

**NARTS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2022 AT 10:30 AM; APPROVED AUGUST 18, 2022**

ENTITY	MEMBER	PRESENT	PROXY
AVOCA	ROBERT WHITEHORN		
BELLA VISTA	DOUG TAPP		
BENTON COUNTY	JUDGE BARRY MOEHRING JOSH BEAM JAY FRASIER (TRACY BACKS)	X	
BENTONVILLE	DENNIS BIRGE DAN WEESE	X X	
CAVE SPRINGS	MAYOR RANDALL NOBLETT	X	
CENTERTON	MAYOR BILL EDWARDS LORENE BURNS	X X	X Edgar Barroso
ELKINS	MAYOR BRUCE LEDFORD		
ELM SPRINGS	MAYOR HAROLD DOUTHIT		
FARMINGTON	MELISSA McCARVILLE	X	
FAYETTEVILLE	JONATHAN CURTH PAUL LIBERTINI CHRIS BROWN	X X X	
GENTRY	MAYOR KEVIN JOHNSTON		
GRAVETTE	KURT MADDOX	X	
GREENLAND	MAYOR BILL GROOM		
HIGHFILL	MAYOR MICHELLE RIEFF		
JOHNSON	MAYOR CHRIS KEENEY		
LITTLE FLOCK	MAYOR JEFF VAN SICKLER	X	
LOWELL	MAYOR CHRIS MOORE (RICK STONE)	X	
PEA RIDGE	MAYOR JACKIE CRABTREE		
PINEVILLE	MAYOR GREG SWEETEN		
PRAIRIE GROVE	MAYOR SONNY HUDSON		
ROGERS	LANCE JOBE JOHN MCCURDY	X	
SILOAM SPRINGS	BEN RHOADS ( <b>VICE CHAIR</b> ) JUSTIN BLAND	X X	
SPRINGDALE	PATSY CHRISTIE ( <b>CHAIR</b> ) RYAN CARR	X X	
TONTITOWN	MAYOR ANGELA RUSSELL	X	
WASHINGTON CO.	BRIAN LESTER JEFF CROWDER		
WEST FORK	MAYOR HEITH CAUDLE		
WINSLOW	ANN MALKIE		
NWARPC	JEFF HAWKINS	X	
BEAVER H2O DISTRICT	CODY HUDSON		
OZARK REG. TRANSIT	JOEL GARDNER		
RAZORBACK TRANSIT	GARY K. SMITH (ADAM WADDELL)	X	
U OF A	SCOTT TURLEY (JAY HUNNEYCUTT)	X	
McDONALD COUNTY	BILL LANT		
MoDOT	FRANK MILLER MARVIN MORRIS	X	
NWA NATIONAL AIRPORT	AARON BURKES		
ARDOT PLANNING AND DISTRICT 9	CHRIS DILLAHA (SUNNY FARMAHAN) STACEY BURGE	X	

**NWARPC STAFF:** Tim Conklin; Elizabeth Bowen; Cristina Scarlat; Nicole Gibbs

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**OTHERS:** Tim Reavis (Cave Springs); Jason James (ARDOT); David Wright and Hunter Garrison (Bentonville); Josh Price (Centerton); Emily Guffin (Bella Vista); David Keck (Gravette); Luke Jost (Crafton Tull); Andy Brewer (Olsson); Aaron Boehmler and Steven Beam (Burns McDonnell); and Ron Wood (NWADG).

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

**(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 MAY 19, 2022 TAC MEETING MINUTES**

Chair Christie asked the Committee whether there were any additions or corrections to the meeting minutes and requested a motion to approve the May 19, 2022 TAC Meeting Minutes.

**MOTION:** Melissa McCarville made a motion to approve the May 19, 2022 TAC Meeting Minutes. Lance Jobe provided the second. Motion passed unanimously.

**(4) UPWP FY 2023 AMENDMENT No. 1 – REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY ACTION PLAN - VISION ZERO PLAN – Recommendation to RPC/Policy Committee**

Chair Christie introduced the item and Tim Conklin explained that in May at the TAC and Policy Committee we talked about conducting a Regional Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, which includes cities, and we approved funding in our 2023 budget. Since that meeting, ARDOT requested that we also amend our UPWP to show that project in the work program for FY 2023. He said it will be a consultant-led regional action plan and will utilize up to \$400,000 in STBGP-A funds, plus match. He said we did a public notice to amend the FY 2023 UPWP and we are looking for a recommendation to the Policy Committee.

Chair Christie asked whether this is additional money, not taking away money from anything we had already approved. Conklin confirmed that some projects were closed out that returned some money. He said in addition, since last discussed, we received a grant from the Walton Family Foundation for the local match and that will be going to the Policy Committee for acceptance next week. Christie asked whether the next step is consultant selection. Conklin explained that process has begun, with the short list put together, and the deadline for proposals being today at 4pm.

Chair Christie asked whether there were any comments or questions and hearing none, requested a motion to recommend approval of the FY 2023 UPWP Amendment No. 1 to the Policy Committee.

**MOTION:** Lance Jobe made a motion to recommend sending the FY 2023 Unified Development Plan (UPWP) Amendment No. 1 to the RPC/Policy Committee for approval. Ryan Carr provided the second. Motion passed unanimously.

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**(5) NARTS FFY 2021-2024 TIP AMENDMENT No. 4 – MoDOT – Recommendation to RPC/Policy Committee**

Chair Christie introduced the item, with Tim Conklin explaining that the Missouri Highway and Transportation Committee (MHTC) approved their FY 2023-2027 MoDOT STIP on July 2, 2022. He said their new STIP adjusts funding that was approved previously and he summarized the proposed changes to the NARTS 2021-2024 TIP. He explained that we have worked closely with MoDOT to ensure we are reflecting what is in their approved STIP. He said the Statewide program (STIP) has to be consistent with the regional program (TIP) and we will be doing a similar process with ARDOT in the coming months.

Chair Christie asked whether there were any questions and hearing none, requested a motion to recommend approval of the NARTS FFY 2021-2024 TIP Amendment No. 4 to the Policy Committee.

**MOTION: Lance Jobe made a motion to recommend sending the NARTS FFY 2021-2024 Amendment No. 4 to the RPC/Policy Committee for approval. Ryan Carr provided the second. Motion passed unanimously.**

**(6) FFY 2023 STBGP-A and TAP PROPOSED PROJECT PRESENTATIONS BY APPLICANTS – Jurisdictions Present**

Chair Christie introduced the item with Tim Conklin explaining that each year we do a call for projects and we ask jurisdictions who have applied for federal funds through NWARPC to present their projects to TAC. He said the vote to select projects will occur next month, in August, at TAC and RPC/Policy Committee meetings. The presentations are to familiarize everyone with who is applying for what, and where they are in the process. He said the federal aid process is a somewhat complex process and requires all the planning partners to work together—the local jurisdictions, regional planning, ARDOT, and the Federal Highway Administration—to make sure these funds can get programmed and obligated.

Conklin reviewed the estimate of funding based on the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and FFY 2022, as follows:

FFY2022 TAP Awarded Aug 2021	\$ 626,000
FFY2022 TAP Actual	<u>\$1,017,487</u>
FFY2022 TAP Remaining	\$ 391,487
FFY2022 TAP Remaining	\$ 391,487
FFY2023 TAP Est. (based on FFY2022)	<u>\$1,017,487</u>
<b>Total Available TAP FFY2022 &amp; 2023</b>	<b>\$1,408,974</b>
STBGP-A FFY Awarded Aug 2021	\$8,034,319
FFY 2022 STBGP-A Actual	<u>\$8,994,211</u>
FFY 2022 STBGP-A Remaining	\$ 959,892
FFY2022 STBGP-A Remaining	\$ 959,892
FFY2023 STBGP-A Est. (based on FFY2022)	<u>\$8,994,211</u>
<b>Total Available STBGP-A FFY 2022 &amp; 2023</b>	<b>\$9,954,103</b>

He said this is based on an estimate because Congress has not approved the 2023 funding yet. He said each year we estimate how much funding we think we are going to get, we select projects

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based on the estimate, and then Congress will act and we will know how much funding we actually have.

Conklin summarized the results of the FFY 2023 Call for Projects as follows:

**Transportation Alternative Program (TAP)**

- (6) New TAP Projects - **\$3,444,822**

**Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP-A)**

- (14) STBGP-A Projects - **\$15,444,445**
  - (6) Existing STBGP-A projects requesting additional funds - **\$10,966,845**
  - (8) New STBGP-A projects requesting - **\$4,477,600**

He said everyone is aware that inflation has hit everyone’s projects very hard, so a lot of existing projects are coming back to get their projects up to 80-percent federally funded and 20-percent local match.

Applicants gave brief presentations of their requests, summarized as follows:

Year	County	Job No.	Jurisdiction	Project	Phase	TAP-FED	STBGP-A	TOTAL	Existing/New
2023	Benton		Bentonville	I49 Razorback Greenway Relocation	Construction	\$ 500,000		\$ 500,000	New TAP
2023	Benton		Cave Springs	N Wallis Rd & Sands Rd Sidewalk Ext	Construction	\$ 348,032		\$ 348,032	New TAP
2023	Benton		Centerton	McKissic Station Park Trail Phase II	Construction	\$ 500,000		\$ 500,000	New TAP
2023	Washington		Farmington	Creekside Park Trail	Construction	\$ 687,790		\$ 687,790	New TAP
2023	Washington		Fayetteville	I-49 and Hwy 62 Interchange Bicycle Accommodations	Construction	\$ 500,000		\$ 500,000	New TAP
2023	Benton		Gravette	Gravette Trail System Phase II	Construction	\$ 725,000		\$ 725,000	New TAP
2023	Benton		Siloam Springs	Progress Ave	Construction	\$ 184,000		\$ 184,000	New TAP
2023	Benton	090436	Bella Vista	Mercy Way Bridge and Road Imps - Razorback Greenway Ext.	All Phases		\$ 326,845	\$ 326,845	Existing
2023	Benton	090524	Benton County	Wagon Wheel Rd Bridge Replacement	Utilities/Eng/Constr		\$ 800,000	\$ 800,000	Existing
2023	Benton		Bentonville	I49 Razorback Greenway Relocation	Construction		\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	New STBG
2023	Benton	90238	Centerton	Hwy 102 Sidepath	Construction		\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000	New STBG
2023	Washington	040887	Fayetteville	College Ave Complete Street (North St to Township St)	Construction		\$ 1,800,000	\$ 1,800,000	Existing
2023	Washington		Fayetteville	Millsap, College, N Hemlock	ROW/Environ		\$ 320,000	\$ 320,000	New STBG
2023	Washington		Fayetteville	I-49 and Hwy 62 Interchange Bicycle Accommodations	Construction		\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	New STBG
2023	Benton	090601	Lowell	71B & 264 Int Imp	Construction		\$ 240,000	\$ 240,000	Existing
2023	Benton	090433	Lowell	Hwy 264 & Bellview	Construction		\$ 560,000	\$ 560,000	Existing
2023	Benton		Lowell	Monroe from Oak St to Hwy 265	Construction		\$ 1,789,600	\$ 1,789,600	New STBG
2023	Benton		Rogers	W Pleasant Grove Rd & Hwy 265 Roundabout	Design/Env		\$ 168,000	\$ 168,000	New STBG
2023	Benton		Rogers	Hwy 265 and Hwy 94 New Hope Rd Roundabout	Design/Env		\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	New STBG
2023	Washington	040680	Springdale	Don Tyson Parkway Ext.	Construction		\$ 7,240,000	\$ 7,240,000	Existing
2023	Benton/Washington		NWARPC	Comprehensive Safety Action Plan - Vision Zero	Planning		\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	New STBG
<b>Total</b>						<b>\$ 3,444,822</b>	<b>\$15,444,445</b>	<b>\$ 18,889,267</b>	

He said each year we typically set up a review committee consisting of jurisdictions who have submitted projects. He showed the anticipated review committee and asked whether anyone else would like to participate. Conklin and Elizabeth Bowen explained the selection process, including a full day of touring the proposed projects. Jurisdictions confirmed their participation.

Conklin asked everyone to keep in mind that the most expensive phase is construction and if the RPC/Policy Committee continues to fund 80% of the project, when it gets to construction, it may be significant. He said Engineering, ROW, and Utilities have historically been lower-cost phases. He added that it typically takes five (5) to seven (7) years from the start of the project to construction.

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He said we do need projects in the pipeline to make all of this work, but at some point, we will have a large project that may take half the money one year to fund. He said he used to worry about this five or six years ago, but so far, everyone seems to work well on trying to stagger their projects to get funded. Christie said the key is that we do not leave any money on the table or lose any money.

Lance Jobe asked, since we are starting to use more, with more competition, have we looked at scheduling existing projects out, as far as when we think projects will go to construction. There was discussion. Conklin requested that NWARPC be copied when jurisdictions submit Quarterly Reports to ARDOT, which will help Regional Planning to understand and help track where projects are in the process. He said we will put something together to confirm with jurisdictions.

Christie said it also seems that ARDOT is asking us to use this money to help with some of their projects, which is not a problem all of the time, but we have a lot of projects that are not on State facilities. There was discussion.

**(7) 2045 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN AMENDMENT DISCUSSION – CARBON REDUCTION PROGRAM FUNDING AND NATIONAL ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM FUNDING**

Chair Christie introduced the item and Tim Conklin explained briefly that we are going to look at the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and identify what changes we need to make to our 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), including the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) and National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Program.

**(8) FFY 2023-2026 STIP/TIP DEVELOPMENT (Informational Item)**

Tim Conklin said as mentioned during the TIP Amendment discussion, MoDOT FY 2023-2027 STIP is complete and the ARDOT FY 2023-2026 STIP should be coming out in the next few weeks so you will be able to see what projects are programmed from 2023-2026. He said most likely, you will hear more about that at your next meeting.

**(9) PROJECTS AND OTHER UPDATES**

**A. FFY 2022 STBGP-A & TAP Obligation Plan**

Tim Conklin said on June 30<sup>th</sup>, he had to tell ARDOT how we plan to obligate funds. He said that he asked ARDOT not to count partnership project funds against us, which will need to be confirmed. He said he told ARDOT that every project awarded in the 2022 cycle, with the exception of Lowell's intersection project, was going to make it and showed the following illustration:

ARDOT Partnership Projects with LPA's (Does not count towards carry over of \$1M Max)				Phase	2021 CRRSAA HIP	Springdale Repurposed Earmark	HIP	TAP	STBGP-A	Total	ARDOT Partnership Project	Obligated Amount	Anticipated Obligated	FFY 2023 Anticipated Award to be obligated 2022	Carry Over
2021	040746	Fayetteville	Hwy 112 Side path Trail (TAP)	Construction	\$ 230,891					\$ 230,891	Yes				\$ 230,891
2022	090651	Gentry	Hwy 12/59 Signal and Intersection Impmts. (formerly Job# 09X324)	Design and Environmental					\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	Yes	\$ 250,000			\$ -
2021	090433	Lowell	Hwy 254/Bellview/Spring Creek Rd Inters. Impmts.	Construction					\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000	Yes	\$ 4,000			\$ 746,000
2022	090433	Lowell	Hwy 254/Bellview/Spring Creek Rd Inters. Impmts.	Construction					\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	Yes				\$ 150,000
2022	040887	Fayetteville	College Ave Complete Street (North St to Township St)	Construction					\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000	Yes				\$ 1,500,000
2022	040746	Fayetteville	Hwy 112 - Heritage Springs Trail and Tunnel (Hwy 112)	Construction				\$ 250,000		\$ 250,000	Yes				\$ 250,000
2022	040846	Fayetteville	Hwy 82 Interchange Improvements	Design, Env., Utilities, and ROW					\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000	Yes		\$ 1,500,000		\$ -
					\$ 230,891	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250,000	\$ 4,150,000	\$ 4,630,891		\$ 254,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ -	\$ 2,876,891
<b>LPA Projects (With No ARDOT Partnership)</b>															
2022		Siloam Springs	E Kenwood St Improvements (widening, incl. sidepath)	Design and Environmental					\$ 220,000	\$ 220,000			\$ 220,000		\$ -
2021	040854	Tontitown	US 412 and Klenc Rd Signalization	All Phases					\$ 360,000	\$ 360,000		\$ 103,772			\$ 256,228
2022		Bentonville	SW Regional Airport Blvd./S. Vaughn Rd. Intersection Impr.	Design and Environmental					\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000			\$ 500,000		\$ -
2022	090524	Benton County	Wagon Wheel Rd Bridge Replacement	Construction			\$ 500,000			\$ 500,000			\$ 500,000		\$ -
2022	040849	Springdale	Gene George S Ph III	ROW and Utility					\$ 909,050	\$ 909,050			\$ 909,050		\$ -
2022	040680	Springdale	Gene George Blvd (Don Tyson to 1000 ft. South)	Construction		\$ 756,126			\$ 1,663,269	\$ 2,419,395		\$ 1,670,300			\$ -
2021	040848	Springdale	Gene George Blvd. Phase II CRRSAA HIP FUNDING	ROW and Utilities	\$ 1,062,605					\$ 1,062,605			\$ 1,062,605		\$ -
2021	040717	Springdale	Don Tyson Parkway Ext. (S. 56th St. to Hwy. 112) CRRSAA HIP	ROW and Utilities	\$ 1,228,145					\$ 1,228,145			\$ 1,228,145		\$ -
2022	090601	Lowell	US-718/Hwy264 Intersection Improvements	Env., ROW, Utilities, Construction					\$ 730,000	\$ 730,000					\$ 730,000
2022		Siloam Springs	N Mt Olive Sidepath (between Dawn Hill Rd. and Carl St)	Construction				\$ 376,000		\$ 376,000			\$ 376,000		\$ -
2022	090628	Bentonville-Centerton	Greenhouse Road Improvements - Hwy 12 to Hwy 102	Design			\$ 112,000			\$ 112,000		\$ 112,000			\$ -
					\$ 2,290,750	\$ 756,126	\$ 612,000	\$ 376,000	\$ 4,382,319	\$ 8,417,195		\$ 1,886,072	\$ 4,795,800	\$ -	\$ 986,228

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He said if something significant has come up and you do not think you are going to be ready, he needs to know. He said in addition, if necessary, we will also take the 2022 money and put it on existing projects selected in the 2023 cycle that are ready to go. He said this is going to become very critical moving forward, with a million dollars of TAP, two-million dollars of Carbon Reduction, and about ten-million for STBGP-A, a lot of times projects might get delayed and cannot obligate on time.

Conklin said the take-away is that everyone needs to know where their project is, and where ARDOT is in their review, because we are going to get caught with money if we fall behind. Christie said communication is key and actively managing your project with ARDOT.

**B. Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) (aka IJA) Updates**

Tim Conklin gave an overview of the recent notices of funding availability within the new Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) programs and showed the following:

		Program Examples	State	MPO	Local	Tribe	PA*	Territory	FLMA*	
FFY 2022 Funded		Apportioned programs (formula)	✓							(For NWARPC: STBGP-A, TAP, Carbon Reduction)
Guidance Issued 1-14-22		Bridge Program (formula)	✓			✓				(Watch for: Off-system Bridges)
Guidance Issued 2-10-22		National Electric Vehicle Formula Program	✓		✓					(Approved! For NWA: US 412 Nomination)
May 2022		Safe Streets and Roads for All program		✓	✓	✓				NOFO Issued – Deadline Sept. 15, 2022
		PROTECT Grants (discretionary)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Guidance Issued 2-10-22		Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Program	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
		Congestion Relief Program	✓	✓	✓					
		Bridge Investment Program (discretionary)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			NOFO Issued – Deadline Sept. 8, 2022 Bridge And Large Bridge Aug. 9, 2022
		Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program	✓	✓	✓	✓				NOFO Issued – Deadline Oct. 13, 2022
		Rural Surface Transportation Grants (Rural)	✓		✓	✓				
May 23, 2022		INFRA Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight and Highways Projects grants program	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) - combined Mega/ INFRA/ Rural
		Nat'l Infra. Project Assistance (Mega)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
April 14, 2022		Local and Regional Project Assistance (RAISE)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		(For NWA: Fayetteville/Maple Street)

*Note:* This table does not include all BIL programs or eligible entities, and there are additional nuances not represented in this table. Additional programmatic information is provided in later slides. FHWA will administer most, but not all, programs listed.  
\* "PA" means a special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function; FLMA means Federal Land Management Agency

Source: FHWA Presentation "Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL): Overview of Highway Provisions", 2021

Conklin said there is a lot going on with these new funding programs. He said his advice to cities is that if you have a bridge or railroad crossing, you will likely need to pick and choose what discretionary grant program you go after because there are numerous programs out there that require a lot of work.

He gave information on a new Railroad Crossing Elimination Discretionary Grant Program:

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- Fact Sheet: <https://railroads.dot.gov/elibrary/railroad-crossing-elimination-grant-program-fact-sheet>
- NOFO: [www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/07/06/2022-14344/notice-of-funding-opportunity-for-the-railroad-crossing-elimination-program](http://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/07/06/2022-14344/notice-of-funding-opportunity-for-the-railroad-crossing-elimination-program)

There was discussion about the program, with a reminder that many programs require a Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA) with the application, which can take a lot of work.

**C. Nation Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Update**

Tim Conklin said once again the nomination of US 412 as an AFC Corridor-Pending was approved by USDOT. He said the \$54.1 million that Arkansas gets is limited to interstates and AFC's, which includes I-49 and US 412 in NWA.

**D. 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 meet with Cambridge Systematics on the projects. She said there is a planned workshop in September, which will be open to regional participation and contribution. She said we are running about two-months behind schedule on the TSMO.

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

Elizabeth Bowen said we continue to work with Halff, Corps of Engineers and ANRD on the funding and scope of the project. She said we expect the state ARPA funds will become available in the next 1-2 months. She said to compete for the available funds, we have been told we may need to revise our scope to focus on water quality, rather than stormwater management.

**F. Carbon Reduction Program and Application Update**

Elizabeth Bowen explained that this is a new program for us, and it looks like we will receive around \$2 million for FFY 2022 and FY 2023. We are reserving \$50,000 in the UPWP for developing the Carbon Reduction Plan. Christie asked whether any of the money has been appropriated yet. Conklin explained that the FFY 2022 money is here but we can carry it forward. He said we will need to repeat a project review cycle for this new CR program in the coming months. He said the money needs to be obligated by September 30, 2023. He said we are over-subscribed for TAP funding, and TAP projects are eligible for this funding as well, so some of those projects that do not receive TAP funds, could be submitted for CRP funds.

Bowen said the RPC/Policy Committee has approved focus areas for our CRP. She said we have drafted an application and scoring matrix for TAC review, with an anticipated call for projects late summer or early fall.

Christie asked whether there are projects out there, apart from TAP projects, that can be ready to obligate by next year. Conklin said since this is a new program, it is unknown. There was discussion on traffic signals and retrofitting LED lights and other possibly eligible project types. There was discussion about using this first year's funding to supplement existing programs, such as TAP, if other projects are not ready. There was discussion about TAC reviewing the application and scoring matrix distributed and considering the program documents next month for recommendation to the Policy Committee.

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

Bowen said this project is quickly moving forward. 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 **4:00 TODAY July 21**
- Interviews are **set for July 27**
- Selection Committee Scoring Meeting – **July 27**
- Reference checks **July/Aug**
- Draft contract/contract negotiations – **Aug (ARDOT Approval)**
- Kick-off meeting, public outreach, develop Plan (**Sep-July**)
- Apply for Projects (**Jul-Sep 2023**)

She said if we can get this plan put together, it enables all of you to apply for millions of dollars with the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program. Conklin said start thinking about what safety action projects you might want to apply for next summer.

**(10) COMMITTEE AND GROUP UPDATES**

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

Elizabeth Bowen said the committee and subcommittee met May 19, 2022 and the sub-committee met June 16, 2022 and both groups will be meeting this afternoon. She said the subcommittee met on updating the NWA Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, including updates to community plans. She said they have developed online, in-person, and intercept surveys as part of the Public Outreach work. She said the public survey was extended to July 31, 2022, which doubled the number of respondents.

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

**(11) 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 if any comments had been received prior to the meeting. Tim Conklin said no comments have been received. Christie asked whether there were any others present with comments and there were none.

**(12) OTHER BUSINESS**

**A. Future Meeting Dates:**

Chair Christie went over the future meetings as follows:

- **RPC/Policy Committee Meeting** – Wednesday, July 27, 2022 @ 1:30 PM
- **TAC Meeting** – Thursday, August 18, 2022 @ 10:30 AM



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Christie said we will select projects at the August TAC meeting for recommendation to the RPC/Policy Committee.

Chair Patsy Christie asked if there was any other business; hearing none she thanked everyone for their participation.

**10. ADJOURN**

The meeting was ended at 12:01 pm.