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## Proposed \$645K bus stop upgrades to boost safety and accessibility in Fayetteville, Rogers

*Pending City Council approvals, funding would build on secured TAP grants to deliver 28 improved stops*

SPRINGDALE, Ark. (Aug. 14, 2025) — Bus stop investments planned for the next year could soon make riding the bus easier, safer, and more comfortable in Fayetteville and Rogers — the result of a concerted regional effort uniting city leaders, regional planners, and philanthropic partners to strengthen public transit and enhance the rider experience across Northwest Arkansas.

The projects represent more than \$645,000 in potential upgrades, including over \$228,000 in newly awarded grants from the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (NWARPC), in partnership with the Walton Family Foundation. Pending City Council approval of matching funds, these grants would build on \$150,000 awarded in June by the NWARPC Policy Committee to Fayetteville for eight Razorback Transit stop improvements, supported by \$37,500 in local funding.

In total, 28 stops in Fayetteville and Rogers are being considered for upgrades, including new shelters, bike racks, sidewalk improvements, and accessibility features such as Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)–compliant curb ramps, loading pads, and new lighting.

The projects are part of a multi-partner effort to expand transportation options and improve the rider experience across the region.

### Addressing Regional Priorities

“When cities, philanthropy, and regional planning work together, we can create real choices for how people move across our region,” said Tim Reavis, Multimodal Transportation Planner for NWARPC.

### Quick Facts

- **\$645,092** total planned investment over the next year in bus stop improvements
- **28** total stops in Fayetteville and Rogers planned for updates
- **Key features:** shelters, bike racks, sidewalk improvements, and accessibility upgrades
- **Survey insight:** in the 2024 regional transportation survey, only **2%** of respondents rated public transit availability and accessibility as “good,” while **79%** rated it “poor”
- **Partnership-driven:** municipal funding, Walton Family Foundation support, and NWARPC-distributed grants

“These investments aren’t just about bus stops. They’re about building a connected, accessible network that keeps communities linked, supports our economy, and prepares Northwest Arkansas for the growth ahead.”

Public feedback gathered through the [Forward 2050](#) long-range transportation plan underscores the importance of this work. Surveys conducted in 2019 and 2024 reveal a growing public interest in diverse transportation options, with increased support for alternative modes such as public transit, biking, and pedestrian-friendly infrastructure.

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Over the past two years, Ozark Regional Transit and Razorback Transit have developed detailed bus stop improvement plans, pinpointing where upgrades will have the greatest impact. This strategic, data-informed approach ensures funding goes to locations that can most improve access and usability for riders.

With Northwest Arkansas projected to reach 1 million residents by 2050, these upgrades are a tangible step toward a future where public transportation is a reliable, accessible choice for everyone. This coordinated effort reflects the region’s commitment to turning long-range transportation plans into visible results, improving commutes today while preparing for the growth ahead.

To learn more about the NWARPC’s work, visit [nwarpc.org](http://nwarpc.org).

### **About the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission**

The Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (NWARPC) is a governmental organization formed through a cooperative agreement in 1966. It has since grown to include 38 units of government and other public agency partners across Benton, Madison, and Washington counties in Arkansas, as well as a portion of McDonald County in Missouri. NWARPC serves as a forum for cooperative decision-making, develops federally mandated transportation plans, convenes stakeholders to address shared planning challenges, and provides information and staff resources to our member agencies and the public.

Designated the region’s Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in 1983, NWARPC oversees the 3C transportation planning process, ensuring comprehensive, cooperative, and continuous planning necessary for regions to qualify for federal transportation funding.