

RESOLUTION #2025-16

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE NORTHWEST ARKANSAS REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY (NARTS) FY 2026 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) TO CONTINUE THE SUBSCRIPTION FOR A REGIONAL REPLICA SOFTWARE LICENSE AND ASSOCIATED COST SHARING WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

WHEREAS, U.S. Department of Transportation regulations require an areawide multi-modal transportation plan and a continuing planning process for urbanized areas; and

WHEREAS, said mandated planning process, known as the “3C” (Continuing, Cooperative and Comprehensive) planning process, must be carried out 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 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP); and

WHEREAS, Resolution #2025-07 approved the FY2026 UPWP which included updating the Travel Demand Model in preparation for the 2050 MTP including land use scenarios and high-capacity transit scenarios; and

WHEREAS, as part of the contracted agreement with the consultant to prepare the Travel Demand Model and transit scenarios, NWARPC obtained a regional Replica software license, which provided access to the software for member jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, NWARPC desires to continue the regional Replica software subscription to support ongoing and future transportation planning efforts and proposes to fund this subscription through a 50-50 cost-sharing agreement with participating member jurisdictions.

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

Section 1. The Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Transportation Study (NARTS) FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is hereby to include the continued subscription of a regional Replica software license as shown in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto.

Section 2. The Executive Director is hereby authorized to enter into a cost-sharing agreement with member jurisdictions to support 50 percent of the subscription cost for the Replica software.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2025

Mayor Doug Sprouse, Chairman
Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission

ATTEST: _____

EXHIBIT A

**NARTS FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2026 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)
PROPOSED AMENDMENT #1 – CHANGES SHOWN IN RED**

44.24: SHORT-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

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J. EVALUATE MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION DATA

1. Support data-driven decision-making through data sharing and integration of multimodal datasets to support long-range planning, corridor studies, and other transportation planning initiatives.
2. Assist member jurisdictions with transportation analysis through appropriate software acquisition.

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COST DATA:

Federal	\$	510,591
Local (MPO)	\$	113,759
Total	\$	624,350
Element Percent		27%

NOTES:

- The required local match of \$20,000 for the awarded \$180,000 FTA Areas of Persistent Poverty (AoPP) Grant (90% Federal-10% Local Match) will be provided by and split between Ozark Regional Transit Authority and University of Arkansas Razorback Transit.
- The transit planning software three-year (2024-2027) renewal total contract cost is \$124,000. Razorback Transit will pay \$59,208 (includes Razorback Transit scheduling software and one time implementation fee, non-federal) over the course of the three years. ORT will pay \$4,628.01 over the three years. NWARPC to pay \$4,627.99 over the three years. Federal PL share is \$55,536 over the three years.
- A regional license for Replica software will be made available to NWARPC and all member jurisdictions to support transportation planning and analysis. NWARPC will enter into a two-year agreement for the license, with costs shared equally—50% funded by NWARPC through federal planning (PL) funds and 50% funded by participating local governments. PL funding in the amount of \$31,250 will be allocated annually, with a required local match of \$31,250 provided by member jurisdictions through an agreement of understanding.