

**NWARPC/POLICY COMMITTEE IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2021, @ 1:30 PM**

ENTITY	MEMBER	ATTENDING	PROXY
AVOCA	ROBERT WHITEHORN		
BELLA VISTA	<b>PETER CHRISTIE (VICE CHAIR)</b>	X	
BENTON COUNTY	JUDGE BARRY MOEHRING JOSH BEAM JAY FRASIER/DEAN KLINGMON	X X	
BENTONVILLE	MAYOR STEPHANIE ORMAN SHELLI KERR	X X	
CAVE SPRINGS	MAYOR RANDALL NOBLETT		
CENTERTON	MAYOR BILL EDWARDS	X	
DECATUR	MAYOR BOB THARP		
ELKINS	MAYOR BRUCE LEDFORD		
ELM SPRINGS	MAYOR HAROLD DOUTHIT		
FARMINGTON	ERNIE PENN (MELISSA McCARVILLE)	X	
FAYETTEVILLE	LIONELD JORDAN CHRIS BROWN JONATHAN CURTH	 X X	
GARFIELD	MAYOR GARY L BLACKBURN		
GATEWAY	MAYOR ANDREW TILLMAN		
GENTRY	MAYOR KEVIN JOHNSTON	X	
GOSHEN	MAYOR MAX POYE ALBERT SKILES		
GRAVETTE	MAYOR KURT MADDOX	X	
GREENLAND	MAYOR BILL GROOM		
HIGHFILL	MAYOR MICHELLE RIEFF (ROB HOLLAND)	X	
HINDSVILLE	MAYOR X DOTSON		
HUNTSVILLE	MAYOR DARRELL TRAHAN		
JOHNSON	<b>MAYOR CHRIS KEENEY (CHAIR)</b>	X	
LINCOLN	MAYOR DOUG HUTCHENS		
LITTLE FLOCK	MAYOR JEFF VAN SICKLER	X	
LOWELL	MAYOR CHRIS MOORE (RICK STONE)	 X	
PEA RIDGE	<b>MAYOR JACKIE CRABTREE (TREASURER)</b>	X	
PINEVILLE	MAYOR GREG SWEETEN		
PRAIRIE GROVE	<b>MAYOR SONNY HUDSON (SECRETARY)</b>	X	
ROGERS	LANCE JOBE JOHN McCURDY BOB CRAFTON	X	
SILOAM SPRINGS	MAYOR JUDY NATION PHILLIP PATTERSON	X	X JUSTIN BLAND
SPRINGDALE	DOUG SPROUSE PATSY CHRISTIE JIM ULMER	X X X	
SPRINGTOWN	TERRI GLENN		
SULPHUR SPRINGS	SHANE WEBER		
TONTITOWN	MAYOR PAUL COLVIN	X	
WASHINGTON CO.	JUDGE JOSEPH WOOD		X BRIAN LESTER
WEST FORK	MAYOR HEITH CAUDLE		
WINSLOW	ANN MALKIE		
BEAVER H2O DISTRICT	LANE CRIDER	X	
RAZORBACK TRANSIT	GARY K. SMITH ADAM WADDELL	X	
U OF A	SCOTT TURLEY/JAY HUNEYCUTT		X MICHELA CUPELLO
NAT. AIRPORT AUTH.	AARON BURKES		
MoDOT	DAVE TAYLOR BRITNI O'CONNOR	X X	
McDONALD COUNTY	BILL LANT		
ARDOT PLANNING + DISTRICTS	BRAD McCALEB CHAD ADAMS (DISTRICT 4)	X X	
OZARK REG. TRANSIT	JOEL GARDNER	(NON-VOTING)	
ARDOT TRANSIT	GREG NATION	(NON-VOTING)	
HWY COMMISSION	PHILLIP TALDO	(NON-VOTING)	

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**NWARPC STAFF:** Jeff Hawkins; Tim Conklin, AICP; Nicole Gibbs, AICP; Elizabeth Bowen

**OTHERS:** Andrew Warren, Chris Dillaha, David Siskowski, and Daniel Bryam (ARDOT); Nicci Tiner, Jon Hetzel, Lindi Miller, and Jeff Pierce (Garver); Mallory Weaver and David Keck (Gravette); Nathan Crouch (Tontitown); Greg Weeks (Jacobs); Michael Johnson; Kevin Rieff

**NOTE: THIS MEETING WAS HELD IN-PERSON AND VIRTUALLY DUE TO CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC.**

**(1) CALL TO ORDER**

The hybrid, in-person and virtual NWARPC/Policy Committee Meeting was called to order by Chair, Mayor Chris Keeney at 1:30 p.m.

**(2) ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

In-person attendees introduced themselves and Tim Conklin named the virtual attendees. Nicole Gibbs recorded member names and tallied votes. A quorum was reached.

**(3) APPROVE RPC/POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR JULY 28, 2021**

Chair Keeney asked the Committee whether there were any corrections or amendments to the July meeting minutes and hearing none, requested a motion to approve the July 28, 2021 RPC/Policy Committee Meeting Minutes.

**MOTION:** Mayor Doug Sprouse made a motion to approve the July 28, 2021 RPC/Policy Committee Meeting Minutes as presented. Mayor Kurt Maddox provided the second. Motion passed unanimously.

**(4) DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Jeff Hawkins gave the director's report saying the Clearinghouse Report was sent out that details the applications filed with the State. He said the Federal Triennial Review of NWARPC has been completed and we are awaiting the Federal Transit Authority's (FTA) final report. Hawkins stated overall he believes the results will be very positive, but there is always room for improvements. He said this time around we did not include all the assurances that we should have in a consulting contract, and that came up in the review. He explained staff has corrected the discrepancies and we do not think that issue will come up again.

Hawkins said you should have received several different summaries of the 2020 population data that the Census Bureau released on August 12, 2021. He said we sent out historical data, comparative data, data on how census numbers are likely to affect sales and use tax and revenue distribution by jurisdiction. He explained the new numbers will likely be used for that and possibly state turn back as early as September, or no later than October, and that the State Treasurer's office will be doing new breakdown formulas for cities and counties.

Hawkins stated we have also started looking at redistricting, particularly for School Districts and Quorum Court Districts. He explained that any entity with ballots on the 2022 primary in May are under a pretty tight schedule. He said School Districts that are holding elections on the primary date—at this point, all except Bentonville—will have to have their plans approved and submitted to the County Elections Commission by November 1, and Quorum Court redistricting finished shortly thereafter. He explained since the non-partisan municipal elections are held on the November general ballot, there will be plenty of time for the ward redistricting to get done, with the exception

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of Siloam Springs. He explained since they are the City Administrator form, theirs will need to be done by February. He said the others should be done by May or possibly sooner. Hawkins instructed the commission to give NWARPC a call if there are any questions on redistricting.

Mayor Paul Colvin stated that he questions the data because it does not match the data that the City has on number of homes and requested NWARPC's assistance in possibly challenging some of the data. Hawkins said he is aware that a lot of cities are in the same situation and we will get information on the various ways to follow up on and possibly challenge the data. He said that to his knowledge the only program available is what is called the Count Question Resolution Program, which does not start until December. He explained that he was told that there are issues with what they call their "noise", or the intentional skewing of population numbers by block so as to protect people's privacy. He gave the example of Wrightsville, AR where they counted a prison within city limits outside the city, which will cause big problems for them in terms of revenue distribution and turn back. He said we will get to the bottom of what is available in terms of challenges.

**(5) ARDOT WESTERN NORTH-SOUTH CONNECTOR STUDY – ARDOT PUBLIC OFFICIALS MEETING**

Chair, Mayor Keeney introduced the item and turned it over to Brad McCaleb with ARDOT who introduced Nicci Tiner with Garver. Nicci Tiner went over background, study goals, transportation demand, analysis, public involvement, potential connector benefits, and action alternatives of the study. Tiner described the four preliminary alternatives and gave the pros and cons of each alternative, stating that Alternatives 2 and 3 were carried forward due to their greater benefits to the transportation system. She stated the next steps include holding virtual public involvement from August 29 – September 20 and turned the presentation over to Jon Hetzel.

Hetzel showed the Western North-South Connector project website at <https://wnsconnector.transportationplanroom.com> and said there will be a soft launch tomorrow to have the material ready for the public comment period starting on Sunday. He said the material that Nicci presented will be available on the website for the public to view at their own leisure and to provide comments. Hetzel stated that the project website can also be found from the [ARDOT.gov](https://www.ardot.gov) website under the Events Feed tab and Public Meetings webpage. He said text and social media graphics have been developed and they will be passing that information along in the coming days.

Nicci Tiner stated that after the Public Involvement period, the study team will review the stakeholder input and finalize the study documents. Funding has not been identified at this time for implementation of improvements, but once funding is available, future steps will include environmental review and design.

Brad McCaleb opened it up for questions and there was discussion regarding reasoning for showing alternatives not carried forward, the planning-level detail of the study, possibilities for the interchange alignment with Hwy 549, and an anticipated timeline for the project. McCaleb explained that they are anticipating and planning for the additional funding from Issue 1 and a significant increase in funding in the future Federal Transportation Bill. He said because of Issue 1, Arkansas is in a really good position to be able to match the additional Federal Funding that is in the Transportation Bill at this time.

**(6) STBGP-A AND TAP – FFY 2021 OBLIGATION STATUS**

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Chair Keeney introduced the item and Tim Conklin explained that we are looking good to obligate the projects selected last year, FFY 2021. He said there are two projects that are planned to be carried forward that total around \$1.1M. He explained that typically we are only allowed to carry over \$1M, but we will be asking ARDOT to allow us to carry at least the \$1.1M forward that we have today. Conklin explained that he has been in contact with the Cities not highlighted, and they are aware of what needs to be done to get those projects obligated. He thanked the ARDOT staff who have been working with us to obligate those funds. The following table was presented visually:

Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission - FFY 2021 Obligation Plan - June 30, 2021								
Project	Phase	Awarded TAP FFY 2021	Awarded FFY 2021 STBGP A + HIP (HIP 18,19,20)	Obligated TAP and STBGP-A	Obligated HIP Funding (FFY 2018-20)	Anticipated STBGP-A and HIP to be Obligated by Sept. 30, 2021	\$1M Max Carry Over	Status
Lake Francis/Washington St. Sidewalks	Construction	\$ 125,000		\$ 125,000				Obligated TAP
Mercy Way Bridge and Road Imps - Razorback Greenway Ext.	Construction + All Phases		\$ 2,509,710	\$ 2,509,710				Obligated STBGP-A
Hwy 264/Bellview Road Intersection Imps. Roundabout ARDOT Partnership Project	ROW-Utilities-Const.-CENG		\$ 750,000				\$ 750,000	Plans sent ARDOT @ 30%
Watkins Ave. Bike-Ped Bridge over I-49	Construction	\$ 125,000				\$ 125,000		Environmental Approved 8-20-21
Greenhouse Road Improvements	Design and Environmental		\$ 850,000			\$ 850,000		Consultant Selected
Razorback Greenway Relocation I-49 SPUI CAP Reconnect Razorback Greenway	Construction	\$ 250,000				\$ 250,000		Environmental Approved 7-2-21 Need Ownership on ROW Plans
US 412 and Klenc Rd Signalization ARDOT On-Call Project	All Phases		\$ 360,000				\$ 360,000	Tontitown Agreement/Check to ARDOT
Hwy 170 (Hwy. 62 to Clyde Carnes Road)	Construction + All Phases		\$ 1,930,000		\$ 1,930,000			Obligated HIP
Sain Street Ext. (N. Front St. to Vantage Blvd.)	Construction + All Phases		\$ 2,500,000	\$ 2,500,000				Obligated STBGP-A
Gene George Blvd Phase II	Row and Utilities		\$ 1,036,970	\$ 1,036,970				Obligated STBGP-A
Wagon Wheel Road	Construction		\$ 1,200,000			\$ 1,200,000		Environmental Approved 9-9-20 ROW Almost Complete - CTA Bridge

Already Obligated	
Anticipated to be Obligated	
Proposed Carry Over	



Conklin reminded members that once funds are obligated, project managers need to request reimbursement from ARDOT as money is spent, otherwise the project becomes inactive on the Federal Highway Administration's lists. He said he has been in contact with Cities about who has not been requesting money back from ARDOT.

**(7) STBGP-A AND TAP – FFY 2022 PROPOSED PROJECTS APPROVAL**

Chair Keeney introduced the item and Tim Conklin gave a summary of the projects and process, with the following discussed and presented visually:

- 13 project applications - total request of **\$8,660,319**
- 5 projects "in the pipeline" and 8 new applications
- The Review Committee toured and scored projects on August 9, 2021
- The assumptions for the FFY 2022 funding estimate are based on FFY 2021 FAST ACT
 

<b>Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)</b>	<b>\$ 500,603</b>
<b>Surface Transportation Block Grant Program-Attributable (STBGP-A)</b>	<b>\$ 8,173,906</b>

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**Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP)**

**\$ 465,690**

**\$ 9,140,199**

- The estimated available federal funding for FFY 2022 is adequate to fund all project submittals for FFY 2022.

Conklin reminded the committee that we are talking about FFY 2022, which Congress has not acted on and we do not yet know whether the funding will be higher or lower than what is being estimated. He also noted that this is the first time since we started this process in 2013 that we have had the same amount of funding requests as we have funding. He said last year we had \$23M in projects requested and \$8.7M to award. He said this year we did not have to eliminate or reduce the funding on any one project. The following table was summarized and presented visually to show how the new projects were ranked:

<b>STBGP-A and TAP FFY 2022 Project Score Sheet</b>										
<b>Federal Fiscal Year 2022 - STBGP-A - New Projects Only</b>										
Year	County	Job No.	Jurisdiction	Project	Phase	STBGP-A-FEDERAL	Required Local Match	TOTAL (Fed + Local Match)	Total Points	Rank (formula)
2022	Benton	090xxx	Bentonville	SW Regional Airport Blvd. / S. Vaughn Rd. Intersection Impr.	Design and Environmental	\$ 500,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 625,000	180	1
2022	Benton	090xxx	Lowell	US-71B/HWY264 Intersection Improvements	Construction + All Phases	\$ 730,000	\$ 182,500	\$ 912,500	178	2
2022	Benton	090xxx	Gentry	Hwy 12/59 Signal and Intersection Improvements	All Phases	\$ 250,000	\$ 62,500	\$ 312,500	175	3
2022	Washington	040xxx	Fayetteville	Hwy 62 Interchange Improvements	Design, Env., Utilities, and ROW	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 375,000	\$ 1,875,000	172	4
2022	Washington	040xxx	Fayetteville	College Ave. Safety, Complete St. (North St to Township St)	Construction + All Phases	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 375,000	\$ 1,875,000	163	5
2022	Benton	090xxx	Siloam Springs	E Kenwood St. Improvements (widening, incl. sidepath)	Design and Environmental	\$ 220,000	\$ 55,000	\$ 275,000	121	6
<b>Total</b>						<b>\$ 4,700,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,175,000</b>	<b>\$ 5,875,000</b>		
<b>Federal Fiscal Year 2022 - TAP Project Applications</b>										
Year	County	Job No.	Jurisdiction	Project	Phase	TAP-FEDERAL	Required Local Match	TOTAL (Fed + Local Match)	Total	Rank (formula)
2022	Washington	040746	Fayetteville	Heritage Springs Trail and Tunnel (Hwy 112)	Construction	\$ 250,000	\$ 62,500	\$ 312,500	185	1
2022	Benton	090xxx	Siloam Springs	N Mt Olive Sidepath (between Dawn Hill Rd. and Carl St.)	Construction	\$ 376,000	\$ 94,000	\$ 470,000	127	2
<b>Total</b>						<b>\$ 626,000</b>	<b>\$ 156,500</b>	<b>\$ 782,500</b>		

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Conklin noted that four of the new requests are on state highway projects that we will be utilizing our STBGP-A funds to help improve ARDOT state highways. He also pointed out that typically we fund around \$500K of TAP projects, however we did receive \$626K in requests and since we had sufficient money between TAP, HIP, and STBGP-A funding, we did not reduce the amounts from what was requested.

He explained that the recommendation from the Review Committee, as well as from the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to the RPC/Policy Committee is to fund all projects as requested. He reiterated that this year is a little unique in that we estimate having enough money to fund everything at 100% requested. The following table was presented visually as the TAC recommendation:

Federal Fiscal Year 2022 - All Projects										
Year	County	Job No.	Jurisdiction	Project	Phase	TAP-FED	STBGP-A & HIP FED	Total		DRAFT Funding Recommendation
2022	Benton	090524	Benton County	Wagon Wheel Rd. Bridge Replacement	Construction		\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	Existing STBGP-A	\$ 500,000
2022	Benton		Bentonville	SW Regional Airport Blvd. / S. Vaughn Rd. Intersection Impr.	Design and Environmental		\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	New STBGP-A	\$ 500,000
2022	Benton	090268	Bentonville-Centerton	Greenhouse Road Improvements - Hwy 12 to Hwy 102	Design		\$ 112,000	\$ 112,000	Existing STBGP-A	\$ 112,000
2022	Washington		Fayetteville	College Ave Complete Street (North to Township)	Construction		\$ 1,500,000	\$1,500,000	New STBGP-A	\$ 1,500,000
2022	Washington	040846	Fayetteville	Hwy 62 Interchange Improvements	Design, Env., Utilities, and ROW		\$ 1,500,000	\$1,500,000	New STBGP-A	\$ 1,500,000
2022	Washington	040746	Fayetteville	Heritage Springs Trail and Tunnel (Hwy 112)	Construction	\$ 250,000		\$ 250,000	New TAP	\$ 250,000
2022	Benton		Gentry	Hwy 12/59 Signal and Intersection Impr.	All Phases		\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	New STBGP-A	\$ 250,000
2022	Benton	09X198	Lowell	US-71B/HWY264 Intersection Improvements	Env., ROW, Utilities, Construction		\$ 730,000	\$ 730,000	New STBGP-A	\$ 730,000
2022	Benton	090433	Lowell	Hwy 264/Bellview /Spring Creek Rd. Inters. Impr.	Construction		\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	Existing STBGP-A	\$ 150,000
2022	Benton		Siloam Springs	E Kenwood St. Impr. (widening, incl. sidepath)	Design and Environmental		\$ 220,000	\$ 220,000	New STBGP-A	\$ 220,000
2022	Benton		Siloam Springs	N Mt Olive Sidepath (between Dawn Hill Rd. and Carl St.)	Construction	\$ 376,000		\$ 376,000	New TAP	\$ 376,000
2022	Washington	040849	Springdale	Gene George S. Ph III	ROW and Utility		\$ 909,050	\$ 909,050	Existing STBGP-A	\$ 909,050
2022	Washington	040680	Springdale	Gene George S. Ph I	Construction		\$ 1,663,269	\$1,663,269	Existing STBGP-A	\$ 1,663,269
					Total	\$ 626,000	\$ 8,034,319	\$8,660,319		\$ 8,660,319

Conklin explained that the RPC/Policy Committee will need to make a motion to approve the projects as shown, with one caveat to the motion: that the approval of the Siloam Springs Kenwood

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Street Improvements project is contingent on ARDOT and Federal Highway Administration approval of the Functional Classification Map to reclassify Kenwood Street as a Collector in order to be eligible for STBGP-A funding.

**MOTION:** Mayor Paul Colvin made a motion to approve the FFY 2022 STBGP-A / HIP and TAP projects as shown in the funding allocation table. Mayor Peter Christie provided the second. Motion passed unanimously.

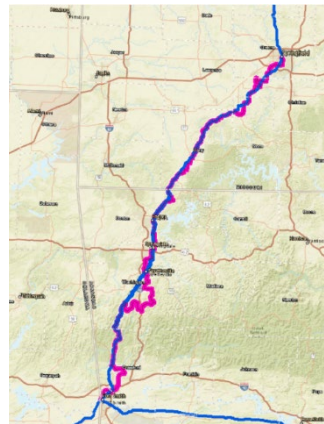
Tim explained he has received questions on the by-partisan Infrastructure Bill and what happens in the instance that the region receives more money. He said if there is additional funding with the new Infrastructure Bill, we will likely bring that to the RPC/Policy Committee for discussion and potentially issue another call for projects in order to give everyone an equal opportunity to access any additional federal funds.

**(8) ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (ACT) UPDATE**

Chair Mayor Keeney introduced the item and Elizabeth Bowen explained there were two items from the ACT to share with the committee, the first being the NWA Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan update. She said a kick-off meeting was held on August 19, 2021 to review the existing plan, goals and objectives, public outreach, and the proposed timeline. She said several cities were concerned with the proposed 12-month timeframe, and requested that it move to 18-months.

Bowen stated the second item is the Butterfield Stage Experience Route from Springfield, MO to Ft Smith, AR through our region, and briefly reviewed the new proposed route designation. She said they are making progress to coordinate routes with cities and visually presented the following information:

- Pea Ridge National Military Park -Yes
- Garfield -Yes
- Avoca –Yes
- Rogers -Yes
- Lowell –Looking at route
- Springdale –Looking at Route
- Fayetteville –Looking at Route
- Greenland
- West Fork
- Benton County
- Washington County



Bowen asked whether there were any questions on either item and there were none.

**(9) OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Chair Mayor Keeney introduced the item and Elizabeth Bowen stated the Open Space Committee met yesterday and continue to work on preparing to present a model resolution to all of the cities. She said a video has been prepared by the University of Arkansas, and they are preparing final handouts and PowerPoint slides. She said that she expects in about two months they will start contacting cities and making preparations to present to city councils in the region.

Bowen asked whether there were any questions and there were none.

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**(10) CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROCESS (CMP)**

Chair Mayor Keeney introduced the item and Elizabeth Bowen explained that we have a current CMP that was developed and finalized in 2015. She said we are working with ARDOT on a consulting contract for this seven-month process and summarized and presented the following information visually:

- Notice to Proceed –July 29
- Kick-Off Meeting –August 10
- NEXT STEPS:
  - Develop Regional Objectives for CM
  - Define CMP Network
  - Develop Multimodal Performance Measures

Bowen asked whether there were any questions and there were none.

**(11) TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS (TSMO)/INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS (ITS)**

Elizabeth Bowen explained that we have an existing 2017 ITS Plan that we are seeking to update in order to meet federal funding requirements, and we also have a new TSMO plan that we are developing. She said Cambridge Systematics is the consultant for all three projects. She said the Task Order and Notice to Proceed were both issued on August 12, 2021 and we are planning to schedule the kick-off meeting for the end of September. She said this will be an 18-month project in coordination with the state's project.

Bowen asked whether there were any questions and there were none.

**(12) PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Mayor Keeney asked if any comments had been received prior to the meeting. Nicole Gibbs stated that none had been received. Chair Keeney asked if there was anyone at the meeting that wished to comment. No additional comments were made.

**(13) OTHER BUSINESS**

**A. Water + Wastewater Grant Opportunity (American Rescue Plan Act of 2021)**

Elizabeth Bowen explained that following discussions last month regarding the Water and Wastewater grant opportunities, we are starting the NWA Stormwater Assessment project. She stated that this will involve all seven watersheds in the Benton and Washington County area and we have an opportunity to seek funding through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. She said the Arkansas Natural Resource Commission has also shared with us that they believe they can fund this project as well. She explained that a kick-off meeting was held on August 10, 2021 along with a meeting with the Corps of Engineers to discuss what models they have already prepared for stormwater runoff in those watersheds. She said she submitted a \$6M project to the Department of Agriculture on August 12, 2021 to be considered as part of the Water/Wastewater Needs Survey administered for the American Rescue Funds.

Bowen stated that since we have been notified of probability for funding, we plan to move forward



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with this project. She said following RPC/Policy Committee approval to proceed, the following steps are planned:

- Form Steering Committee –Aug 2021
- Send out Letter of Interest –Sep 2021
- State Water/Wastewater State Advisory Committee (WWAC) Application – Sep 2021
- Create Scope of Work – Sep-Oct 2021
- If funding is awarded send out RFP – Nov 2021
- Award contract –Jan 2022
- Begin work on priority watersheds
- Complete project –Dec 2023

Bowen stated we believe the project will be about an 18 to 24-month process and asked whether there were any questions.

**B. Census 2020 Population**

Chair Mayor Keeney introduced the item and Tim Conklin explained that the two-county population increased 105,800 from 2010 to 2020 and noted that the entire state increased in population by 95K, which means we had some losses statewide, but those were offset by significant gains in NWA. He said that NWARPC has distributed census data tables and summarized some of the growth trends highlighted by the data, including that the region is adding over 100K in population per decade, which keeps us on track with our 974K projection for 2045. He also stated that Jeff and staff are working on redistricting as previously mentioned and to contact us if you need assistance with that.

**C. NARTS FFY 2021-2024 TIP Amendment #2 – Update on Changes and Timeline**

Tim Conklin explained that we have several amendments to our TIP that have to be approved, which will be done by electronic ballot vote. He said there will not be an in-person or hybrid meeting in September, but you all will receive the ballot by email. The following information was discussed and presented visually:

- On August 19, 2021 TAC approved entering into 2-week public comment period
  - Public comment period: Friday, Sept. 3 –Friday, Sept. 17
  - TAC + RPC ballot period: Monday, Sept. 20 –Friday, Sept. 24
- **UPDATE:** MoDOT requested an amendment to reconcile their recently adopted STIP with our TIP (adopted by Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission on July 1, 2021)
- Three (3) parts to the amendment to reconcile STIPs and TIP:
  - Job number 127FTA Section 5310 CRRSAA
  - Add new and changed MoDOT STIP projects
  - Discussion of transit safety targets

Conklin asked that when you see those emails from Nicole Gibbs in September to please respond to them.

Peter Christie asked about redistricting and whether NWARPC looks at redistricting at the local level. Jeff Hawkins explained that RPC staff will prepare redistricting plans, however, various entities are responsible for approval of the plans. He said the Election Commission has to approve the Quorum Court Districts; the School Boards approve their own plans and they have to be ratified by the Election Commission; and City Councils approve their wards.

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**D. Future Meeting Dates:**

Chair Mayor Keeney went over the future meeting dates as follows:


- **TAC Meeting** – *September TAC business by ballot only*
- **RPC/Policy Committee Meeting** – *September RPC business by ballot only*
- **TAC Meeting** – Thursday, October 21, 2021, @ 10:30 AM
- **APA AR Chapter Fall Conference** – Wed., Sept. 15 & Thur., Sept. 16, 2021 – more information at [www.ArkansasAPA.org](http://www.ArkansasAPA.org)
- **APAC3\*21 Cross-Chapter Collaborative** – November 1-3, Virtual and Fort Worth Texas– <https://web.cvent.com/event/6e160f8b-1738-4934-a3ee-6fbae527f405/summary>

Tim Conklin also stated the Bella Vista Bypass ribbon cutting has been announced for September 30.

**(14) ADJOURN**

With no other business, Chair, Mayor Chris Keeney adjourned the meeting at 2:20 PM.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 27th DAY OF October, 2021:**

  
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MAYOR CHRIS KEENEY, CHAIR, OR  
MAYOR PETER CHRISTIE, VICE CHAIR

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MAYOR PETER CHRISTIE, VICE CHAIR, OR  
MAYOR SONNY HUDSON, SECRETARY, OR  
JEFF HAWKINGS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NWARPC