

RESOLUTION #2025-20

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE RAZORBACK TRANSIT BUS STOP ENHANCEMENT PLAN AND THE OZARK REGIONAL TRANSIT BUS STOP ENHANCEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, NWARPC is the designated recipient for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) urban grant funding programs and is responsible for transit planning and programming within the NWARPC Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA); and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (NWARPC) adopted a ten-year Transit Development Plan (TDP), *Connect Northwest Arkansas*, on October 28, 2020, serving as a blueprint for improving and expanding transit systems in the Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, AR-MO urban area; and

WHEREAS, Ozark Regional Transit (ORT) completed a Bus Stop Enhancements Plan in 2022 in coordination with NWARPC; and

WHEREAS, the NWARPC Board of Directors approved Resolution #2023-22 on December 6, 2023 accepting a Walton Family Foundation Grant to fund The Razorback Transit Bus Stop Enhancement Plan; and

WHEREAS, NWARPC recognizes the need to improve bus stops through the region, both to provide a basic level of accessibility, as well as to create a safe and comfortable atmosphere for riders; and

WHEREAS, the Bus Stop Enhancement Plans for ORT and Razorback Transit provide comprehensive roadmaps to identify priorities for improving bus stops in Northwest Arkansas, and are designed to guide transit investment decisions for transit providers, local communities, and NWARPC.

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 Commission hereby endorses the Razorback Transit Bus Stop Enhancement Plan (2025) and the ORT Bus Stop Enhancement Plan (2022) and agrees to plan and program projects in support of their recommendations.

SECTION 2. The Executive Director is authorized to identify and pursue funding opportunities to implement the recommendations of the Plans.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS ____ DAY OF _____ 2025

Mayor Doug Sprouse, Chairman
Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission

ATTEST: _____