



NORTHWEST ARKANSAS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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

RE: NARTS FFY 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT #5 APPROVAL

All:

The Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (NWARPC), in conjunction with Ozark Regional Transit (ORT) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), has determined an amendment to the Northwest Arkansas Regional Transportation Study (NARTS) Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is necessary, at the request of ORT, to modify FTA Section 5339 programmed funding amounts for FFY 2024.

Both the NARTS TIP and the Arkansas 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 Democrat Gazette on Sunday, January 7, 2024, the La Prensa Libre on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, the McDonald County Press on Thursday, January 11, 2024, and online at www.nwarpc.org/public-notifications/. A public comment period for TIP Amendment #5 began on Monday, January 8, 2024 and ran through Monday, January 22, 2024. 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 January 18, 2024 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 Wednesday, January 24, 2024 and approved Resolution #2024-02 Amending the NARTS FFY 2023-2026 TIP.

This approval letter, including Resolution #2024-02, 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,

Nicole Gibbs

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Regional Planner, NWARPC

Enclosed:
NWARPC Resolution #2024-02

RESOLUTION #2024-02
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) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Designated Recipient 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 Ozark Regional Transit (ORT), and the Federal Highway Administration (FTA), has determined an amendment to the Northwest Arkansas Regional Transportation Study (NARTS) Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is necessary, at the request of ORT, to modify FTA Section 5339 programmed funding amounts for FY 2024; and

WHEREAS, based on the adopted NWARPC Public Participation Plan, this ORT requested TIP amendment was subject to public comment from January 8, 2024 to January 22, 2024.

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 as follows:

JOB	COUNTY	ROUTE	TERMINI	LENGTH	TYPE WORK	ESTIMATED COST	AGENCY CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT	FFY	MPO
						Funding Breakdown (in thousands)			
WAS:									
NARTS04			Bus and Bus Facilities	-	Transit	235 - TOTAL 188 - FTA-5339 47 - Local	Local-ORT	2024	NARTS
CHANGED TO:									
NARTS04			Bus and Bus Facilities	-	Transit	450 - TOTAL 360 - FTA-5339 90 - Local	Local-ORT	2024	NARTS
FFY 2021, 2022, and a portion of 2023 FTA-5339 funds used in FFY2024.									

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 24TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2024

ATTEST:



Judge Barry Moehring, NWARPC Chair

