

RESOLUTION #2022-10

AMENDING THE NORTHWEST ARKANSAS REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY FY 2023 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) TO PREPARE A REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY ACTION PLAN AND TO ACCEPT A GRANT

WHEREAS, U.S. Department of Transportation regulations require an areawide multi-modal transportation plan and a continuing planning process for urbanized areas; and

WHEREAS, said mandated planning process, known as the “3C” (Continuing, Cooperative and Comprehensive) planning process, must be carried out by a designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), and is necessary for transportation projects to qualify for federal transportation funds; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (NWARPC) is the designated MPO for the Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, AR-MO Urbanized Area; and

WHEREAS, transportation planning to be undertaken by and under the direction of the MPO must be contained in an approved Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP); and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2022-09 approved NWARPC conducting a Regional Comprehensive Safety Action Plan for Northwest Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Regional Comprehensive Safety Action Plan was discussed at the May 25, 2022 RPC/Policy Committee meeting and \$400,000 of available STBGP-A funding was approved in NWARPC’s FY 2023 budget; and

WHEREAS, NWARPC has been awarded a \$100,000 (20% required local match) grant to match federal funds (80%) to complete the Regional Comprehensive Safety Action Plan.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTHWEST ARKANSAS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

SECTION 1. That the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Transportation Study (NARTS) FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is hereby amended to reflect the Regional Comprehensive Safety Action Plan and associated funding.

SECTION 2. That a \$100,000 Walton Family Foundation matching grant is hereby accepted, and the Director is hereby authorized to act on behalf of the Commission in matters concerning this grant application, including execution of a contract with the firm rated highest by the Consultant Review Committee.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2022.

Mayor Chris Keeney, Chairman