



# NORTHWEST ARKANSAS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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September 11, 2025

Via email Sunny Farmahan and Anthony Hunter, ARDOT  
Frank Miller and Kimberly Ader, MoDOT  
Aaron Burks, XNA

**RE: NARTS FFY 2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT #2 APPROVAL**

All:

The Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (NWARPC), in conjunction with the Northwest Arkansas National Airport Authority (XNA), Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT), and the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), have determined an amendment to the Northwest Arkansas Regional Transportation Study (NARTS) FFY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is necessary to include XNA terminal improvements for a western concourse and roadway improvements to Airport Boulevard and Regional Avenue.

The NARTS TIP and the Arkansas and Missouri STIPs 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 and Missouri STIPs are consistent with their Statewide Long-Range Plans. The NARTS TIP is a component of the STIPs, and as such, the projects, funding amounts, categories, FFY, etc., must match the STIPs.

**PUBLIC NOTIFICATION:** In accordance with NWARPC's Public Participation Plan, notification was published in the Democrat Gazette on Sunday, August 10, 2025; the La Prensa Libre on Wednesday, August 13, 2025; the McDonald County Press on Thursday, August 14, 2025; and online at [www.nwarpc.org/public-notifications/](http://www.nwarpc.org/public-notifications/). A public comment period for TIP Amendment #2 began on Monday, August 11, 2025 and ran through Monday, August 25, 2025. Written comments were encouraged via email or using the comment tab on the NWARPC website. No public comments were received.

**RECOMMENDATION AND APPROVAL:** In accordance with NWARPC's Public Participation Plan, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) held a hybrid, in-person and virtual, meeting on July 17, 2025 and recommended the TIP Amendment #2 for public comment. The RPC/Policy Committee held a hybrid, in-person and virtual, meeting on August 27, 2025 and approved Resolution #2025-15 Amending the NARTS FFY 2025-2028 TIP.

This approval letter, including Resolution #2025-15, has been incorporated into the NARTS FFY 2025-2028 TIP Amendments and Administrative Modifications on the website, which can be viewed at [www.nwarpc.org/transportation/transportation-improvement-program/](http://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*

Nicole Gibbs, AICP

Transportation Programs Manager/Regional Planner

Enclosed:

NWARPC Resolution #2025-15

**RESOLUTION #2025-15**

**AMENDING THE NORTHWEST ARKANSAS REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY (NARTS)  
FFY 2025-2028 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 the Northwest Arkansas National Airport (XNA), Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT), and the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), have determined an amendment to the Northwest Arkansas Regional Transportation Study (NARTS) FFY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is necessary to include XNA terminal improvements for a western concourse and roadway improvements to Airport Boulevard and Regional Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the adopted NWARPC Public Participation Plan, this TIP amendment was made available for public comment from August 4, 2025, through August 18, 2025 and no comments were received.

**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 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), as shown below:

JOB	COUNTY	ROUTE	TERMINI	LENGTH	TYPE WORK	ESTIMATED COST Funding Breakdown (in thousands)	AGENCY CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT		
							FFY	MPO	
ADD:									
XXXXX			Northwest Arkansas National Airport (XNA) Western Concourse	-		98,000 - TOTAL 48,020 - TIFIA (49%) 49,980 - Local (51%)	Local-XNA	2025	NARTS
ADD:									
XXXXX			Northwest Arkansas National Airport (XNA) Airport Blvd and Regional Ave Improvements	-		13,300 - TOTAL 10,640 - CPF 2,660 - Local	Local-XNA	2025	NARTS

**PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 27<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2025.**

  
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 Mayor Doug Sprouse, Chairman  
 Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission

ATTEST:  \_\_\_\_\_