

**NWARPC 2045 MTP AMENDMENT #2 – EXHIBIT A
PROPOSED ADDITIONS TO**

CHAPTER 9. TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS AND FUNDING SUMMARY OF FEDERAL AID PROGRAMS AND FUNDING

PROMOTING RESILIENT OPERATIONS FOR TRANSFORMATIVE, EFFICIENT, AND COST-SAVING TRANSPORTATION (PROTECT) FORMULA PROGRAM

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), which was signed into law on November 15, 2021, establishes the new **Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Formula Program** to help make surface transportation more resilient to natural hazards, including climate change, sea level rise, flooding, extreme weather events, and other natural disasters through support of planning activities, resilience improvements, community resilience and evacuation routes, and at-risk coastal infrastructure. The PROTECT Program includes both formula funding distributed to States and competitive grants.

A State may only use its PROTECT Formula Program funds for eligible activities and eligible costs associated with:

- highway projects eligible under Title 23, U.S.C.;
- public transportation facilities or services eligible under chapter 53 of title 49, U.S.C.; or
- port facilities, including facilities that connect ports with other modes of transportation, improve the efficiency of evacuations and disaster relief, or aid transportation. [§ 11405; 23 U.S.C. 176(c)(3)(B)]

The FFY 2023-2026 TIP/STIP shows the following funding totals for the PROTECT Program in Arkansas:

2023	\$24.2 million
2024	\$24.7 million
2025	\$25.2 million
2026	<u>\$25.7 million</u>
Total	\$99.8 million

PROTECT Estimated Funding (Federal, plus match, 2 percent inflation/year):

Time Period (FFY)	PROTECT Statewide
2025 to 2030	\$159.0
2031 to 2035	\$147.8
2036 to 2045	\$343.3
Total	\$650.1

(Millions of dollars of estimated obligation limitation)