



NORTHWEST ARKANSAS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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Via email Sunny Farmahan, Anthony Hunter, and Patricia Slater, ARDOT
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Tim Conklin, Tim Reavis, and Cristina Scarlat, NWARPC
Frank Miller, Kimberly Ader, and Zeke Hall, MoDOT

RE: NARTS FFY 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT #7 APPROVAL

All:

The Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (NWARPC), in conjunction with Razorback Transit, Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT), 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 to include modifications to FTA Section 5307 programmed funding allocations.

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 Arkansas 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, May 5, 2024, the La Prensa Libre on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, the McDonald County Press on Thursday, May 9, 2024, and online at www.nwarpc.org/public-notifications/. A public comment period for TIP Amendment #7 began on Monday, May 6, 2024 and ran through Monday, May 20, 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 May 16, 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, May 22, 2024 and approved Resolution #2024-11 Amending the NARTS FFY 2023-2026 TIP.

This approval letter, including Resolution #2024-11, 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 #2024-11

RESOLUTION #2024-11

**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) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Designated Recipient for the Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, AR-MO Urban 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 Razorback Transit, Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT), 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 to include modifications to FTA Section 5307 programmed funding distributions; and

WHEREAS, based on the adopted NWARPC Public Participation Plan, this TIP amendment was subject to public comment from May 6, 2024 to May 20, 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 Northwest Arkansas Regional Transportation Study (NARTS) FFY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as shown in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 22ND DAY OF MAY, 2024.



Judge Barry Moehring, Chair, NWARPC


ATTEST: 

EXHIBIT A

2023-2026 NARTS TIP - AMENDMENT #7

JOB	COUNTY	ROUTE	TERMINI	LENGTH	TYPE WORK	ESTIMATED COST Funding Breakdown (in thousands)	AGENCY CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT	FFY	MPO
WAS:									
NARTS11			Capital - Planning	-	Transit	125 - TOTAL 100 - FTA-5307 25 - Local	Local-MPO	2024	NARTS
FFY 2019, FFY 2020, and FFY 2021 FTA-5307 funds used in FFY 2024.									
CHANGED TO:									
NARTS11			Capital - Planning	-	Transit	125 - TOTAL 100 - FTA-5307 25 - Local	Local-MPO	2024	NARTS
FFY 2019, FFY 2020 (FAST-ACT) FTA-5307 funds used in FFY 2024.									
NARTS17			Capital - Planning	-	Transit	125 - TOTAL 100 - FTA-5307 25 - Local	Local-MPO	2024	NARTS
FFY 2021 (FAST-ACT) FTA-5307 funds used in FFY 2024.									
WAS:									
NARTS11			Capital - Planning	-	Transit	250 - TOTAL 200 - FTA-5307 50 - Local	Local-MPO	2025	NARTS
FFY 2021, FFY 2022 and 2023 FTA-5307 funds used in FFY 2025.									
CHANGED TO:									
NARTS11			Capital - Planning	-	Transit	250 - TOTAL 200 - FTA-5307 50 - Local	Local-MPO	2025	NARTS
FFY 2022 and 2023 (IIJA) FTA-5307 funds used in FFY 2025.									
WAS:									
NARTS06			Operating Assistance	-	Transit	610 - TOTAL 488 - FTA-5307 122 - Local	Local-UofA	2024	NARTS
FFY 2021 funds used in FFY 2024									
CHANGED TO:									
NARTS06			Operating Assistance	-	Transit	86 - TOTAL 43 - FTA-5307 43 - Local	Local-UofA	2024	NARTS
FFY 2021 funds used in FFY 2024									