

RESOLUTION #2025-07

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE NORTHWEST ARKANSAS REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY (NARTS) FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2026 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation regulations require an areawide multi-modal transportation plan and a continuing planning process for urbanized areas, and for the area projected to become urban within 20-25 years henceforth—the Metropolitan Planning Area (the MPA); and

WHEREAS, said mandated planning process, known as the “3C” (Continuing, Cooperative and Comprehensive) planning process, must be accomplished by a designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), and is necessary for transportation projects to qualify for federal transportation funds; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (NWARPC) is the designated MPO for the Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, AR-MO Urbanized Area; and

WHEREAS, transportation planning to be undertaken by and under the direction of the MPO must be contained in an approved fiscal year (FY) Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP); and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Arkansas Transportation Study (NARTS) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) has recommended approval of the FY2026 UPWP.

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

SECTION 1. That the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Transportation Study (NARTS) FY2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is hereby approved.

SECTION 2. That the Director is hereby authorized to act on behalf of the Commission in matters concerning the UPWP, including its administration and execution, and to make adjustments in program element amounts as necessary due to changing state or federal commitments or requirements.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2025.

Mayor Doug Sprouse, Chairman
Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission

ATTEST: _____