



NORTHWEST ARKANSAS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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

RE: NARTS FFY 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT #4 APPROVAL

All:

The Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (NWARPC), in conjunction with Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT), has 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 Job SR0205 for safety improvement (striping upgrades) on I-49 from Rte. EE near Pineville, Missouri to the Arkansas State line.

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 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 Northwest Arkansas Democrat Gazette on Sunday, November 5, 2023, the La Prensa Libre on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, and the McDonald County Press on Thursday, November 9, 2023, and online at www.nwarpc.org/public-notifications/. A public comment period for TIP Amendment #4 began on Monday, November 6, 2023 and ran through Monday, November 20, 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 November 16, 2023 and recommended approval of the TIP Amendment to the RPC/Policy Committee. A ballot was emailed to RPC/Policy Committee members on Thursday, November 16, 2023. The ballots were returned by noon, Tuesday, November 21, 2023. After a tally of the votes submitted, it was determined that the RPC/Policy Committee members voted unanimously to approve Resolution #2023-21 Amending the NARTS FFY 2023-2026 TIP.

This approval letter has been incorporated into the NARTS FFY 2023-2026 TIP Amendments and Administrative Modifications, 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,

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