

NARTS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2023 AT 10:30 AM; *DRAFT*

ENTITY	MEMBER	PRESENT	PROXY
AVOCA	ROBERT WHITEHORN		
BELLA VISTA	DOUG TAPP	X	
BENTON COUNTY	JUDGE BARRY MOEHRING JOSH BEAM JAY FRASIER (TRACY BACKS)	X	Ashley Klingman
BENTONVILLE	DENNIS BIRGE DAN WEESE	X	
CAVE SPRINGS	MAYOR RANDALL NOBLETT		
CENTERTON	MAYOR BILL EDWARDS LORENE BURNS	X X	
DECATUR	MAYOR BOB THARP	X	James Boston
ELKINS	MAYOR TROY REED		
ELM SPRINGS	MAYOR HAROLD DOUTHIT		
FARMINGTON	MELISSA McCARVILLE		
FAYETTEVILLE	JONATHAN CURTH PAUL LIBERTINI CHRIS BROWN	X X X	
GENTRY	MAYOR KEVIN JOHNSTON		
GRAVETTE	KURT MADDOX		
GREENLAND	MAYOR JIM RENFROW		
HIGHFILL	JEREMY JOHNSON		
JOHNSON	MAYOR CHRIS KEENEY	X	
LITTLE FLOCK	MAYOR JEFF VAN SICKLER	X	Nicole Gibbs
LOWELL	KAREN DAVIS	X	Aaron Pile
PEA RIDGE	MAYOR NATHAN SEE		
PINEVILLE	MAYOR GREG SWEETEN		
PRAIRIE GROVE	MAYOR DAVID FAULK	X	
ROGERS	LANCE JOBE SHAWN GRINDSTAFF JOHN MCCURDY	X X	
SILOAM SPRINGS	BEN RHOADS (VICE CHAIR) KEVIN MOORE	X	
SPRINGDALE	PATSY CHRISTIE (CHAIR) RYAN CARR	X X	John Easterling
TONTITOWN	MAYOR ANGELA RUSSELL	X	Mark Latham
WASHINGTON CO.	BRIAN LESTER SAM ATA JEFF CROWDER		
WEST FORK	MAYOR HEITH CAUDLE		
WINSLOW	ANN MALKIE		
NWARPC	TIM CONKLIN	X	
BEAVER H2O DISTRICT	CODY HUDSON		
OZARK REG. TRANSIT	JOEL GARDNER	X	
RAZORBACK TRANSIT	GARY K. SMITH (ADAM WADDELL)	X	
U OF A	SCOTT TURLEY (JAY HUNNEYCUTT)	X	
McDONALD COUNTY	COMM. BRYAN HALL		
MoDOT	FRANK MILLER (MARVIN MORRIS)	X	
NWA NATIONAL AIRPORT	AARON BURKES		
ARDOT PLANNING AND DISTRICT 9	CHRIS DILLAHA (SUNNY FARMAHAN) STACEY BURGE	X	

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NWARPC STAFF: Elizabeth Bowen; Nicole Gibbs; Cristina Scarlat; Tim Reavis

OTHERS: Kim Wilkins (Decatur); Kent Laughlin (Rogers); Rob Smith (NWA Council); Chris Bakunas (MCE); and Greg Weeks (Jacobs).

NOTE: THIS MEETING WAS HELD IN-PERSON AND VIRTUALLY; VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION CONTINUES TO BE OFFERED AS NWARPC REMAINS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

(1) CALL TO ORDER

The in-person and virtual NWARPC Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting was called to order by Chair Patsy Christie at 10:30 a.m.

(2) ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

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

(3) APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 16, 2023 TAC MEETING MINUTES

Chair Christie asked the Committee whether there were any additions or corrections to the meeting minutes and hearing none, requested a motion to approve the February 16, 2023 TAC Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: Mark Latham made a motion to approve the February 16, 2023 TAC Meeting Minutes. Chris Dillaha provided the second. Motion passed unanimously.

(4) FY 2023 CARBON REDUCTION PROGRAM (CRP) PROJECT SELECTION – Recommendation to RPC/Policy Committee

Chair Christie introduced the item and Elizabeth Bowen explained that NWARPC has been allocated about \$2.2 million in Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funding for FFYs 2022 and 2023. She said we reserved \$50,000 for the development of a CRP Plan, and awarded about \$1.5 million in December 2022, leaving about \$690,000 of funding still available.

Bowen summarized and showed questions that were sent to clarify program eligibility and requirements for projects awarded in the first round of funding, along with the responses that have been received from FHWA:

Questions for ARDOT and/or FHWA Division Office

1. Q: Please review and verify that the street light LED project and video detection/monitoring equipment projects are eligible CRP projects and meet the listed project types in the CRP guidance (i.e. do not require a demonstration of a reduction in transportation carbon emissions).
A: These projects are eligible CRP projects based on the guidance. No demonstration of reduction is required.
2. Q: Please review and comment on the use of sole source procurement for the purchase of the equipment -videocards and video detection equipment -for both Fayetteville and Lowell.
A: A final rule was issued on this in September 2019. Here is a [link to the final rule and FAQs on the Final Rule](#). Based on that, a public interest finding is no longer required for proprietary items. If you have any additional questions, just let me know.
3. Q: Please comment on how the ARDOT LPA process might be handled for the purchase and installation of the equipment. Will ARDOT review equipment specifications, cost of installation, and verify/inspect the installation? (Note -Fayetteville is requesting to use city forces for the installation of equipment).
(Still awaiting response from ARDOT)

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Bowen summarized the following timeline:

- [Second Call for Projects – December 11, 2022](#)
- [Application Deadline \(Resolution Required\) – February 14, 2023, at 4:00pm](#)
- [Project Sponsor Presentation to TAC Committee – February 16, 2023 at 10:30am](#)
- [Selection Committee Site Visit, Scoring, Recommendation – February 27, 2023](#)
- [Project Selection Committee Recommendation to TAC – March 16, 2023 at 10:30am](#)
- [Project Selection Recommendation to RPC/Policy – March 22, 2023 at 1:30pm](#)

Bowen briefly reviewed the approved program focus areas and summarized other program requirements, which were discussed with the Selection Committee.

Bowen summarized the activities and discussions as follows:

- Selection Committee - James Boston (Decatur), Kevin Moore (Siloam Springs), Alan Craighead (Centerton), Chuck Jacobus (Goshen), Kent Laughlin (Rogers), Mike Peters (Springdale), and Paul Libertini (Fayetteville)
- Site visits – visited all sites
- Score projects – all projects were considered
- Discussed max/min awards per application
- Reviewed LPA Manual process and timeline
- Developed recommendation for TAC

Bowen said they discussed in detail where each project is in the process to determine which projects would be able to obligate the funding before the deadline. She further summarized the following committee discussion items:

Selection Committee discussion included:

- Siloam Springs application withdrawn
- Centerton application reduced to \$25,000 *
- Roger's projects #1 and #2 were combined for bid
- Projects that could be awarded in 1-3 months
- Projects that were seeking to reach 80% federal
- Providing funding to project 1 and remaining to project 2
- Providing funding to smaller city projects
- Discussed if amount of carbon reduction a consideration

Bowen explained that \$50,000 of FY 2023 STBGP-A funding was set aside to produce a Carbon Reduction Strategy. She said the state is required to create a strategy by November 2023 and staff feels we should delay completing a regional plan until after ARDOT's plan is complete, during FY 2024. She said staff made the recommendation to the Selection Committee to consider how to re-allocate the \$50,000 of 2023 funding should the Policy Committee agree to move the work to FY 2024.

Bowen summarized the Selection Committee rankings and recommendations as follows:

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FFY 2023 CRP Recommended Funding Allocation (Second Call for Projects)

Year	County	Jurisdiction	Project	Phase	CRP	
2023	Washington	Springdale	Dean's Trail Phase 3A	Construction	\$240,653	1
2023	Benton	Rogers (#2)	Hwy 94 Sidewalks	Construction	\$240,653	2
2023	Benton	Rogers (#1)	Rogers Ped Improvements	Construction	\$0	3
2023	Benton	Decatur	Rooster St to Hill Ave Sidewalk Improvements	Construction	\$183,000	4
2023	Washington	Goshen	Mill Creek Park Trail	Construction	\$0	5
2023	Benton	Siloam Springs	W Elgin St Sidewalk Extension	Planning/Design/Construction	Withdrawn	6
2023	Benton	Centerton	Fish Hatchery Rd Trail Project	Planning/Design/Construction	\$25,000	7
					Total	\$689,306

The selection committee made the following recommended contingencies:

- Should any of the smaller projects be unable to meet the obligation timeline, their award(s) would be split between the Springdale Dean’s Trail Phase 3A project and the Rogers #2 Hwy 94 Sidewalks project.
- Should the RPC/Policy Committee decide to allocate the \$50,000 reserved in FFY2023 for the development of a Carbon Reduction Strategy, the funds will be awarded to the Rogers #2 Hwy 94 Sidewalks project.

Chair Christie asked the Committee whether there were any questions and hearing none, requested a motion to recommend to the RPC/Policy Committee the FY 2023 Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) projects be funded in accordance with the funding allocation table and recommended contingencies.

MOTION: Mark Latham made a motion to recommend to the RPC/Policy Committee the FY 2023 Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) projects be funded in accordance with the funding allocation table and recommended contingencies. Chris Dillaha provided the second. Motion passed unanimously.

(5) DRAFT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS (TSMO)/INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS (ITS) – Recommendation for 2-week Public Comment Period

Chair Christie introduced the item and Elizabeth Bowen explained that we have received the draft plans and reviewed the following timeline:

The selection committee made the following recommended contingencies:

- Recommendation for 2-week public comment period March 17-March 31, 2023
- Next Steps – DRAFT Timeline
 - Review/respond to public comments – April 1-7
 - Make any needed changes to Draft Plans April 1-13
 - Finalize Plans and send to TAC – April 13
 - Presentation by CS and ATG to TAC April 20, 2023
 - TAC motion to recommend to RPC for adoption
 - Presentation by CS and ATG to RPC April 26, 2023
 - RPC motion to adopt –April 26, 2023

Chair Christie asked the Committee whether there were any questions and hearing none, requested a motion to approve entering a two-week public comment period for the Draft Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSMO) and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Plans.

MOTION: Chris Dillaha made a motion to enter a 2-week public comment period for the Draft Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSMO) and Intelligent Transportation

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Systems (ITS) Plans. Mayor Chris Keeney provided the second. Motion passed with one opposing vote.

(6) FY 2024 STBGP-A/TAP/CRP TIMELINE DISCUSSION

Chair Christie introduced the item and Elizabeth Bowen explained that we have prepared a draft timeline for the FY 2024 Call for Projects as follows:

Call for Projects (Approval at April RPC)	April 26, 2023
Application Deadline (Resolution Required)	July 14, 2023, at 4:00pm
Project Sponsor Presentation to TAC Committee	July 20, 2023 at 10:30am
Selection Committee Site Visits, Scoring, & Recommendation	TBD
Project Selection Committee Recommendation to TAC	August 17, 2023 at 10:30am
Project Selection Recommendation to RPC/Policy	August 23, 2023 at 1:30pm

Bowen explained that we have prepared the draft paper application as we have done since 2013. She said ARDOT has implemented an online application process this year and we have discussed internally if we would like to similarly do an online application. She said the downside to an online application is that you have to input everything at one time and cannot go back to your application at a later time. She asked for the committee's opinion. There was discussion and it was decided to remain with the paper application as we have done in the past.

Bowen said with the decision to stay with paper applications, we are able to move up the call for projects to March 23, 2023 in order to give everyone an extra month to get their applications together. She said the rest of the timeline would remain the same. There was discussion and it was decided to issue the notice as soon as possible.

Chair Christie requested a motion to recommend to the RPC/Policy Committee to authorize the FY 2024 Call for Projects on March 23, 2023.

MOTION: Mayor Chris Keeney made a motion to recommend to the RPC/Policy Committee to authorize the FY 2024 Call for Projects on March 23, 2023. Aaron Pile provided the second. Motion passed with no opposition.

(7) 2025-2028 STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP/TIP) DEVELOPMENT

Chair Christie introduced the item and Tim Conklin explained that we just adopted our 2023-2026 TIP, and we are now getting ready to update the TIP/STIP again. He said ARDOT has provided the following timeline:

DRAFT 2025-2028 Development Schedule

- March 31, 2023 –Proposed projects from MPO's due to ARDOT
- February 2024 –Initial draft STIP/TIP
- June 2024 –DRAFT STIP/TIP for public comment
- July/August 2024 –TIP Approval
- November 2024 –FHWA/FTA Approvals

Conklin said they are looking for our listed projects for our region by March 31, 2023. He said what we have done in the past is to provide what was voted on by TAC and RPC/Policy Committee as part

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of our long range transportation plan since that had robust public involvement and numerous meetings through committees. He showed the following and highlighted some of the listed projects:

NWARPC 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

CONSTRAINED PROJECT LIST ARKANSAS

State Highway	County	Project	From	Dir.	To	Miles	est. Cost	Year of Expenditure	Funding Source
Hwy 12	Benton	Widen 4-lane Divided	Shell Rd.	South	Regional Dr.	5	\$ 38,000,000	2025	Fed_State
Hwy 12	Benton	Widen 4-lane divided (pre Eng, ROW, Const Eng)	2nd St.	East	City Limits (Rog	1.89	\$ 2,600,000	2025	Fed_State
US 412 Bypass (612)	Benton/Wash.	New Freeway (4 Lanes)	Hwy 112	West	US 412 (Tontitow	6.2	\$ 128,700,000	2025	CAP II
XNA Airport Access Road	Benton	New Freeway	Hwy 112	North	XNA	4	\$ 86,000,000	2025	CAP II
I-49	Washington	Widen to 6 lanes	Hwy 265	North	US62	1.4	\$ 9,500,000	2026	Fed_State
Hwy 112	Washington	Widen 4-lane Divided	Howard Nickell	North	Don Tyson Parkw	2.7	\$ 21,000,000	2026	CAP II
Hwy 72	Benton	Widen 4-lane Divided	I-49	East	Little Sugar Cree	1.87	\$ 14,000,000	2026	Fed_State
Hwy 72	Benton	Widen 4-lane Divided (pre Eng, ROW, Const Eng)	Little Sugar Creek	East	Curtis Ave	6.24	\$ 16,000,000	2026	Fed_State
Hwy 72	Benton	Widen 4-lane Divided (Const Only)	Little Sugar Creek	East	Curtis Ave	6.24	\$ 48,500,000	2027	Fed_State
Hwy 112*	Benton	Widen 4-lane Divided	US 612	North	Pleasant Grove Road		\$ 37,000,000	2027	CAP II
Hwy 265	Benton	Widen 4-lane Divided (3 to 4)	1st Street/Pleasant	North	Hwy 94/New Ho	2	\$ 21,000,000	2028	Fed_State
Hwy 12	Benton	Widen 4-lane Divided (Const Only)	2nd St.	East	City Limits (Rog	1.89	\$ 8,000,000	2028	Fed_State
US 71	Benton	Various Imps. per Study Rec.	US 71B	North	AR-MO State Line		\$ 5,000,000	2028	Fed_State
Hwy 264	Benton	Widen 4-lane Divided	Goat Springs Rd.	West	Bellview Rd.	0.91	\$ 9,000,000	2028	Fed_State
Hwy 102-62 Centerton	Benton	Widen 4-lane Divided (3 to 4)	Hwy 102B	East	2nd Street	9.47	\$ 20,000,000	2029	Fed_State
Hwy 102B	Benton	Widen 4-lane Divided	Hwy 102	North	Hwy 72	1.76	\$ 17,500,000	2029	Fed_State
Hwy 102	Benton	Widen 4-lane Divided	Hwy. 279 N	East	Hwy 279 S	1.26	\$ 9,000,000	2030	Fed_State
Hwy 94	Benton	Widen 4-lane Divided	U.S. 71	East	1st Street	0.66	\$ 2,800,000	2030	Fed_State
US 412 Bypass (612)	Benton	New Freeway (4 Lanes)	I-49	East	Hwy 265		\$ 127,300,000	2030	CAP II
Hwy 45	Washington	Widen to 3 Lanes	Lisa Lane	East	Starr Rd.	1.07	\$ 15,000,000	2030	Fed_State
Hwy 45	Washington	Widen to 3 Lanes	Starr Rd.	East	Oakland Zion Rd	0.76	\$ 11,000,000	2030	Fed_State
Hwy 265	Benton	Widen 4-lane Divided (3 to 4) Ph. 2	Hwy 264	North	1st Street/Pleas	4	\$ 41,000,000	2031	Fed_State
Hwy 45	Washington	Safety and Capacity Improvements	Oakland Zion Rd.	East	White River	5.37	\$ 32,400,000	2032	Fed_State
US 412	Benton	Widen to 6 lanes	Siloam Springs City Limits	West	Existing 6 lanes	3.1	\$ 18,700,000	2033	Fed_State
Hwy 279	Benton	Widen 4-lane Divided	Hwy. 102	South	Hwy 12	2.96	\$ 30,000,000	2033	Fed_State
Hwy 264	Benton	Widen to 3 Lanes	Bellview Rd.	West	Hwy 112	3.25	\$ 24,000,000	2034	Fed_State
Hwy 265	Washington	Widen to 5 Lanes (4 to 5)	Hwy 412	North	Mountain St.	1.25	\$ 10,000,000	2034	Fed_State
Hwy 43	Benton	Widen 4-lane Divided	Cheri Whitlock Parkway	West	Dawn Hill Rd.	0.21	\$ 1,500,000	2035	Fed_State
Hwy 43	Benton	Widen 4-lane Divided	Dawn Hill Rd	West	Sycamore Heigh	0.92	\$ 9,000,000	2035	Fed_State

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Hwy 16	Washington	Widen 4-lane Divided	E. Roberts Road	East	Middle Fork -W	3	\$ 27,000,000	2035	Fed_State
Hwy 72	Benton	Widen 4-lane Divided	US 71B	West	Hwy 102B	3.7	\$ 43,100,000	2036	Fed_State
Hwy 279	Benton	Widen 4-lane Divided	Hwy. 102	North	Hwy 549 (Future)	5.39	\$ 48,000,000	2037	Fed_State
Hwy 72	Benton	Widen 4-lane Divided	Hwy 59	East	Hwy 549	5.27	\$ 52,000,000	2038	Fed_State
US 62	Benton	Widen 4-lane Divided	S. Wimpy Jones	East	Hwy 37	4.5	\$ 26,100,000	2039	Fed_State
Hwy 16	Washington	Widen to 4 Lanes	Middle Fork -W	East	Hwy 74	3.04	\$ 21,000,000	2039	Fed_State
US 412 Bypass (612)	Benton	New Freeway (4 Lanes)	I-49	East	412 East (Sonora)	6.7	\$ 252,200,000	2040	CAP II
I-49	Benton	Widen to 6 lanes	Hwy 72	North	US 71 North Wal	3.62	\$ 24,000,000	2041	Fed_State
AR 59	Benton	Widen 2-5 Lanes	3rd St/Gentry	North	Y City Rd	3.33	\$ 46,800,000	2042	Fed_State
AR 59	Benton	Widen 2-5 Lanes	Y City Rd	North	Hwy 102/Decatu	2.4	\$ 27,000,000	2043	Fed_State
AR 59	Benton	Widen 2-5 Lanes	102/Decatur	North	Bethlehem Rd	2.11	\$ 23,700,000	2043	Fed_State
AR 59	Benton	Widen 2-5 Lanes	Hodge Rd/Eldred	North	AR 72	3.05	\$ 35,000,000	2044	Fed_State
AR 59	Benton	Widen 3-5 Lanes	Bethlehem Rd	North	Hodge Rd/Eldred	1.21	\$ 13,400,000	2044	Fed_State
AR 72	Benton	Widen 4 Lanes Divided	71B	West	102B	3.73	\$ 39,000,000	2045	Fed_State
Total							\$ 1,491,800,000		

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Conklin said obviously there is only so much funding in the four year period, and we are very thankful that we have all of Highway 112, the Airport Access Road, Highway 612 Bypass from 112 to Tontitown shown in the current STIP/TIP. He said hopefully in the future we will see funds for 612 from I-49 over to Hwy 265, but we do show those in the constrained project list that will be sent to ARDOT for their project development process. He said we also have numerous studies that have been done along our corridors that fall into this list.

Chair Christie asked whether there were any comments or questions and there were none.

(8) PROJECTS AND OTHER UPDATES

A. FY 2023 STBGP-A/TAP/CRP Project Development

Tim Conklin said he spoke with ARDOT this morning about the triparty agreements for projects that were awarded last fall, and they said the agreements were all drafted, and they are currently being reviewed by other departments. He said it is hard to obligate our money when we cannot get our projects going from what we selected in August. He said we will continue to work with our planning partners to make progress.

B. Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) (aka IJA) Updates/USDOT Grant Updates

Tim Conklin said we submitted the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant for \$25 million for Highway 112 and thanked Lorie Tudor for supporting that application and ARDOT staff for their assistance, along with the NWA Council for their support in helping us to get the Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA) complete. He said we also completed the \$540,000 FTA Areas of Persistent Poverty (AoPP) grant for bus stop improvements in our region. He said Ozark Regional Transit (ORT) and Razorback Transit will be responsible for splitting the local match of \$60,000. He

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said for the application, ORT had additional Walton Family Foundation grant funds for Olsson to prepare the grant application, which was very helpful.

Conklin said these grants are very intensive and encouraged everyone to think ahead about projects they believe can compete for these programs. He shared the following links to grant resources:

- <https://www.transportation.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/key-notices-funding-opportunity>
- <https://www.transportation.gov/dot-navigator>

Conklin said there is a new Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP) they pushed out this year for projects that connect active transportation networks and spines.

Conklin said the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary grant program NOFO has been issued, with proposals due May 30, 2023. He said we plan to pull our EV Working Group together again in late April.

C. Regional Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) Update

Elizabeth Bowen summarized the project, recent work, and next steps as follows:

- NWARPC has contracted with Toole Design Group to develop the NWA Regional Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) –Vision Zero
 - Reduce fatalities and serious injury crashes on our transportation system
 - Where to implement safety counter measures
- Second working group meeting Feb 10 at 2-3:30pm
- Made available the high injury network for Committee/City Staff review
- High Injury Network Draft comment period ended March 14
- Logo, website, review crash data, draft high-risk network - complete
- First Safety Webinar March 15, 2023 – recording available

NEXT STEPS:

- Listening sessions continue to be scheduled with Communities
- Stakeholder meetings and public meetings will begin in March
- Public survey –Begins March 16
- Schedule demonstration projects –TBD
- Third working group meeting -TBD/1stWeek May
 - Equity Analysis Methodology and Preliminary Maps
 - Descriptive Analysis Memo and Tables
 - High Injury Network
 - 1 month of public data to review
 - Draft list of projects

Bowen explained that we had set aside \$400,000 in STBGP-A funding and have a matching grant from the Walton Family Foundation. She said on January 31, 2023, we were awarded a \$300,000 USDOT Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Action Plan Grant and are working with FHWA to expedite our agreement so we can begin to use those funds and release around \$250,000 STBGP-A funds back into our pool for FY 2024 projects. She said this project is moving very quickly; it typically would take about 18 months to do this type of work, but we are doing it in 10 months so that communities and the region can apply for implementation grants in the FY 2023 SS4A funding cycle.

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Conklin said the big takeaway for communities is to identify capital improvement projects that are safety-related and ensure they are recognized in this plan. He said communities that have areas of persistent poverty and historically disadvantaged communities will particularly be competitive in these discretionary grant programs.

(9) COMMITTEE AND GROUP UPDATES

A. Active Transportation Committee (ACT)

Elizabeth Bowen said we will have a meeting this afternoon and summarized the recent meetings of the Committee and Bike/Ped Plan Update Subcommittee as follows:

Last Met: ACT - January 19, 2023 | Sub-committee for NWARBPMP - February 19, 2023

- Additional Cities/UofA have decided to modify their plans
- Adding Level of Traffic Stress based on People for Bike BNA
- Sub-committee for Facilities Document Nov 2, Jan 31, Feb 7

Next Meeting: ACT - March 16, 2023 at 1:30pm | Subcommittee NWARBPMP March 16, 2023 at 2:30pm

- Map will go to public comment – TBD / Est April

She said the Committee will be reviewing the final draft of the NWA Active Transportation Data Dictionary being updated from 2014.

(10) PUBLIC COMMENT – *Any public comment received via email will be provided to TAC members prior to meeting and will become part of the meeting record.*

Chair Patsy Christie asked whether there were any public comments received, or anyone present or online with comments and there were none.

(11) OTHER BUSINESS

A. Future Meeting Dates:

Chair Christie went over the future meetings as follows:

- **RPC/Policy Committee Meeting** – Wednesday, March 22, 2023 @ 1:30 PM, NWA Council Conference Room
- **TAC Meeting** – Thursday, April 20, 2023 @ 10:30 AM, NWARPC Office

Tim Conklin said the office remodel is almost complete and the new walls and floors look great. He said we anticipate being able to be back in our conference room for next month's meetings. He also shared information on a university honors thesis research survey on perceived safety on hard surface trails in Fayetteville, AR.

(12) ADJOURN

The meeting was ended at 11:06 am.