NORTHWEST ARKANSAS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION



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June 30, 2023

Via email Frank Miller, Kimberly Ader, and Britni O'Connor, MoDOT Chris Dillaha and Sunny Farmahan, ARDOT Tim Conklin, and Cristina Scarlat, NWARPC

RE: NARTS FFY 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT #1 APPROVAL

All:

The Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (NWARPC), in conjunction with the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT), have determined an amendment to the Northwest Arkansas Regional Transportation Study (NARTS) FFY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is necessary to add Jobs #7I3512 and #SR0117 for system preservation improvements in the rural southwest district.

Both the NARTS TIP and the Missouri STIP list projects for roadway, bridge, safety, intersection improvement and transit projects. The NARTS TIP is consistent with the NWA 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the Missouri STIP is consistent with the Statewide Long-Range Plan. The purpose of Amendment #1 is to reconcile the NARTS TIP with the Missouri STIP. The NARTS TIP is a component of the STIP, and as such, the projects, funding amounts, categories, FFY, etc., must match the STIP.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION: In accordance with NWARPC's Public Participation Plan, notification was published in the Democrat Gazette on Sunday, June 4, 2023, the La Prensa Libre on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, and the McDonald County Press on Thursday, June 15, 2023, and online at www.nwarpc.org/public-notifications/. A public comment period for TIP Amendment #1 began on Monday, June 5, 2023 and ran through Monday, June 19, 2023. Written comments were encouraged via email using the comment tab on the NWARPC website. No public comments were received.

RECOMMENDATION AND APPROVAL: The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) held a hybrid, in-person and virtual, meeting on June 15, 2023 and recommended approval of the TIP Amendment to the RPC/Policy Committee. The RPC/Policy Committee held a hybrid, in-person and virtual, meeting on June 28, 2023 and approved Resolution #2023-11 Amending the NARTS FFY 2023-2026 TIP.

This approval letter along with the approved Resolution #2023-11 have been incorporated into the NARTS FFY 2023-2026 TIP Amendment and Administrative Modification section, which can be viewed at www.nwarpc.org/transportation/transportation-improvement-program/.

Thank you for your assistance in this endeavor. Please contact me if you require additional information.

Sincerely, *Nicole Gibbs* Nicole Gibbs, AICP Regional Planner, NWARPC

Enclosed: NWARPC Resolution #2023-11

RESOLUTION #2023-11 AMENDING THE NORTHWEST ARKANSAS REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY (NARTS) FFY 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

WHEREAS, Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (NWARPC) is the officially designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the MPO is charged with the responsibility of developing and administering the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Northwest Arkansas Regional Transportation Study (NARTS); and

WHEREAS, the NWARPC, in conjunction with the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT), have determined an amendment to the Northwest Arkansas Regional Transportation Study (NARTS) Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is necessary to include Jobs #713512 and #SR0117 for system preservation improvements in the rural southwest district; and

WHEREAS, based on the adopted NWARPC Public Participation Plan, this MoDOT requested TIP amendment was subject to public comment from June 5, 2023 to June 19, 2023.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTHWEST ARKANSAS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

That the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission hereby amends the NARTS FFY 2023-2026 TIP by adding the following job items:

| JOB | COUNTY | ROUTE TERMINI | | LENGTH | TYPE WORK | ESTIMATED COST Funding Breakdown (in thousands) | AGENCY CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT | FFY | MPO |
|--------|---------|---|-------------|--------|------------------------|---|--|------|-------|
| ADD: | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 3512 | VARIOUS | VARIOUS On-call work zone enforcemen locations in the rural Southwes | | 0 | System Preservation | 100 - TOTAL 90 - Safety 10 - State | MoDOT | 2024 | NARTS |
| SR0117 | VARIOUS | VARIOUS Job Order Contracting for concr in the rural Southwest District. | ete repairs | 0 | System Preservation | 1,151 - TOTAL 921 - AC-STBG 230 - State | MoDOT | 2024 | NARTS |

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 28TH DAY OF JUNE, 2023

Chair, NWARPC

2.20 ATTEST: