



## NORTHWEST ARKANSAS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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**November 15, 2023**

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Tim Conklin, Tim Reavis, and Cristina Scarlat, NWARPC

### **RE: FY 2021 & 2022 PROGRAM OF PROJECT (POP) AMENDMENT APPROVAL**

All:

The Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (NWARPC), in conjunction with Razorback Transit and FTA, has determined that an amendment to the Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, AR-MO Urbanized Area FY 2021 and the FY 2022 Program of Projects (POP) is necessary to adjust distribution of suballocated funding to Razorback Transit for their transit projects.

Preparation of the POP is in coordination with Razorback Transit and Ozark Regional Transit (ORT)—the two providers of publicly owned public transportation, fixed-route service in the urbanized area. The project listings and the splits are consistent with and derived from the TIP/STIP and approved by the NWARPC/MPO Policy Committee. This amendment, made at the request of Razorback Transit, does not adjust the split ratio of 55% to ORT and 45% to Razorback Transit, but instead redistributes the categorical allocations of the Razorback Transit projects due to the increased costs of bus procurement.

**PUBLIC NOTIFICATION:** Notification of the amendment was published in the Northwest Arkansas Democrat Gazette on Sunday, October 8, 2023, the La Prensa Libre on Wednesday, October 11, 2023, and the McDonald County Press on Thursday, October 12, 2023, and online at [www.nwarpc.org/public-notifications/](http://www.nwarpc.org/public-notifications/). A public comment period for the amendment began on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 and ran through Tuesday, October 24, 2023. Written comments were encouraged via email or 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 October 19, 2023 and recommended approval of the POP Amendment to the RPC/Policy Committee. The RPC/Policy Committee held a hybrid, in-person and virtual, meeting on October 25, 2023 and voted to amending the FY 2021 and 2022 Program of Projects (POP) for Razorback Transit projects.

This approval letter along with the approved FY 2021 & FY 2022 POP Amendments have been published on our website and can be viewed at <https://www.nwarpc.org/transit/transit-agencies-support/>.

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:  
FFY 2021 POP Amendment  
FFY 2022 POP Amendment

**FAYETTEVILLE-SPRINGDALE-ROGERS, AR-MO FTA URBANIZED  
AREA FORMULA FFY 2021 PROGRAM OF PROJECTS (POP)**

**AMENDMENT APPROVED BY NWARPC POLICY COMMITTEE 10/25/2023**

<b>FTA SECTION 5307 POP FFY 2021</b>							
<b>OZARK REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY</b>							
<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Project Type</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>Total Cost (Amended)</b>	<b>Federal Share</b>	<b>Federal Share (Amended)</b>	<b>Local Share</b>	<b>Local Share (Amended)</b>
Operating Assist.	Operating	\$1,573,758		\$786,879		\$786,879	
Preventative Mtn.	Capital	\$444,805		\$355,844		\$88,961	
ADA Paratransit Service	Capital	\$357,100		\$285,680		\$71,420	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,375,663</b>		<b>\$1,428,403</b>		<b>\$947,260</b>	
<b>UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS – RAZORBACK TRANSIT</b>							
Operating Assist.	Operating	\$480,000	\$85,386	\$240,000	\$42,693	\$240,000	\$42,693
Preventative Mtn.	Capital	\$453,366	\$512,500	\$362,693	\$410,000	\$90,673	\$102,500
Bus Procurement	Capital	\$529,412	\$705,882	\$450,000	\$600,000	\$79,412	\$105,882
ADA Paratransit Service	Capital	\$145,000		\$116,000		\$29,000	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,607,778</b>	<b>\$1,448,768</b>	<b>\$1,168,693</b>		<b>\$439,085</b>	<b>\$280,075</b>
<b>NORTHWEST ARKANSAS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION</b>							
Comp. Planning	Capital	\$125,000		\$100,000		\$25,000	
<b>SUMMARY – ALL PROVIDERS</b>							
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$4,108,441</b>	<b>\$3,949,431</b>	<b>\$2,697,096</b>		<b>\$1,411,345</b>	<b>\$1,252,335</b>

<b>FTA SECTION 5339 POP FFY 2018, 2019, 2020 &amp; 2021</b>					
<b>OZARK REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY</b>					
<b>Project Description</b>	<b>FFY Funding</b>	<b>Project Type</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>Federal Share</b>	<b>Local Share</b>
Bus Procurement	2018	Capital	\$205,379	\$174,572	\$30,807
Bus Procurement	2019	Capital	\$186,781	\$158,764	\$28,017
Bus Procurement	2020	Capital	\$184,246	\$156,609	\$27,637
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<b>SUMMARY – FFY TOTALS (ORT + RAZORBACK TRANSIT)</b>					
FTA Section 5339	FFY 2018	Capital	\$410,758	\$349,144	\$61,614
FTA Section 5339	FFY 2019	Capital	\$373,562	\$317,528	\$56,034
FTA Section 5339	FFY 2020	Capital	\$368,492	\$313,218	\$55,274
FTA Section 5339	FFY 2021	Capital	\$334,030	\$283,926	\$50,104

4/5/18 ORT – \$3.6 million Sec. 5339(b) Bus grant approved. 9/25/18 ORT \$2.9 million Sec. 5339(b) Facility grant approved.  
Coronavirus Aid, Relief, & Economic Security (CARES) Act Funding: Total \$7,731,764 - ORT: \$4,252,470/Razorback: \$3,479,294  
American Rescue Plan Act Funding: Total \$996,609 – ORT: \$548,135/Razorback: \$448,474

**FAYETTEVILLE-SPRINGDALE-ROGERS, AR-MO FTA URBANIZED AREA FORMULA  
FFY 2022 PROGRAM OF PROJECTS (POP)**

**AMENDMENT APPROVED BY NWARPC POLICY COMMITTEE 10/25/2023**

**FTA SECTION 5307 POP FFY 2022**

OZARK REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY								
Project Description	Project Type	Total Cost	Total Cost (Amended)	Federal Share	Federal Share (Amended)	Local Share	Local Share (Amended)	
Operating Assist.	Operating	\$ 2,050,504		\$ 1,025,252		\$ 1,025,252		
Preventative Mtn.	Capital	\$ 579,552		\$ 463,642		\$ 115,910		
ADA Paratransit Service	Capital	\$ 465,279		\$ 372,223		\$ 93,056		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 3,095,335</b>		<b>\$ 1,861,117</b>		<b>\$ 1,234,218</b>		
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS – RAZORBACK TRANSIT								
Operating Assist.	Operating	\$ 105,466		\$ 52,733		\$ 52,733		
Preventative Mtn.	Capital	\$ 750,000	\$ 562,500	\$ 600,000	\$ 450,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 112,500	
Bus Procurement	Capital	\$ 882,353	\$ 1,058,824	\$ 750,000	\$ 900,000	\$ 132,353	\$ 158,824	
ADA Paratransit Service	Capital	\$ 150,000		\$ 120,000		\$ 30,000		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 1,887,819</b>	<b>\$ 1,876,790</b>	<b>\$ 1,522,733</b>		<b>\$ 365,086</b>	<b>\$ 354,057</b>	
NORTHWEST ARKANSAS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION								
Comp. Planning	Capital	\$ 125,000		\$ 100,000		\$ 25,000		
SUMMARY – ALL PROVIDERS								
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 5,108,154</b>		<b>\$ 3,483,850</b>		<b>\$ 1,624,304</b>		

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<b>2022</b>	<b>Bus Procurement</b>	Capital	<b>\$ 160,107</b>		<b>\$ 136,091</b>		<b>\$ 24,016</b>	
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FFY 2021	FTA Section 5339	Capital	\$ 334,030		\$ 283,926		\$ 50,104	
<b>FFY 2022</b>	<b>FTA Section 5339</b>	Capital	<b>\$ 320,214</b>		<b>\$ 272,182</b>		<b>\$ 48,032</b>	

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