defined in Title VI of the Civil Rights Act. The NWARPC Draft 2021 Title VI Program outlines the procedures in place that help guide NWARPC in preventing such discrimination and provides an analysis of the populations and programs impacted by Title VI requirements. The document can be viewed at this link. A Public Hearing regarding the Draft 2021 Title VI Program will be held at 1:30 pm, Wednesday, December 2, 2020 during the RPC/Policy Committee virtual meeting. The meeting will be held virtually due to the corona virus pandemic.

HOW TO ATTEND THE MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT: Information on how to attend the virtual meetings will be available on the NWARPC web site, www.nwarpc.org or email cscott-silkwood@nwarpc.org. Even though the NWARPC office is closed for in-person meetings, NWARPC remains committed to providing opportunities for public comment. Members of the public are encouraged to join the Public Hearing and voice comments. A Public Comment period will run from December 3, 2020 through December 17, 2020. The RPC/Policy Committee is expected to approve the Draft 2021 Title VI Program at its December 2, 2020 meeting, contingent upon no adverse comments being received during the public comment period. The document is available at www.nwarpc.org, and can be mailed via USPS or email upon request. Language assistance is free of charge to all persons. PUBLIC COMMENT: The public is encouraged to visit the NWARPC web site, www.nwarpc.org to view the document and written questions/comments can be sent to comments@nwarpc.org. SERVE ON A COMMITTEE: NWARPC invites members of the public to participate in non-elected committees. Please call 479-751-7125 for more information on committees and how to participate.

NWARPC NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY: The NWARPC complies with all civil rights provisions of federal statutes and related authorities that prohibit discrimination in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance. Therefore, the NWARPC does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, age, national origin, religion or disability, in the admission, access to and treatment in NWARPC’s programs and activities, as well as the NWARPC’s hiring or employment practices. Complaints of alleged discrimination and inquiries regarding the NWARPC’s nondiscrimination policies may be directed to Celia Scott-Silkwood, AICP, Regional Planner – EEO/DBE (ADA/504/Title VI Coordinator), 1311 Clayton, Springdale, AR 72762, (479) 751-7125, (Voice/TTY 7-1-1 or 1-800-285-1131; Para llamadas en espanol, marques el 866-656-1842; papr llamadas en ingles, marque el 711 o directamente al 800-285-1131) or the following email address: cscott-silkwood@nwarpc.org. This notice is available from the ADA/504/Title VI Coordinator in large print, on audiotape and in Braille. If information is needed in another language, contact Celia Scott-Silkwood. Si necesita informacion en otro idioma, comunique Celia Scott-Silkwood, 479-751-7125, cuando menos 48 horas antes de la junta. Language assistance is available free of charge to all persons. Aviso de Disponible idioma servicio a las personas LEP: Ayuda con el idioma esta disponible de forma gratuita a todas las personas.