

RPC/POLICY COMMITTEE IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2022 AT 1:30 PM; APPROVED FEBRUARY 22, 2023

ENTITY	MEMBER	ATTENDING	PROXY
AVOCA	ROBERT WHITEHORN		
BELLA VISTA	PETER CHRISTIE (VICE CHAIR)	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	
GARFIELD	MAYOR GARY L BLACKBURN		
GATEWAY	MAYOR ANDREW TILLMAN		
GENTRY	MAYOR KEVIN JOHNSTON		
GOSHEN	MAYOR MAX POYE		
GRAVETTE	MAYOR KURT MADDOX		
GREENLAND	MAYOR BILL GROOM		
HIGHFILL	MAYOR MICHELLE RIEFF		
HINDSVILLE	MAYOR X DOTSON		
HUNTSVILLE	MAYOR DARRELL TRAHAN		
JOHNSON	MAYOR CHRIS KEENEY (CHAIR)	X	
LINCOLN	MAYOR DOUG HUTCHENS		
LITTLE FLOCK	MAYOR JEFF VAN SICKLER	X	
LOWELL	MAYOR CHRIS MOORE		X Richard Stone
PEA RIDGE	MAYOR JACKIE CRABTREE (TREASURER)		
PRAIRIE GROVE	MAYOR SONNY HUDSON (SECRETARY)	X	Jeff Hawkins
ROGERS	LANCE JOBE JOHN McCURDY SHAWN GRISNDSTAFF	X X	
SILOAM SPRINGS	MAYOR JUDY NATION PHILLIP PATTERSON	X	
SPRINGDALE	DOUG SPROUSE PATSY CHRISTIE JIM ULMER	X X	Ryan Carr Tim Conklin
SPRINGTOWN	TERRI GLENN		
SULPHUR SPRINGS	SHANE WEBER		
TONTITOWN	MAYOR ANGELA RUSSELL	X	Mark Latham
WASHINGTON CO.	JUDGE JOSEPH WOOD BRIAN LESTER		
WEST FORK	MAYOR HEITH CAUDLE		
WINSLOW	ANN MALKIE		
ARDOT PLANNING + DISTRICTS	BRAD McCALEB CHAD ADAMS (DISTRICT 4)	X	X Sunny Farmahan
BEAVER H2O DISTRICT	LANE CRIDER		
McDONALD COUNTY	BILL LANT		
MoDOT	DAVE TAYLOR (BRITNI O'CONNOR)	X	
NAT. AIRPORT AUTH.	AARON BURKES		
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, Tim Conklin, Elizabeth Bowen; Nicole Gibbs, Cristina Scarlat, Tim Reavis
OTHERS: John Flynn (Bella Vista), Chris Dillaha, Ryan DeVasher, and Norel McAdoo (ARDOT), Jessica Hart (Jacobs), Becky Baltz (Trek Design Group), Ron Wood (NWADG), and Kenneth Lovette

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 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 Tim Conklin named the virtual attendees. Nicole Gibbs recorded member names and tallied votes. A quorum was reached.

(3) APPROVE RPC/POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 26, 2022

Chair Mayor Keeney asked whether there were any additions or corrections to the meeting minutes and hearing none, requested a motion to approve the October 26, 2022 RPC/Policy Committee Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: Mayor Peter Christie made a motion to approve the October 26, 2022 RPC/Policy Committee Meeting Minutes as presented. Mayor Ernie Penn provided the second. Motion passed unanimously.

(4) DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Item address under Other Business

(5) NWARPC FY 2022/2023 CARBON REDUCTION PROGRAM (CRP)

Chair Mayor 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. Tim Conklin explained that this is a new Federal Funding program, not only for us, but for ARDOT and FHWA. He summarized information regarding eligibility, including for projects explicitly identified in statute (23 USC 175 (c), A through M), and that eligibility questions are to be directed to FHWA through ARDOT. He said projects that are a little different may require some time to receive eligibility determination.

Bowen 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 Public Agency (LPA) federal-aid process for reimbursement and must be obligated by September 2023. She said we notified ARDOT in September that we were going to need assistance in determining eligibility of some of our projects, while others seem to be explicitly identified in statute.

Bowen summarized the CRP project selection process 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
- 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

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She said we received eight project applications, several of which also applied for ARDOT Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding. She said the Cave Springs and Siloam Springs projects were awarded ARDOT TAP funding, and our project list was adjusted accordingly.

Bowen summarized the review committee process and highlighted discussions as follows:

- Could any CRP projects be reduced?
- Which CRP projects were over-matched at more than 80%?
- Fair and equitable distribution of CRP funds (e.g. Fay \$900K/2.2M)
- Project did not lead to construction/requested a determination/clarification from ARDOT – (Note: Meeting set for this afternoon to discuss all CRP projects and the LPA process)
- ARDOT announced/posted 2022 TAP awards that funded two CRP projects
- Committee decided not to score projects since all projects could be funded with available CRP funding

Bowen said the committee identified the Fayetteville LED Lighting and Video Detection of Major Intersections projects to be able to accept less funding if apportionment amounts were less than estimated, or it could take additional funding if more than estimated.

Bowen said the City of Fayetteville withdrew their \$500,000 request for the Trail Tunnel under MLK Jr Blvd with the I-49/Hwy 62 Interchange project and the revised funding allocation table was adjusted and presented as follows:

FFY 2022-2023 Carbon Reduction Program Scoring Sheet					
Year	County	Jurisdiction	Project	Phase	CRP Amount
2022	Benton	Cave Springs	W Wallis Rd & Sands Rd Sidewalk Extension	Construction	\$10,784
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 I-49/Hwy 62 Interchange	Construction	<i>Withdrawn</i>
2022	Washington	Johnson	Razorback Greenway Lighting	Construction	\$339,300
2022	Benton	Lowell	Traffic Signal Improvements	Construction	\$131,764
2022	Benton	Siloam Springs	Progress Ave Sidewalk	Construction	<i>ARDOT TAP Funded</i>
2022	Washington	Springdale	Trail Plan and Design	Plan/Design	\$100,000
Total Requested					\$1,481,848
FFY 2022 Available					\$1,049,581
FFY 2023 Available (Est.)					\$1,122,000
Difference					\$689,733

Bowen said with the reduction in requested funding, approximately \$690,000 remains in unawarded CRP funding. She said staff recommends that we do another call for projects for the available funding. She showed the estimated timeline as follows:

- Call for Projects – December 11, 2022
- Project Application Deadline – February 14, 2022, at 4:00pm
- Project Sponsor Presentation to TAC Committee – February 16, 2022
- Selection Committee Site Visit, Scoring, Recommendation – TBD
- Project Selection Committee Recommendation to TAC – March 16, 2022
- Project Selection Recommendation to RPC/Policy – March 22, 2022

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Bowen said we are proposing two separate motions, one recommending the projects in accordance with the revised funding allocation table, and another recommending a call for projects for the remaining funds. She asked if there were any other questions and there were none.

A. Project Selection Approval

Chair Mayor Keeney asked if there were any questions and hearing none called for a motion to approve the FFY 2022/2023 CRP projects be funded in accordance with the funding table, understanding this is a new program and a determination of eligibility is being made for projects by ARDOT and FHWA.

MOTION: Administrator Phillip Patterson made a motion to approve the FFY 2022 and FFY 2023 Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) projects be funded in accordance with the funding table, understanding this is a new program and a determination of eligibility is being made for projects by ARDOT and FHWA. Mayor Peter Christie provided the second. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Authorize a Call for Projects for Remaining Estimated \$690,000 CRP Funds

Chair Mayor Keeney asked if there were any questions and hearing none called for a motion to authorize a call for projects for the remaining CRP funds.

MOTION: Mayor Peter Christie made a motion to authorize a call for projects for the remaining estimated FFY 2023 Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funding of approximately \$690,000. Administrator Phillip Patterson provided the second. Motion passed unanimously.

(6) NARTS FFY 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Chair Mayor Keeney introduced the item and Tim Conklin explained that MoDOT has completed their State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for 2023-2027, ARDOT has adopted a draft STIP for 2023-2026, and we have a draft 2023-2026 TIP that includes a list of projects within our region, a financial plan, and descriptions of projects. He highlighted some of the significant projects in the current STIP/TIP, including the various Hwy 612 projects, XNA Access Road, and the various Hwy 112 projects. He said in 2019, the region came together to adopt a regional vision for the Highway 112 corridor and thanked ARDOT for incorporating the vision into their plans. He said we have a TIP interactive map available: www.nwarpc.org/transportation/transportation-improvement-program/.

Conklin noted the development schedule as follows:

- **Public Forum:** Held Thursday, October 20
- **Public Comment Period:** Held October 20, 2022 through November 4, 2022
- **TAC Recommendation:** Thursday, November 17, 2022
- **RPC/Policy Committee Consideration:** Wednesday, December 7, 2022

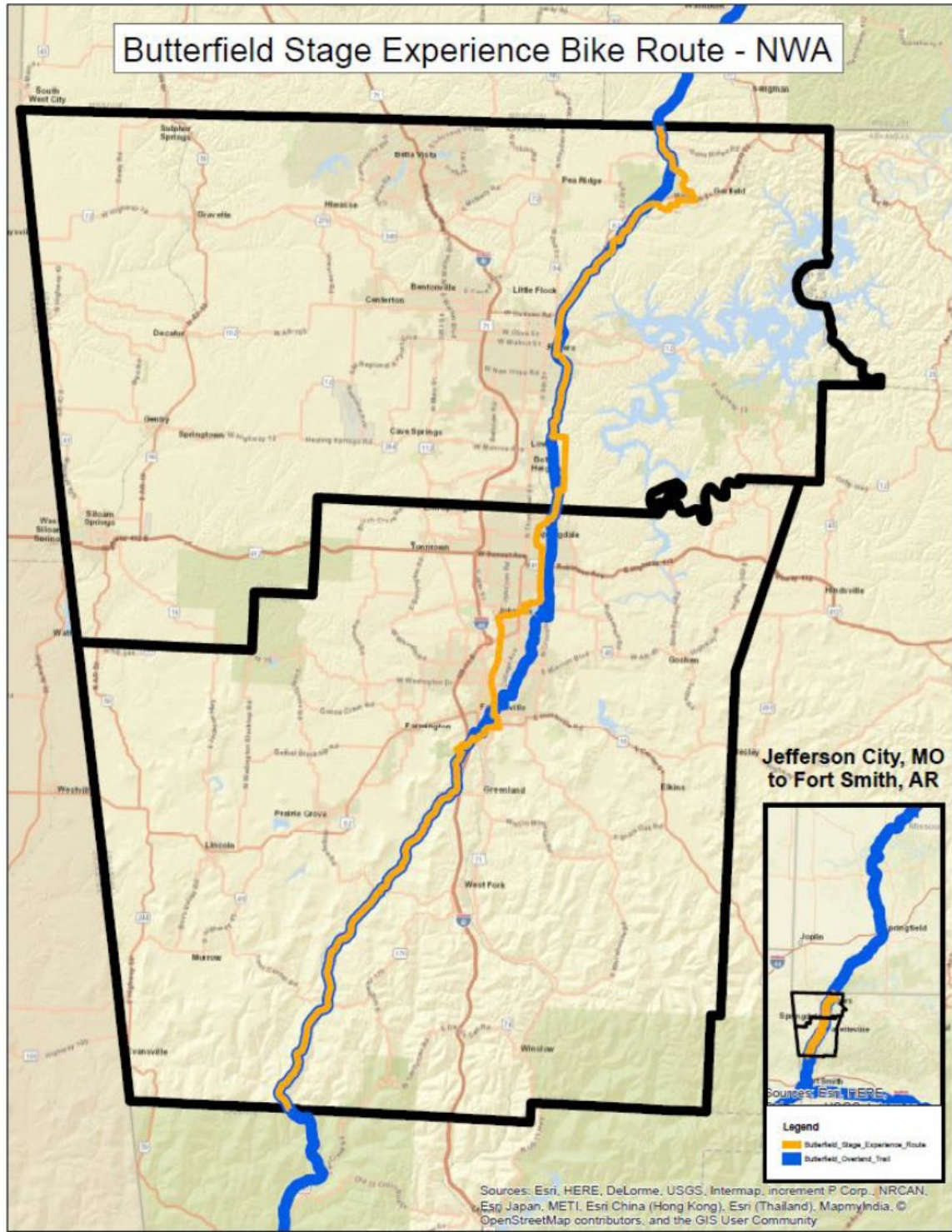
A. RESOLUTION #2022-16 – Approving the Northwest Arkansas Regional Transportation Study (NARTS) FFY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Chair Mayor Keeney asked if there were any questions and hearing none called for a motion to approve Resolution #2022-16 approving the NARTS FFY 2023-2026 TIP.

MOTION: Mayor Peter Christie made a motion to approve Resolution #2022-16 Approving the Northwest Arkansas Regional Transportation Study (NARTS) FFY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Judge Barry Moehring provided the second. Motion passed unanimously.

(7) BUTTERFIELD STAGE EXPERIENCE ROUTE

Chair Mayor Keeney introduced the item and Elizabeth Bowen explained that the Butterfield Stage Experience Route is a proposed route for bicycle and pedestrian activity through the region and surrounding counties and states. She showed the recommended route, the blue line being the historic route and the orange line being the recommended bike route:



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She explained that the route deviates in areas such as through the Pea Ridge National Military Park, which is not open 24 hours a day and to areas that have existing sidepaths and bike/ped accommodations for safety considerations. She said the route is proposed from Jefferson City to Fort Smith and summarized where various portions of the route outside our region are in their approval process. She said the idea is that this route would go all the way to San Francisco at some point. There was discussion about signage and promotion of the route.

A. RESOLUTION #2022-17 – Approving and Supporting the Development of Butterfield Stage Experience Route from Springfield, MO through Benton County, AR and Washington County, AR to Fort Smith, AR

Chair Mayor Keeney asked if there were any other questions and hearing none called for a motion to approve Resolution #2022-17 Approving and Supporting the Development of Butterfield Stage Experience Route from Springfield, MO through Benton County, AR and Washington County, AR to Fort Smith, AR.

MOTION: Judge Barry Moehring made a motion to approve Resolution #2022-17 Approving and Supporting the Development of Butterfield Stage Experience Route from Springfield, MO through Benton County, AR and Washington County, AR to Fort Smith, AR. Mayor Ernie Penn provided the second. Motion passed unanimously.

(8) US BICYCLE ROUTE (USBR) 251

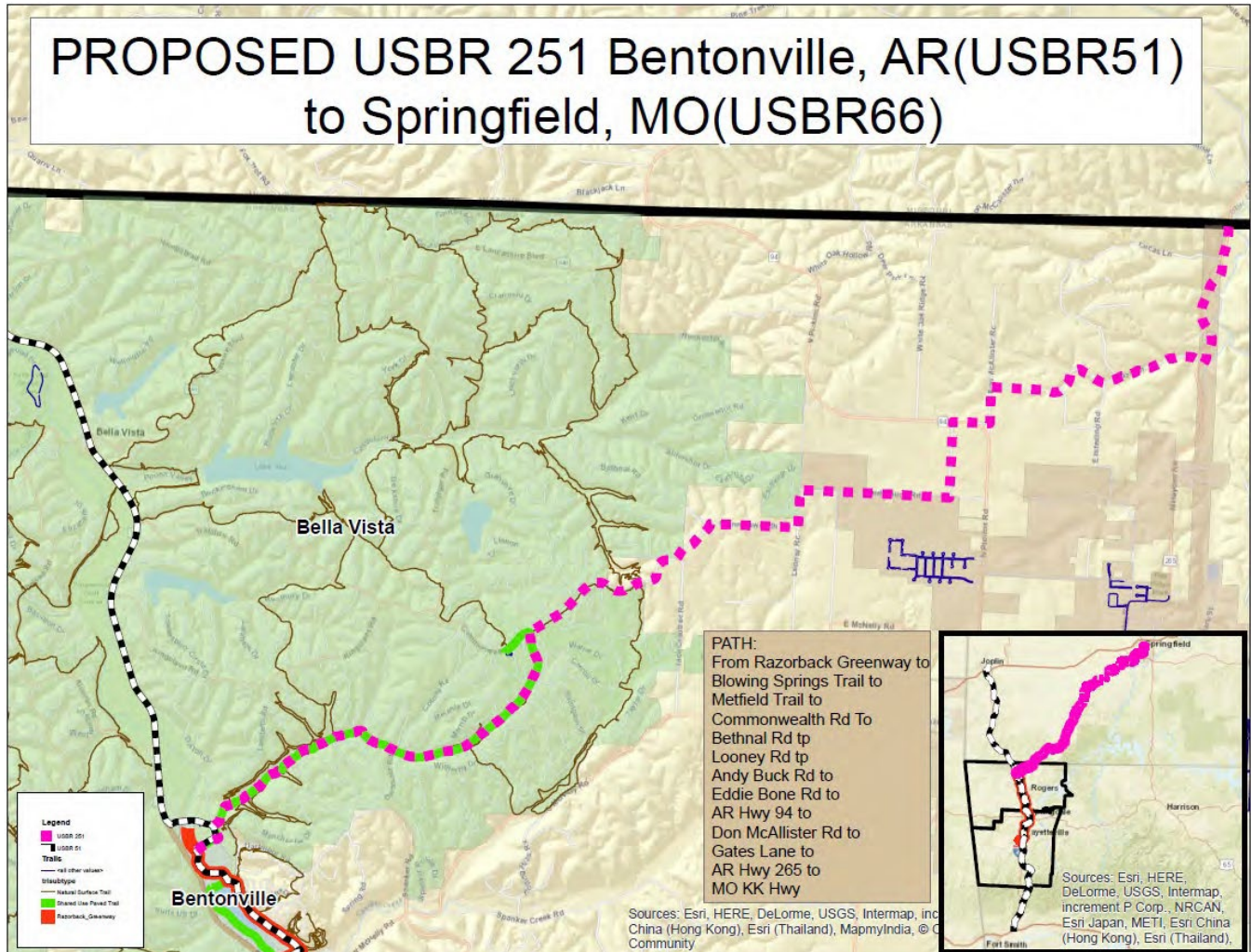
Chair Mayor Keeney introduced the item and Elizabeth Bowen explained that this route is proposed from Springfield, MO to Bentonville, AR. She said that US Bicycle Route (USBR) is a national route system and showed the following corridor plan, noting that dashed lines are proposed, and solid lines are approved:

ARDOT submitted USBR 80 to AASHTO Sept 2022 and is now a national route



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Bowen said proposed USBR51 from Pineville, Missouri to Alma, Arkansas was approved and supported by NWARPC in 2019 and ARDOT plans to apply to AASHTO in April 2023 to make it a national route. She said we are now looking to add a spur to that route, USBR251, from Bentonville, Arkansas to Springfield, Missouri. She summarized the route to the Missouri state line along with the review process completed by the communities and showed the following recommended route:



Bowen said the idea is for ARDOT to apply for both USBR51 and USBR251 at the same time. She asked if there were any questions and there were none.

- A. RESOLUTION #2022-18** – Approving and Supporting the Development of United States Bicycle Route 251 (USBR 251) through Benton County, AR and the State of Missouri from United States Bicycle Route 51 (USBR 51) in Bentonville, AR to United States Bicycle Route 66 (USBR 66) in Springfield, MO.

MOTION: Mayor Peter Christie moved to approve Resolution #2022-18 Approving and Supporting the Development of United States Bicycle Route 251 (USBR 251) through Benton County, AR and the State of Missouri from USBR 51 in Bentonville, AR to USBR 66 in Springfield, MO. Administrator Phillip Patterson provided the second. Motion passed unanimously.

(9) PROJECTS AND OTHER UPDATES

A. STBGP-A/TAP/CRP Project Development

Tim Conklin explained that once cities are awarded projects, you need to initiate your project with ARDOT and establish an agreement of understanding. He said you need to assign a staff person to track the project and complete quarterly progress reports. He summarized the status of the FFY 2023 awarded projects towards obligation and said the goal is to obligate these funds by September 30, 2023. He said the CRP funds that were just awarded are now included as well. He said these are reimbursement programs, so cities spend the money up front, and you must follow the federal aid process to be reimbursed.

B. Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) (aka IJIA) Updates

Tim Conklin said we have submitted our Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant and we expect to hear back in January. He said we are doing a regional Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP), which your staff are helping to develop, to get everybody set up to apply for the SS4A discretionary grant program. He said the RAISE grant application deadline is February 28, 2023 and noted there may be an opportunity for us to apply for the Highway 112 Corridor sidepath. He highlighted the Local Infrastructure Hub website (<https://localinfrastructure.org/>) and said it is a great website if you are interested in looking at all kinds of active grant programs.

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

Elizabeth Bowen summarized the progress and next steps on the projects as follows:

- Cambridge Systematics (CS)/ATG Subconsultant
- Staff Bi-Weekly Meetings
- Strategic Planning Workshop – Sept 22-23
- TSMO/ITS Committee Meeting – Nov 8
- Requested No-Cost Time Extension

Next Steps

- Develop TSMO Implementation Plan
- Finalize TSMO Plan Outline
- Draft and Finalize TSMO Plan
- ITS Inventory
- Develop ITS Implementation Plan
- Develop ITS Architecture and Deployment Plan and Executive Summary

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

D. NWA Regional Assessment of Stormwater Management

Elizabeth Bowen explained that we have been working on this project since June of last year, after the Illinois River Watershed Partnership (IRWP) came to us. 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 the Arkansas ARPA application opened September 16, 2022 and included a cost share requirement of 50% match and maximum amount of \$5 million per organization, per project type. She said we were able to submit an application by the November 4, 2022 deadline and on December 2, 2022 awards were announced, and our project was not selected or waitlisted. She said we will be looking at how to move that project forward and whether there are other funding sources to pursue.

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Bowen congratulated the NWA communities that were awarded ARPA funds and showed the following, including \$34 million in wastewater projects and \$5.6 million in drinking water projects:

Wastewater Applications Recommended For Award				
ID Number	Applicant	Project Name	Total Poss Award	County
WW-111	Bentonville	Little Osage Creek Gravity Sewer Improvements (NACA Line Replacement)	\$5,000,000	Benton
WW-211	Cave Springs	Cave Springs Wastewater Treatment Regionalization	\$5,000,000	Benton
WW-014	Highfill	Regional Connection to NACA	\$2,721,750	Benton
WW-030	Northwest Arkansas Conservation Authority (NACA)	Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements	\$5,000,000	Benton
WW-398	Rogers	Bardenpho Treatment Basins (Train 1&2) Rehab & Repair	\$2,472,738	Benton
WW0397	Rogers	Solids Handling Facility, Phase II	\$2,527,260	Benton
WW-273	Prairie Grove	PG Wastewater Treatment Facility Expansion 2A	\$4,475,000	Washington
WW-107	Springdale	Springdale Water Utilities WTR Facility - Phase I Improvements	\$5,000,000	Washington
WW-152	West Fork	Homestead Addition Subdivision Water Improvements	\$1,120,000	Washington
WW-055	West Fork	West Fork Sewer Main to Fayetteville	\$800,000	Washington
WW-046	West Fork	West Fork In-House Sewer Projects	\$72,961	Washington
			\$34,189,709	

Drinking Water Applications Recommended For Award				
ID Number	Applicant	Project Name	Total Poss Award	County
DW-376	Benton County Water Authority #5	Rambo Water System Improvements	\$505,104	Benton
DW-103	Garfield	Wilson Rd Main Extension/Loop	\$37,753	Benton
DW-121	Siloam Springs	Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project	\$4,868,069	Benton
DW-521	Winslow	Meter Replacement/Upgrades	\$262,802	Washington
			\$5,673,728	

Drinking Water Applications - Project Wait List				
Projects will be funded in the following order should approved projects fail to utilize funding, fail to meet required deadlines or if additional funding is made available.				
ID Number	Applicant	Project Name	Total Poss Award	County
DW-159	Lincoln	Water Loss Mitigation	\$192,000	Washington

E. Regional Comprehensive Safety Action Plan Update

Bowen said more than 40 people attended the kick-off meeting on November 14, 2022 with consultant, Toole Design Group. She said the goal is to have the plan in place so that cities and the region can apply for the implementation funding that is planned to become available next year. She said we have our first working group meeting scheduled for December 15, 2022 at 10:30am-12:00pm in this room, and Toole Design Group will be scheduling listening sessions with cities.

Bowen said as previously mentioned, we have applied for a Regional Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant and expect to know in January whether we have received those funds.

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

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(10) COMMITTEE AND GROUP UPDATES

A. Active Transportation Committee (ACT)

Elizabeth Bowen gave an update on the recent meetings of the Committee and the Bike/Ped Plan Update Subcommittee and summarized the following:

ACT and NWARBPMP Subcommittee

- **Last Met:** November 17, 2022, NWARBPMP Oct 17 and Nov 17
- Progress report on City/County projects
- Interactive Map Editing Tool –Cities have modified proposed trails, points of interest, catalyst projects, regional network, parks, etc. Cities worked with each other on Nov 17 adjusting proposed projects to coincide with each others needs.
- Public Outreach Survey Complete –Report being drafted by staff
- Intercept Surveys Complete –Reports being drafted by staff
- **Next Meeting:** ACT January 19, 2023 1:30, Subcommittee December 15, 2022 at 1:30
- Map will go to public comment –TBD / Est Jan

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

B. NWA Open Space Coalition

Elizabeth Bowen said the group is 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, Cane Hill, and Gravette. She said they discussed an USDA Survey for implementation of the Inflation Reduction Act funding:

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/news/usda-requests-public-input-on-implementation-of-inflation-reduction-act-funding>

C. MS4 Stormwater Compliance Group

Nicole Gibbs summarized the following:

- **Last Met:** October 19, 2022
- **Next meeting scheduled:** December 21, 2022 @ 10:30 am, in person (every two months on the third Wednesday)
- **MOUs for CY 2023** were emailed – Please sign + return to NWARPC Invoices to be sent early 2023

D. NWA GIS User Group

Nicole Gibbs summarized the following:

- **Last Met:** October 11, 2022
- **Next meeting scheduled:** December 13, 2022, virtual

(11) PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Chris Keeney asked whether any comments had been received prior to the meeting. Nicole Gibbs said we did not receive any new comments, however a comment regarding the Draft TIP, which was received in October and shared at the previous meeting, was included again in the meeting packets.

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

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(12) OTHER BUSINESS

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – (moved from Item 4 above)

Jeff Hawkins said the Clearinghouse Report was a short one and was distributed in person.

Hawkins announced that he would be phasing into retirement in 2023 and that it has been his privilege to serve as the Executive Director of Regional Planning for nearly 22 years. He said when he came, a third of the local governments were not members, but he is proud to say today, that every local government in the two-county area is a member, along with other public agencies – everyone has a seat at the table and everyone has a voice in regional affairs, especially regarding transportation matters. He announced that Tim Conklin will be Acting Director until the Commission decides his successor, and that his best advice would be to move Tim up into the role.

Hawkins acknowledged and named the chief elected officials who will be leaving office and congratulated and named their successors, welcoming their involvement in regional affairs. He said there are discussions with the NWA Council regarding an EPA discretionary grant opportunity for a Recycling Education & Outreach Program. He congratulated the successful applicants of the infrastructure grants under the Stimulus Program, and said we always need to be vigilant that NWA is getting a per capita fair share of funding that comes to the State. He said the US Census Bureau announced its scheduled release of urban area delineations as December 29, 2022, saying those numbers impact all forms of transportation funding available for the region in the next 10 years.

Chair Mayor Keeney said with Jeff's announcement we will need to form a succession committee and he will reach out to elected and appointed officials by Friday to see about serving on the committee.

A. CY 2023 Officer Elections in January – Form Nominating Committee

Chair Mayor Keeney said we will need to form a nominating committee to nominate next year's RPC/Policy Committee officers and asked if anyone would like to volunteer. Mayor Ernie Penn volunteered Melissa McCarville to chair the committee.

Mayor Keeney said he understands the Chair position will rotate to a Benton County jurisdiction next, which was confirmed.

B. NWARPC Check Signers

Jeff Hawkins said a resolution has been prepared to adjust the authorized check signers, who currently include Patsy Christie, Mayor Bill Groom, Mayor Sonny Hudson, and himself. He said the proposed signers are Patsy Christie, Mayor Chris Keeney, Melissa McCarville, and Tim Conklin.

Chair Mayor Keeney asked if there were any questions and hearing none called for a motion to approve Resolution #2022-19 Approving Check Signers for NWARPC Accounts.

MOTION: Administrator Phillip Patterson moved to approve Resolution #2022-19 Approving Check Signers for NWARPC Accounts. Mayor Peter Christie provided the second. Motion passed unanimously.

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C. Future Meeting Dates:

Chair Mayor Keeney announced upcoming meetings as follows:

- **TAC Meeting** – *December Meeting Canceled*
- **SS4A CSAP Meeting** – Thursday, December 15, 2022 @ 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
- **TAC Meeting** – Thursday, January 19, 2023 @ 10:30 AM
- **RPC/Policy Committee Meeting** – Wednesday, January 25, 2023 @ 1:30 PM

D. ARDOT Highway 112 Location and Design Public Hearings (Phase III)

Tim Conklin encouraged cities to participate in the ARDOT Highway 112 Location and Design meetings and noted cities should have received invitations from ARDOT to the Public Officials meetings prior to the public hearings shown and described as follows:

- **Howard Nickell Rd to Hwy 412 (Jobs 040752, 040758, 040860)** – Meeting Previously Held | [Link to Meeting Materials \(click here\)](#) (comment through 12/30/2022)
- **Hwy 412 to Springdale Bypass (Job 012305)** – Tuesday, December 13, 2022 @4:00pm-7:00pm, Elm Springs United Methodist Church, 118 N. Elm Street Elm Springs, AR 72728 | [Link to Meeting Materials \(click here\)](#) (comment through 1/13/2023)
- **Springdale Bypass to Hwy 12 (Jobs 090513, 090514, 090636)** – Thursday, December 15, 2022 @4:00pm-7:00pm, Bentonville Community Center, 1101 SW Citizens Circle Bentonville, AR 72712 | [Link to Meeting Materials \(click here\)](#) (comment through 1/13/2023)

Chair Mayor Keeney asked whether there was any other business.

(13) ADJOURN

With no other business, Chair Mayor Chris Keeney adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 22ND DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2023.



Mayor Chris Keeney, Chair, NWARPC

ATTEST:

