

**NARTS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2023 AT 10:30 AM; APPROVED FEBRUARY 16, 2023**

ENTITY	MEMBER	PRESENT	PROXY
AVOCA	ROBERT WHITEHORN		
BELLA VISTA	DOUG TAPP	X	
BENTON COUNTY	JUDGE BARRY MOEHRING JOSH BEAM JAY FRASIER (TRACY BACKS)	X	
BENTONVILLE	DENNIS BIRGE DAN WEESE	X X	
CAVE SPRINGS	MAYOR RANDALL NOBLETT		
CENTERTON	MAYOR BILL EDWARDS LORENE BURNS	X	
ELKINS	MAYOR TROY REED		
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		
GREENLAND	MAYOR JIM RENFROW		
HIGHFILL	MAYOR CHRIS HOLLAND		
JOHNSON	MAYOR CHRIS KEENEY		
LITTLE FLOCK	MAYOR JEFF VAN SICKLER		
LOWELL	MAYOR CHRIS MOORE	X	Richard Stone
PEA RIDGE	MAYOR NATHAN SEE		
PINEVILLE	MAYOR GREG SWEETEN		
PRAIRIE GROVE	MAYOR DAVID FAULK		
ROGERS	LANCE JOBE SHAWN GRINDSTAFF JOHN MCCURDY	X	
SILOAM SPRINGS	BEN RHOADS ( <b>VICE CHAIR</b> ) KEVIN MOORE	X	
SPRINGDALE	PATSY CHRISTIE ( <b>CHAIR</b> ) RYAN CARR	X X	Ryan Carr
TONTITOWN	MAYOR ANGELA RUSSELL	X	Mark Latham
WASHINGTON CO.	BRIAN LESTER SAM ATA JEFF CROWDER		
WEST FORK	MAYOR HEITH CAUDLE		
WINSLOW	ANN MALKIE		
NWARPC	JEFF HAWKINS		
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	COMM. BRYAN HALL		
MoDOT	FRANK MILLER (MARVIN MORRIS)	X	Kimberly Ader
NWA NATIONAL AIRPORT	AARON BURKES		
ARDOT PLANNING AND DISTRICT 9	CHRIS DILLAHA (SUNNY FARMAHAN) STACEY BURGE	X	

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

**OTHERS:** David Keck (Cave Springs); Britni O'Connor (MoDOT); Aaron Boehmler (Burns McDonnell); Rob Smith (NWA Council); AJ Cook, Anna Negrete, Anna Stamps (CEI); Dawn Warrick (Freese & Nichols); Steve Starrett (Halff); 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 Vice Chair Ben Rhoads 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 NOVEMBER 17, 2022 TAC MEETING MINUTES**

Vice Chair Rhoads asked the Committee whether there were any additions or corrections to the meeting minutes and hearing none, requested a motion to approve the November 17, 2022 TAC Meeting Minutes.

**MOTION:** Mark Latham made a motion to approve the November 17, 2022 TAC Meeting Minutes. Paul Libertini provided the second. Motion passed unanimously.

**(4) 2023 ARDOT & MoDOT PERFORMANCE TARGETS FOR PAVEMENT AND BRIDGE CONDITION, AND TRAVEL TIME RELIABILITY – Recommendation to RPC/Policy Committee**

Vice Chair Rhoads introduced the item and Tim Conklin explained that we approved Safety targets in October 2022, and today we are discussing pavement, bridges and system performance. He said we received both MoDOT and ARDOT targets and explained we are federally required to either support the state DOT targets or establish our own. He said we have supported state targets in the past. He summarized the four pavement condition targets, two bridge condition targets, and three travel time reliability targets established by MoDOT and ARDOT and showed the following table, noting the targets under consideration are highlighted in yellow:

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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 Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission - 2023 PM2 & PM3 - January 25, 2023 Res. No. 2023-02 (DRAFT)														
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 2017-2021*				MoDOT 2021-2025*			ARDOT 2018-2022*				ARDOT 2022-2026*		
	Baseline (2017)	2019 Target (2-year)	2021 Target (4-year)	2021 Target (Revised)	2021 Baseline	2023 Target (2-year)	2025 Target (4-year)	(IRI Only)** Baseline (2018)	2020 Target (2-year)	2022 Target (4-year)	2022 Target (Revised)	Baseline (2022)	2024 Target (2-year)	2026 Target (4-year)
Percentage of Interstate Pavements in Good Condition	77.5%	N/A	77.5%	77.5%	79.9%	77.5%	77.5%	77.0%	N/A	79.0%	79.0%	65.2%	54.0%	48.0%
Percentage of Interstate Pavements in Poor Condition	0.1%	N/A	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	4.0%	N/A	5.0%	5.0%	1.3%	5.0%	5.0%
Percentage of non-Interstate NHS Pavements in Good Condition	61.1%	61.1%	61.1%	61.1%	61.3%	61.1%	61.1%	52.0%	48.0%	44.0%	59.0%	35.0%	41.0%	45.0%
Percentage of non-Interstate NHS Pavements in Poor Condition	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	0.9%	1.0%	1.0%	8.0%	10.0%	12.0%	7.0%	5.3%	4.0%	4.0%
BRIDGE	MoDOT 2017-2021*				MoDOT 2021-2025*			ARDOT 2018-2022*				ARDOT 2022-2026*		
	Baseline (2017)	2019 Target (2-year)	2021 Target (4-year)	2021 Target (Revised)	2021 Baseline	2023 Target (2-year)	2025 Target (4-year)	Baseline (2018)	2020 Target (2-year)	2022 Target (4-year)	2022 Target (Revised)	Baseline (2022)	2024 Target (2-year)	2026 Target (4-year)
Percent of NHS bridges by deck area classified as Good condition	34.0%	30.9%	30.9%	26.4%	27.2%	22.8%	19.2%	50.3%	50.0%	50.0%	42.0%	43.6%	39.0%	40.0%
Percent of NHS bridges by deck area classified as Poor condition	7.1%	7.1%	7.1%	8.2%	7.1%	7.7%	7.8%	3.9%	4.0%	6.0%	6.0%	3.5%	6.0%	8.0%
TRAVEL TIME RELIABILITY	MoDOT 2017-2021*				MoDOT 2021-2025*			ARDOT 2018-2022*				ARDOT 2022-2026*		
	Baseline (2017)	2019 Target (2-year)	2021 Target (4-year)	2021 Target (Revised)	2021 Baseline	2023 Target (2-year)	2025 Target (4-year)	Baseline (2018)	2020 Target (2-year)	2022 Target (4-year)	2022 Target (Revised)	Baseline (2022)	2024 Target (2-year)	2026 Target (4-year)
Interstate Travel Time Reliability Measure: Percent of Reliable Person-Miles Traveled on the Interstate	91.6%	88.9%	87.1%	87.1%	98.4%	87.1%	86.0%	95.0%	91.0%	89.0%	93.0%	98.5%	93.0%	93.0%
Non-Interstate Travel Time Reliability Measure: Percent of Reliable Person-Miles Traveled on the Non-Interstate NHS	92.3%	N/A	87.8%	87.8%	95.5%	87.8%	87.0%	96.0%	N/A	90.0%	92.0%	95.6%	92.0%	92.0%
Freight Reliability Measure: Truck Travel Time Reliability Index	1.25	1.28	1.30	1.45	1.18	1.45	1.45	1.21	1.45	1.52	1.40	1.24	1.35	1.35

\*ArDOT refers to data users; ARDOT refers to report users

Conklin said these, along with safety and transit targets are established by NWARPC as Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the region. There was discussion regarding bridge condition, how performance is measured, and how funds are programmed in support of the targets.

Vice Chair Rhoads asked the Committee whether there were any other questions and hearing none, requested a motion to recommend to the RPC/Policy Committee the Performance Targets for Pavement & Bridge Condition, and Travel Time Reliability.

**MOTION:** Paul Libertini made a motion to recommend to the RPC/Policy Committee the ARDOT & MoDOT Performance Targets for Pavement and Bridge Condition, and Travel Time Reliability. Ryan Carr provided the second. Motion passed unanimously.

**(5) RAISE GRANT APPLICATION FOR HIGHWAY 112 HERITAGE SPRINGS TRAIL PROJECT – Discussion**

Vice Chair Rhoads introduced the item and Tim Conklin explained that USDOT has issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the FY 2023 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant. He said we have approached ARDOT about NWARPC applying for a \$25 million RAISE grant to go toward the construction of the ARDOT Highway 112 projects between Fayetteville and Bentonville. He said the 18-mile corridor is being designed with access

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management, 26 roundabouts, and a separated 12-foot shared-use paved trail and we believe it will compete well within the funding program. He said the project is a very ambitious project involving multiple jurisdictions, and the proposed trail is a designated catalyst project for the Heritage Springs Trail in the NWA Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan. He said it is important to get the project built to serve current and future needs of the fast-growing region, as it is very difficult and expensive to retrofit changes in the future. He said we are pursuing all potential funding sources to ensure the project is able to be constructed with the regional vision developed and adopted by the Commission.

He said ARDOT has indicated that they will support our application, however we are waiting for official documentation from them. There was discussion regarding the intent to put the application together this year and the potential to reapply for future RAISE grant cycles, along with other discretionary grant programs, such as a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) implementation grant.

Vice Chair Rhoads asked whether there were any other questions or comments. Conklin said unless there is opposition from member jurisdictions, staff will continue putting together the application for the FY 2023 RAISE grant program. There were no other comments.

## **(6) PROJECTS AND OTHER UPDATES**

### **A. Urban Area Boundary and Population Update**

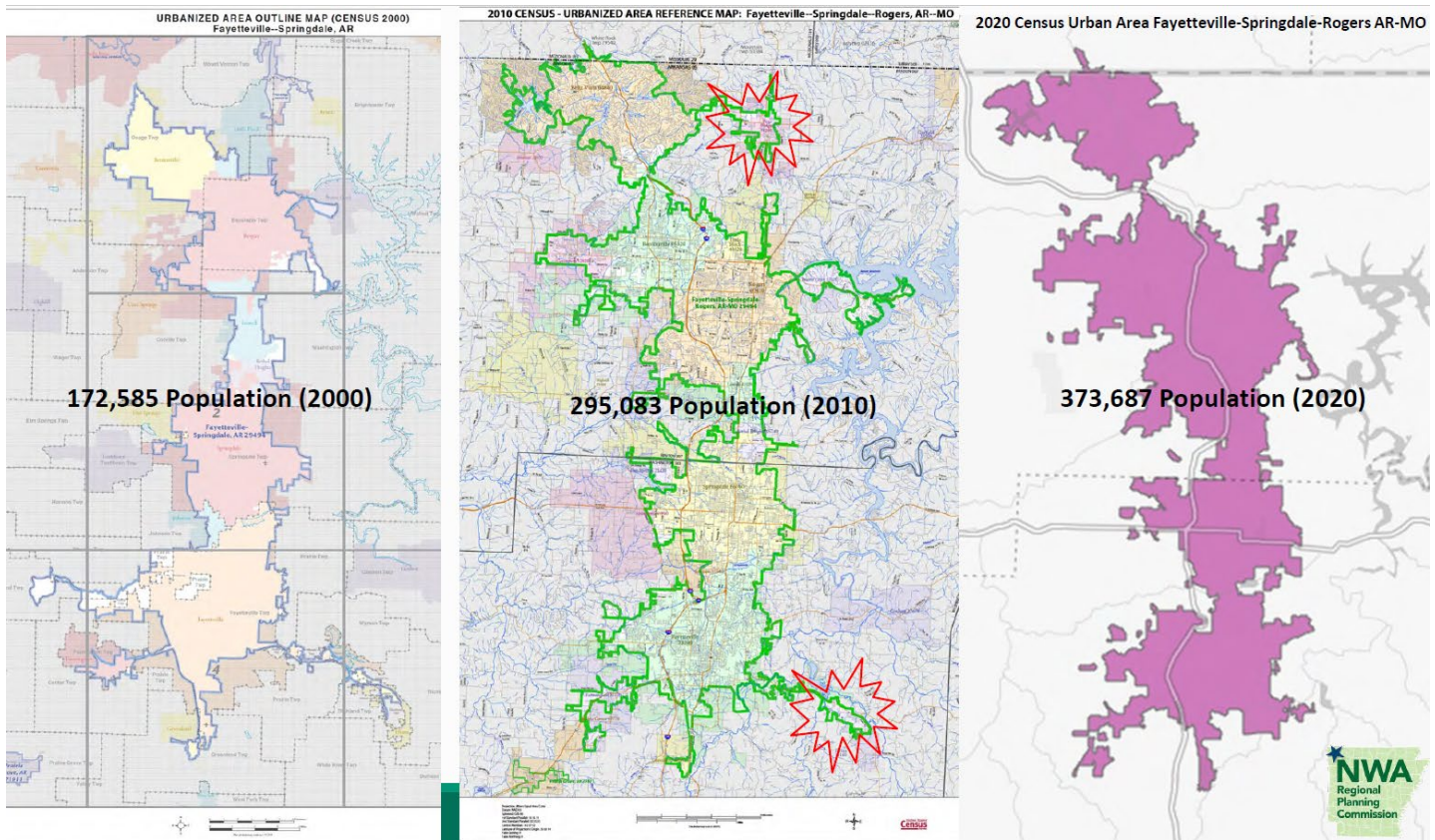
Vice Chair Rhoads introduced the item and Tim Conklin explained that the US Census Bureau released the Urban Area designations. He said the new Urban Areas changed the criteria for how urban and rural areas are defined, and summarized the changes as follows:

- The use of housing unit density instead of solely population density.
  - The minimum population threshold to qualify as urban increased from 2,500 to 5,000 or a minimum housing unit threshold of 2,000 housing units.
  - The jump distance was reduced from 2.5 miles to 1.5 miles for 2020. Jump distance is the distance along roads used to connect high-density urban territories surrounded by rural territory.
  - No longer distinguishing between urbanized areas and urban clusters. All qualifying areas are designated urban areas.
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- The second change ...defining urban areas based on housing unit density measured at the census block level, instead of population density.
  - Three density thresholds are used in the delineation process:
    - 425 housing units per square mile define the initial urban core.
    - Then 200 units per square mile fill in the remainder of the urban area, which is similar to the 2000 and 2010 censuses.
    - 1,275 housing units per square mile ensures each qualifying urban area contains at least one high density nucleus.

*NOTE: The Census Urban Area Boundary does not follow city limits*

Conklin said it is important to understand that the Urban Area designation does not follow city limits. He explained that your entire city may not be within the Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, AR-MO Urban Area, and that parts of your city may be considered urban, while others are designated rural. He said we compared the Northwest Arkansas urban area to others such as Little Rock, Fort Smith, Jonesboro, AR; Springfield, MO; Tulsa, OK; Wichita, KS and said we had the highest numeric increase (78,604) as well as the highest percent population change (26.6%) and population density change (313). He showed the following graphics illustrating the 2000, 2010 Urbanized Areas and the 2020 Urban Area:

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Conklin noted that Pea Ridge and Elkins are no longer part of the Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers AR-MO Urban Area. He said the Urban Area still reaches into Missouri, increasing from 2 people in 2010, to 25 in 2020. He also provided a breakdown in urban population by jurisdiction from 1990 to 2020, noting that the urban area has seen a shift towards Benton County, as well as a trend toward the smaller cities urbanizing.

Conklin said these numbers are important because federal-aid programs use these urban population numbers as part of their funding formulas and the new numbers will affect the suballocation of our STBG, CRP, and TAP funds, we believe starting in FY 2024. He said the population share of the state Transportation Management Areas (TMA's), with urban populations over 200,000, increased from 26.29% in 2010 to 29.05% in 2020, and we believe the projected increases in federal funding to NWARPC will be around \$2 million and Little Rock Metroplan will be around \$500,000.

There was discussion of the three other designated Urban Areas within the region, being Siloam Springs, Pea Ridge, and Prairie Grove. Conklin said only the Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers AR-MO Urban Area determines the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)/Federal Transit Administration (FTA) suballocated funding. He said in addition to suballocated funding, many discretionary grant programs have funding implications as to whether the project is in an urban area or rural area and said there are interactive maps available: <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/geography/guidance/geo-areas/urban-rural.html>

Vice Chair Rhoads asked whether there were any other questions and there were none.



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

Tim Conklin explained that a change being implemented this is that we are developing tri-party agreement of understanding (AoU) to include the Jurisdiction, ARDOT, and NWARPC. He said you will be required to submit your quarterly to report to ARDOT and NWARPC, so that we are better able to track where you are at in project development. He said Program Management has indicated that once they receive the award letters from NWARPC, they will begin the process of putting together the AoU. He said all of us need to be working toward getting the agreements reviewed, signed and back to ARDOT. There was discussion regarding the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funding eligibility, and that we are still waiting on a response from ARDOT and FHWA. He said do not begin purchasing or constructing without going through the Local Public Agency (LPA) process.

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

Tim Conklin said we have submitted our Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program grant, and we are still waiting to hear whether it was awarded, and as mentioned, we are pursuing a RAISE grant, due February 28, 2023. He said there is a USDOT schedule of upcoming grants (<https://www.transportation.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/key-notices-funding-opportunity>), and we were surprised to see that the FY 2023 SS4A NOFO is scheduled to be released in April 2023. He said we are talking with the two transit agencies on potentially pursuing a grant for FTA's Areas of Persistent Poverty funding program to do engineering work for the Bus Stop Enhancements Plan implementation program that was presented to the Commission in November.

**D. NWARPC Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Update**

Elizabeth Bowen explained that NWARPC will receive about \$2.2 million in Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funding for FFYs 2022 and 2023. She said we set aside \$50,000 for the development of a CRP Plan, and awarded about \$1.5 million in December 2022, leaving about \$690,000 of estimated funding still available. She said we were authorized to issue a second call for projects and summarized the following estimated timeline:

- [Call for Projects – December 11, 2022](#)
- [Application Deadline \(Resolution Required\) – February 14, 2022, at 4:00pm](#)
- Project Sponsor Presentation to TAC Committee – February 16, 2022 at 10:30am
- 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

Bowen said if you have any questions, please call. She briefly highlighted the approved program focus areas and summarized other program requirements as follows:

- Resolution required
- Fund amounts are estimated for 2023
- Federally funded 80% federal/20 local matching (in cash)
- This is a reimbursable program
- Follow ARDOT Local Public Agency (LPA) federal-aid process for reimbursement
- Funds must be used for eligible projects
- Funds must be obligated by Sep 2023

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Conklin said in an effort to be able to meet the September 2023 obligation deadline, don't forget to consider your existing TAP projects that may be overmatched with local funds; many cities re-apply to get their projects up to 80% federally funded.

**E. Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSMO)/Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)**

Elizabeth Bowen said there was a Strategic Planning Workshop in September and said the committee and consultants continue to make progress on the two plans, summarizing the following:

- Cambridge Systematics(CS)/ATG Subconsultant
- Staff Bi-Weekly Meetings
- TSMO/ITS Committee Meeting – Jan 10
  - Vision/Mission/Goals both Plans
  - Strategic Initiatives both Plans

**Next Steps**

- ITS Survey (by Jan 31) (All Communities)
- Develop TSMO Implementation Plan –Feb 2023
- Draft and Finalize TSMO Plan Mar 2023
- Finalize ITS Inventory –Feb 2023
- Develop ITS Implementation Plan Feb 2023
- Develop ITS Architecture and Deployment Plan and Executive Summary –Mar 2023

ARDOT TSMO Plan is behind schedule

Bowen said we have not been able to coordinate our TSMO plan with ARDOT's up to this point.

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

Elizabeth Bowen said we have been working on this for about 18 months after the Illinois River Watershed Partnership (IRWP) approached us about partnering with us to create a stormwater study, pursuing funding through the Arkansas ARPA funds. She summarized the following:

- On September 16, 2022, the Arkansas Legislative Council approved \$270 million in grant funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
- Application Period Opened -September 16, 2022
- Cost share requirements for NWA is a 50% match
- Maximum \$5M per organization per project type
- Application Deadline -November 4, 2022 (4:00 PM)
- Application was submitted for \$350K ARPA/\$400K COE PAS/\$50K In-kind
- Awards -December 2, 2022
- Did not receive award and were not waitlisted
- NEXT STEPS???

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 to Northwest Arkansas communities:

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## 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

She said in addition to the stormwater project we were working on, we received notification that the Beaver Watershed Alliance (BWA) received a grant from the Arkansas Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Division (NRD) for "Smart Growth for Source Water Protection" and summarized the objectives of the projects. She said in addition, IRWP had received an NRD grant and is asking for input and participation on January 24, 2023 (Cherokee Casino and Hotel, Saco Salon Meeting Room, West Siloam Springs, OK from 2pm to 4:30pm) to provide input into their plan development.

Bowen said we have been working on a regional stormwater assessment; we completed a scope, went through the procurement process to hire consultant Halff for the study, however we were not selected to receive the ARPA funds. She asked if the committee would like us to pursue other funding, or how they would like us to proceed. There were no suggestions. Bowen said we will table the project for now. She said the US Army Corps of Engineers are still willing to partner at the 50% level if it meets their requirements. She asked the committee to let us know if other funding opportunities come up.



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

Bowen said NWARPC is completing a Regional Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP). She said as previously mentioned, we have applied for a FY 2022 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) CSAP grant. She said award announcements are anticipated in early 2023, and meanwhile, we have set-aside STBGP-A funding and a Walton Family Foundation Grant for the local match to begin the process. She summarized the following:

- Notice to Proceed October 31, 2022 – Toole Design Group
- Kick-off meeting was held November 14
- First working group meeting was held December 15
- Listening sessions are currently being scheduled with Communities
- Logo, website, review crash data, develop high-risk network
- Second working group meeting scheduled for February 10, 2:00-3:30pm

**(7) COMMITTEE AND GROUP UPDATES**

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

Elizabeth Bowen summarized the recent meetings of the Committee and Bike/Ped Plan Update Subcommittee. She said there will be an ACT meeting and subcommittee meeting this afternoon at 1:30pm. She summarized other progress of the plan update:

**Last Met:** November 17, 2022, NWARBPMP Nov 17 and Dec 15

- 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 –Reports being drafted by staff
- Intercept Surveys Complete –Reports drafted and Cities are reviewing

**Next Meeting –**

- ACT January 19, 2023 1:30
- Subcommittee NWARBPMP January 19, 2023 at approx. 2:30
- Map will go to public comment –TBD / Est Jan

Bowen said just a couple weeks ago, a bill was signed by President Biden designating the Butterfield Overland Mail Route as a National Historic Trail. She said the route we approved last month for the Butterfield Stage Experience Route is now a National Historic Trail, and we will be seeing signage go up by the National Park Service for that.

Bowen explained that we have recently been notified that ARDOT will not be able to get applications submitted to the Commission and AASHTO before the April 2023 deadline for the USBR 51 and USBR 251.

**(8) 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.**

Vice Chair Ben Rhoads asked whether there were any public comments received, or anyone present or online with comments and there were none.

**(9) OTHER BUSINESS**

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**A. Future Meeting Dates:**

Vice Chair Rhoads went over the future meetings as follows:

- **RPC/Policy Committee Meeting** – Wednesday, January 25, 2023 @ 1:30 PM
- **SS4A CSAP Working Group Meeting #2** – Friday, February 10, 2023 @ 2:00-3:30 PM
- **TAC Meeting** – Thursday, February 16, 2023 @ 10:30 AM

Vice Chair Ben Rhoads asked if there was any other business; hearing none he thanked everyone for their participation.

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The meeting was ended at 11:19 am.