

**RPC/POLICY COMMITTEE IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES**  
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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	
BENTONVILLE	MAYOR STEPHANIE ORMAN SHELLI KERR	X X	
CAVE SPRINGS	MAYOR RANDALL NOBLETT		
CENTERTON	MAYOR BILL EDWARDS LORENE BURNS	X	
DECATUR	MAYOR BOB THARP		
ELKINS	MAYOR BRUCE LEDFORD		
ELM SPRINGS	MAYOR HAROLD DOUTHIT		
FARMINGTON	ERNIE PENN	X	
FAYETTEVILLE	LIONELD JORDAN CHRIS BROWN JONATHAN CURTH	X X	
GARFIELD	MAYOR GARY L BLACKBURN		X Elizabeth Bowen
GATEWAY	MAYOR ANDREW TILLMAN		
GENTRY	MAYOR KEVIN JOHNSTON		
GOSHEN	MAYOR MAX POYE		
GRAVETTE	MAYOR KURT MADDOX	X	
GREENLAND	MAYOR BILL GROOM		
HIGHFILL	MAYOR MICHELLE RIEFF		
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 Nicole Gibbs
LOWELL	MAYOR CHRIS MOORE		X Richard Stone
PEA RIDGE	<b>MAYOR JACKIE CRABTREE (TREASURER)</b>	X	
PRAIRIE GROVE	<b>MAYOR SONNY HUDSON (SECRETARY)</b>	X	
ROGERS	LANCE JOBE JOHN McCURDY SHAWN GRISNDSTAFF	X X	
SILOAM SPRINGS	MAYOR JUDY NATION PHILLIP PATTERSON	X X	
SPRINGDALE	DOUG SPROUSE PATSY CHRISTIE JIM ULMER	X X	X Jeff Hawkins
SPRINGTOWN	TERRI GLENN		
SULPHUR SPRINGS	SHANE WEBER		
TONTITOWN	MAYOR ANGELA RUSSELL		X Mark Latham
WASHINGTON CO.	JUDGE JOSEPH WOOD BRIAN LESTER		X Sam Ata
WEST FORK	MAYOR HEITH CAUDLE		
WINSLOW	ANN MALKIE		
ARDOT PLANNING + DISTRICTS	BRAD McCALEB CHAD ADAMS (DISTRICT 4)	X	X Chris Dillaha
BEAVER H2O DISTRICT	LANE CRIDER	X	
McDONALD COUNTY	BILL LANT		
MoDOT	DAVE TAYLOR (BRITNI O'CONNOR)	X	
NAT. AIRPORT AUTH.	AARON BURKES	X	
PINEVILLE, MO	MAYOR GREG SWEETEN		
RAZORBACK TRANSIT	GARY K. SMITH (ADAM WADDELL)	X	
U OF A	SCOTT TURLEY (JAY HUNEYCUTT)	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, Elizabeth Bowen; Nicole Gibbs, Cristina Scarlet

**OTHERS:** Ben Peters (Springdale), Shawn Strate & Andy Brewer (Olsson), and Stacy Ryburn (NWADG)

**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 1:31 p.m.

**(2) ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

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

**(3) APPROVE RPC/POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR August 24, 2022**

Chair Mayor Keeney asked the Committee whether there were any additions or corrections to the meeting minutes and requested a motion to approve the August 24, 2022 RPC/Policy Committee Meeting Minutes.

**MOTION:** Mayor Doug Sprouse made a motion to approve the August 24, 2022 RPC/Policy Committee Meeting Minutes as presented. Mayor Peter Christie provided the second. Motion passed unanimously.

**(4) DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – No items to report

**(5) ORT BUS STOP ENHANCEMENTS PLAN – Presentation by Olsson**

Chair Mayor Keeney introduced the item and Nicole Gibbs introduced project manager, Shawn Strate with Olsson. Strate explained that he spoke to this group back in January of this year when we were getting started with the Ozark Regional Transit (ORT) Bus Stop Enhancement Plan. He said now that we are at the end of the project, we wanted to share our recommendations and results. He summarized the scope of the project, the bus stop inventory, stakeholder engagement, bus stop evaluation, example improvements, recommendations, cost estimates, and next steps.

Strate asked if there were any questions. Nicole Gibbs asked to clarify whether this is a draft plan or has been approved by the ORT Board. Strate explained that the draft plan was presented to the ORT Board at the end of August and since then the project team has been working through the near-term improvements list as well as making edits to the draft plan based on comments received.

Phillip Patterson asked about any cost associated with maintenance at improved bus stops and who would be responsible. Strate explained that ORT maintains the facilities and that is their plan moving forward. He said they have been working with ORT to identify the costs associated with the maintenance.

Chair Mayor Keeney asked if there were any other questions and there were none. Strate invited everyone to contact him with any questions.

**(6) 2045 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP) AMENDMENT APPROVAL – Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Funding and National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Program Funding**

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Chair Mayor Keeney introduced the item and Nicole Gibbs explained that the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Amendment #1 is to include two new federal funding programs, the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) and the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Program, to ensure the MTP refers to appropriate funding sources that are anticipated to come to the region. She said the TAC reviewed the amendment at their August meeting and recommended a 30-day public comment period, which, in conformance with our Public Participation Plan (PPP), was held from August 19, 2022 to September 19, 2022. She said we received one comment that was included in the Board’s meeting packet, and summarized the comment. She said we are also currently working with our planning partners to identify additional programs referenced in the draft TIP/STIP and another amendment will likely come to the Board in early 2023. She said we wanted to get a head start on these programs because we anticipated programming these funds in 2023, particularly the CRP.

**A. RESOLUTION #2022-13 – Amending the NWARPC 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) to Include New Federal Funding Programs**

Chair Mayor Keeney asked if there were any questions and hearing none called for a motion to approve Resolution #2022-13 amending the NWARPC 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) to include new federal funding programs.

**MOTION: Phillip Patterson made a motion to approve Resolution #2022-13 amending the NWARPC 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) to include new federal funding programs. Mayor Ernie Penn provided the second. Motion passed unanimously.**

**(7) 2023 ARDOT & MoDOT SAFETY TARGETS AND RAZORBACK TRANSIT ADOPTED 2022 TRANSIT ASSET MANAGEMENT (TAM) PLAN PERFORMANCE TARGETS APPROVAL**

Chair Mayor Keeney introduced the item and Nicole Gibbs explained that we have received the ARDOT and MoDOT Safety Targets and the Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan performance Targets for Razorback Transit. She said each year we take the option to support the targets adopted by our transit agencies and state DOTs rather than creating our own regional targets.

**A. RESOLUTION #2022-14 – A Resolution to Support the ARDOT and MoDOT Established Performance Targets for Safety**

Elizabeth Bowen summarized the safety targets adopted by the state DOTs as follows:

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EXHIBIT A														
NWARPC SUPPORTED ARDOT AND MoDOT TARGETS Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission - September 26, 2018 - Res. No. 2018-13 Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission - 2020 Safety Targets - January 22, 2020 - Res. No. 2020-01 Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission - 2021 Safety Targets And Mid-Performance Report Target Adjustments - December 2, 2020 - Res. No. 2020-07 Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission - 2022 Safety Targets - October 27, 2021 Res. No. 2021-12 Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission - 2023 Safety Targets - October 26, 2022 Res. No. 2022-14														
SAFETY	MoDOT							ARDOT						
	Baseline	CY 2018	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021	CY 2022	CY 2023	2013-2017 Baseline	CY 2018	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021	CY 2022	CY 2023
Number of Fatalities	910.0	857.7	872.3	859.3	871.6	877	948.2	514.4	555	543	541.2	536.3	631.5	704.9
Fatality Rate per 100 Million VMT	1.213	1.163	1.160	1.130	1.119	1.126	1.212	1.474	1.662	1.615	1.595	1.560	1.808	1.895
Number of Serious Injuries	4,681.2	4,559.3	4,433.8	4,505.4	4,463.9	4,299.0	4,848.7	2,991.2	3,470.0	3,637.0	3,201.4	3,103.8	2,996.9	2,790.1
Serious Injury Rate per 100 Million VMT	6.241	6.191	6.168	5.953	5.829	5.520	6.205	8.584	10.419	10.824	9.441	9.043	8.608	7.815
Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries	462.2	431.9	445.4	437.4	462.2	485	499.2	149	149	170	300.3	220.3	229.2	274.4
PAVEMENTS	MoDOT							ARDOT						
	Baseline	2-year	4-year	2021 Target				(IRI Only) Baseline (2018)*	(IRI Only) 2-year (2020)	(IRI Only) 4-year (2022)	(IRI Only) 2020 Mid-Performance Report - Current	(IRI Only) 2022 Mid-Performance Report		
Percentage of Interstate Pavements in Good Condition	77.5%		77.5%	77.5%				77.0%		79.0%	78.0%	79.0%		
Percentage of Interstate Pavements in Poor Condition	0.1%		0.0%	0.1%				4.0%		5.0%	4.0%	5.0%		
Percentage of non-Interstate NHS Pavements in Good Condition	61.1%	61.1%	61.1%	61.1%				52.0%	48.0%	44.0%	56.0%	59.0%		
Percentage of non-Interstate NHS Pavements in Poor Condition	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%				8.0%	10.0%	12.0%	8.0%	7.0%		
BRIDGE	MoDOT	MoDOT	MoDOT	Revised MoDOT				ARDOT (2018)	ARDOT	ARDOT	ARDOT 2020 Mid-Performance Report	ARDOT 2022 Mid-Performance Report		
	Baseline	2-year	4-year	2021 Target				Baseline	2-year	4-year	Current 2020	4-Year		
Percent of NHS bridges by deck area classified as Good condition	34.0%	30.9%	30.9%	26.4%				50.3%	50.0%	50.0%	44.5%	42.00%		
Percent of NHS bridges by deck area classified as Poor condition	7.1%	7.1%	7.1%	8.2%				3.9%	4.0%	6.0%	3.6%	6.00%		
TRAVEL TIME RELIABILITY	MoDOT	MoDOT	MoDOT	Revised MoDOT				ARDOT (2018)	ARDOT	ARDOT	ARDOT 2020 Mid- Performance Report	ARDOT Mid-Performance Report		
	Baseline	2-year	4-year	2021 Target				Baseline	2-year	4-year	Current 2020	4-Year		
Interstate Travel Time Reliability Measure: Percent of Reliable Person-Miles Traveled on the Interstate	91.6%	88.9%	87.1%	87.1%				95.0%	91.0%	89.0%	97.0%	93.0%		
Non-Interstate Travel Time Reliability Measure: Percent of Reliable Person-Miles Traveled on the Non-Interstate NHS	92.3%		87.8%	87.8%				96.0%		90.0%	96.0%	92.0%		
Freight Reliability Measure: Truck Travel Time Reliability Index	1.25	1.28	1.30	1.45				1.21	1.45	1.52	1.21	1.40		

Gibbs noted that the safety targets are considered annually, and the other targets for pavement, bridge, and travel time reliability will likely come to the Board in early 2023. She said ARDOT and MoDOT are both in attendance if they have anything to add. Nothing was added.

Chair Mayor Keeney asked if there were any questions and hearing none called for a motion to approve Resolution #2022-14 supporting the ARDOT and MoDOT Established Performance Targets for Safety.

**MOTION:** Mayor Ernie Penn made a motion to approve Resolution #2022-14 supporting the ARDOT and MoDOT Established Performance Targets for Safety. Chris Dillaha provided the second. Motion passed unanimously.

**B. RESOLUTION #2022-15** – A Resolution to Support the Razorback Transit 2022-2026 Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan State of Good Repair Performance Targets

Nicole Gibbs explained that the Board voted to support Ozark Regional Transit’s (ORT) Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan targets in March of this year. She said Razorback Transit has approved their TAM Plan including State of Good Repair (SGR) Performance Targets, which are presented for the Board’s consideration today. She said Razorback Transit is in attendance if they have anything to

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add or if anyone has any questions. There was discussion about cutaway buses and purchased buses that Razorback Transit is awaiting.

**Table 7: Guiding TAM Targets**

Asset Category		Current	2023	2024	2025	2026
<b>Revenue Vehicles Performance and Targets</b>						
Condition Score - % of revenue vehicles within a particular asset class that have exceeded their age ULB	BU - Bus	16%	20%	20%	20%	20%
	CU – Cutaway Bus	83%	40%	40%	40%	40%
<b>Equipment Performance and Targets</b>						
Condition Score - % of service vehicles within a particular asset class that have exceeded their age ULB	Non-Revenue / Service Vehicle	33%	50%	50%	50%	50%
<b>Facilities Performance and Targets</b>						
Condition Score - % of facilities that score below 3.0 on the TERM scale	Administrative	0%	25%	25%	25%	25%
	Maintenance	0%	25%	25%	25%	25%
	Passenger Facility	0%	20%	20%	20%	20%

Chair Keeney asked if there were any questions and hearing none called for a motion to approve Resolution #2022-15 supporting the Razorback Transit 2022-2026 Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan State of Good Repair Performance Targets.

**MOTION:** Mayor Jackie Crabtree made a motion to approve Resolution #2022-15 supporting the Razorback Transit 2022-2026 Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan State of Good Repair Performance Targets. Mayor Ernie Penn provided the second. Motion passed unanimously.

**(6) PROJECTS AND OTHER UPDATES**

**TIP Development Update**

Nicole Gibbs said this item was not included on the agenda, but staff wanted to give a brief update on the TIP/STIP development schedule. She said MoDOT completed their STIP this past summer, ARDOT has released their draft STIP for public comment, and we have incorporated projects from MoDOT and ARDOT STIPs into our draft TIP. Gibbs said in conformance with our Public Participation Plan (PPP), a public forum was held on October 20, 2022 and the comment period is ongoing, from October 20 to November 4, 2022. She said the draft TIP is anticipated to be brought to the Policy Committee at the December 7, 2022 meeting for consideration. She said there is an interactive map available and noted that pavement preservation projects are included, not just new construction projects: <https://www.nwarpc.org/transportation/transportation-improvement-program/>

**A. NWARPC FY 2022/2023 Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Update**

Chair Chris Keeney introduced the item and Elizabeth Bowen explained that we are estimating \$2.2 million in FY 2022/2023 Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funding coming to the region. She said the funding amounts are subject to Congressional action, and are federally funded at 80%, with a requirement for 20% local match. She said projects selected will be required to follow ARDOT’s Local

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Public Agency (LPA) federal-aid process for reimbursement and must be obligated by September 2023.

Bowen summarized various federal requirements for the CRP and the NWARPC CRP focus areas approved by the RPC/Policy Committee on May 25, 2022. She gave a summary of the anticipated project selection timeline as follows:

- Approval of Application/Matrix – August 24, 2022
  - Call for Projects – August 28, 2022
  - Project Application Deadline – October 17, 2022, at 4:00pm
  - Project Sponsor Presentation to TAC Committee – October 20, 2022
- NEXT STEPS:
- Selection Committee Site Visit, Scoring, Recommendation – November 4, 2022
  - Project Selection Committee Recommendation to TAC – November 17, 2022
  - Project Selection Recommendation to RPC/Policy – December 7, 2022

Bowen summarized and showed the following list of project applications and funding totals:

Year	County	Job No.	Jurisdiction	Project	Phase	CRP
2022	Benton		Cave Springs*	W Wallis Rd & Sands Rd Sidewalk Extension	Construction	\$358,784
2022	Benton		Centerton*	McKissic Trail Phase 2	Construction	\$500,000
2022	Washington		Fayetteville (1)	LED Lighting and Video Detection of Major Intersections	Construction	\$400,000
2022	Washington		Fayetteville (2)*	Trail Tunnel under MLK Jr Blvd with the I49/Hwy 62 Interchange	Construction	\$500,000
2022	Washington		Johnson	Razorback Greenway Lighting	Construction	\$339,300
2022	Benton		Lowell	Traffic Signal Improvements	Construction	\$131,764
2022	Benton		Siloam Springs*	Progress Ave Sidepath	Construction	\$184,000
2022	Washington		Springdale	Trail Plan and Design	Plan/Design	\$100,000
<b>Total</b>						<b>\$2,513,848</b>
<b>Available 2022</b>						<b>\$1,049,581</b>
<b>Available 2023</b>						<b>\$1,122,000</b>
<b>Difference</b>						<b>-\$342,267</b>

\*Projects with applications submitted for ARDOT TAP

Bowen explained that projects with an asterisk have also been submitted for ARDOT TAP funding and we anticipate that if one or more of the projects receive funding from ARDOT, we may have enough funding to award all projects. She said selection of the ARDOT TAP awards is anticipated November 2 and we have scheduled the Selection Committee meeting on November 4. She asked if there were any questions and there were none.

**A. Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) (aka IIJA) Updates**

Elizabeth Bowen summarized upcoming deadlines and discretionary programs. She said there are several other grant opportunities and referenced the Local Infrastructure Hub for Technical Assistance Program to help small and mid-sized cities access federal infrastructure dollars: <https://www.localinfrastructure.org/>. She said the Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) program and Advanced Transportation Technologies and Innovative Mobility Deployment (ATTIMD) program applications are due by November 18, 2022. She asked if there were any questions and there were none.

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Jeff Hawkins noted that as far as the actual appropriations go, Congress has only approved a continuing resolution (CR) until December 16, 2022 to fund federal fiscal year (FFY) 2023.

**B. Transportation Systems Maintenance and Operations (TSMO)/Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)**

Elizabeth Bowen summarized and presented updates on the Transportation Systems Maintenance and Operations (TSMO)/Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS). She said staff and the committee continue to work with Cambridge Systematics and their subconsultant, Alliance Transportation Group (ATG) on the projects. She summarized the Strategic Planning Workshop that was held September 22-23 and said there was good participation from all of the cities. She said there will be a committee meeting next month and asked the committee to respond to the poll that was sent out. She asked whether there were any questions and there were none.

**C. NWA Regional Assessment of Stormwater Management**

Elizabeth Bowen explained that we have been working on this project for about a year and three months, after the Illinois River Watershed Partnership (IRWP) came to us in June of last year. She said we brought this project to you with the idea that we would be applying for the Arkansas American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. She said that application cycle has opened as of September 16, 2022, however, it came with several criteria that we were not anticipating, including a 50% cost-share requirement. She said \$135 million is allocated through the program for eligible wastewater and stormwater projects with a \$5 million limit per organization, per project type. She said we are working with the cities and our project consultant, Halff Associates, to determine a plan to come up with the required cash match. She said we are also working with the US Army Corps of Engineers on a Planning Assistance to States (PAS) Program assistance grant, which also has a 50% cost-share requirement. She noted that in-kind work may be considered part of the match for the Corps funds. She said working with the Corps and Halff, we have significantly reduced the scope of work to be able to apply for the Arkansas ARPA funds by the November 4, 2022 deadline. She asked whether there were any questions and there were none.

**D. Regional Comprehensive Safety Action Plan Update**

Bowen said the Regional Comprehensive Safety Action Plan is a project that we have been talking about for several months and the Policy Committee approved setting aside \$400,000 in STBGP-A funding, and we received a Walton Family Foundation grant for \$100,000 for the local match. She said we have also applied for a SS4A planning grant.

She summarized the procurement process as follows:

Procurement Process:

- LOI Noticed (Approved by ARDOT) – **May 19**
- Selection Committee ranked and selected 3 most highly qualified candidates – **June 14**
- RFP/Scope developed (**Approved by ARDOT in 1 day**) – **June 20**
- RFP/Scope sent to candidates – **June 30**
- Q&A answered – **July 12**
- RFP's due – **July 21**
- Interviews – **July 27**
- Selection Committee Scoring Meeting – **July 27**
- Contract/contract negotiations (ARDOT Approval) – **Aug**
- **Funds obligated and Notice to Proceed – TBD**
- **Kick-off meeting, public outreach, develop plan – TBD**
- **Apply for projects – July-Sep 2023**

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Bowen said ARDOT was not able to obligate funds, get the FAP signed, and get out the notice to proceed before the end of the federal fiscal year, which has delayed the start of the project, originally anticipated to begin in September. She said the delay has reduced our 12-month program down to ten months, and they already wanted 18 months to do it. She said we will notify the group when we get that notice and start work immediately and we will need to work very hard to get this completed by August of next year so cities can apply for the next cycle of funding.

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

**(7) COMMITTEE AND GROUP UPDATES**

**A. Active Transportation Committee (ACT)**

Elizabeth Bowen said the Active Transportation Committee (ACT) has been working on several different projects, including the US Bicycle Route (USBR) 251, which will go from Springfield, Missouri to Bentonville, Arkansas. She summarized the following:

**ACT and NWARBPMP Subcommittee**

- Draft USBR 251
- Fayetteville made application for Bicycle Friendly Community –
  - Fill out survey - [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BFC\\_Fall22](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BFC_Fall22)
- AR Bike/Ped Coalition Dec 8 2-3pm
  - <https://craftontull.zoom.us/j/88190715156?pwd=SIlQTXNfa1VVUWg3RDZVW0VJNkdRQT09>
- NWA Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (NWARBPMP)
  - Public Outreach Survey Complete (2,338) – Report being drafted
  - Intercept Surveys Complete (approx. 600) – Reports being drafted
  - Interactive Map Editing Tool – Cities are modifying proposed trails, points of interest, catalyst projects, regional network, etc.
  - All cities have their 4 pages complete for Bike/Ped Plan update by Nov 7

**Next Meeting –**

- ACT November 17, 2022 at 1:30pm
- ACT Subcommittee NWARBPMP November 17, 2022 Approx 2:30pm
- In-Person November 17, 2022 to finalize proposed trails, regional network and catalyst projects for the Plan update
- Map will go to public for comment – TBD

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

**B. NWA Open Space Coalition**

Elizabeth Bowen said the group last met on September 27, 2022. She said they are working with cities and counties on a resolution to adopt the Northwest Arkansas Open Space Plan and best management practices. She said Fayetteville and Gentry have passed resolutions and other cities in the pipeline include Rogers, Siloam Springs, Pea Ridge, Greenland, Centerton, Springdale, Lincoln and Cane Hill. She said they meet again on November 22, 2022 at 10:00am.

**C. MS4 Stormwater Compliance Group**

Nicole Gibbs summarized the following:



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- **Last Met:** October 19, 2022
- **Topics/Discussions:**
  - MS4 Employee Training
  - MOUs for CY 2023 were emailed – Please sign + return  
Invoices to be sent early 2023
  - The Build Right Campaign (sediment control emphasis)
  - "Pick up where you play" Campaign
  - Storm Drain Safety (Possible Campaign)
- **Next meeting scheduled:** December 21, 2022 @ 10:30 am, in-person  
(every two months on the third Wednesday)

Jeff Hawkins said the MS4 dues this year are still based on 2010 populations, however next year it will be based on 2020 populations and will apply to jurisdictions involved in the program at that time. He explained that the Urbanized Area was the threshold and trigger for jurisdictions to get an NPDES permit under the MS4 program. He said the new Urban Area boundaries are anticipated in December, and depending on where the new boundary falls geographically, there may be changes to which jurisdictions are included in the program.

**D. NWA GIS User Group**

Nicole Gibbs summarized the following:

- **Last Met:** October 11, 2022
- **Topics/Discussions:**
  - Aerial Imagery projects – If anybody is interested to buy up on the state contract (options are 6 inch and oblique imagery), please contact Cristina Scarlat
  - U of A campus crosswalk mapping presentation
- **Next meeting scheduled:** December 13, 2022, virtual

**(8) PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Chris Keeney asked whether any comments had been received prior to the meeting. Nicole Gibbs said two comments were received and included in the meeting packets and an additional comment was received regarding the Draft TIP. She summarized the comments.

Chair Keeney asked whether there are any present wishing to comment and there were none.

**(9) OTHER BUSINESS**

**A. Future Meeting Dates:**

Chair Mayor Keeney went over the future meetings as follows:

- **TAC Meeting** – Thursday, November 17, 2022 @ 10:30 AM
- **RPC/Policy Committee Meeting** – Wednesday, December 7, 2022 @ 1:30 PM (*combined Nov/Dec meeting*)

**B. ARDOT Highway 112 Location and Design Public Hearing (Phase III)**

**Howard Nickell Rd to Hwy 412 (Jobs 040752, 040758, and 040860)** – Thursday, December 1, 2022 @4:00pm-7:00pm, Mount Comfort Church of Christ, 3249 West Mount Comfort Road, Fayetteville, AR 72704 | [www.ardot.gov/publicmeetings](http://www.ardot.gov/publicmeetings) (11/01/2022-12/30/2022)

Jeff Hawkins said we are still trying to hire a transit planner and we are still discussing the office lease. He said he expects a Federal Register announcement any day that the Census Certification process program will be opened in early 2023. He said that program will take your current boundary

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at the time of the request and give you a new 2020 decennial population, capturing annexations. He said this would affect your state turn back, your gas tax, and county sales tax. He said we will let you know when the program opens, but it is a simple form, and we can assist you with most of the work.

Patsy Christie and Jeff Hawkins were congratulated for being awarded the Bill Bonner Award from the Arkansas Chapter of the American Planning Association.

Chair Mayor Keeney asked whether there was any other business.

**16. ADJOURN**

With no other business, Chair Mayor Chris Keeney adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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

ATTEST:

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