

RESOLUTION #2026-13

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE NORTHWEST ARKANSAS REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY
(NARTS) FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2027 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)**

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, the NWARPC Board of Directors adopted the NARTS FY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program by Resolution No. 2026-11; and

WHEREAS, NWARPC seeks to amend the FY 2027 UPWP to include activities that support evaluating and integrating multimodal transportation data, acquiring and using transportation planning and analysis software, and clarifying the federally required Complete Streets Planning Set-Aside.

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

The Northwest Arkansas Regional Transportation Study (NARTS) Fiscal Year 2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is hereby amended as shown in **Exhibit A**, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2026.

Mayor Doug Sprouse, Chairman
Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission

ATTEST: _____

EXHIBIT A

NARTS FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2027 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) PROPOSED AMENDMENT #1 – **CHANGES SHOWN IN RED**

44.23: LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

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NOTES:

- As federally required, the FY 2027 UPWP will use at least 2.5% of FHWA PL funds on specified planning activities to increase safe and accessible options for multiple travel modes and will be associated with eligible activities primarily under Work Tasks 44.23, and, as applicable, under 44.22 and 44.24, and as documented in progress reporting.
 - Federal PL Set-Aside: \$18,032 (100% federal share, requiring no local matching dollars)

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, project development, and programming through acquisition and use of appropriate software tools.

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- 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.
- Transportation planning and analysis software annual license for NWARPC; the total contract cost is \$31,000, with a federal PL share of \$24,800 and \$6,200 in local match from membership dues.
- Comprehensive transportation programming software annual license for project tracking, solicitation and scoring, data management, mapping, and reporting; FFY 2027 cost estimated at \$60,000, with a federal PL share of \$48,000 and \$12,000 in local match from membership dues; with future annual costs estimated at \$40,000.

FY 2027 UPWP MULTIPLE SOURCE FINANCIAL SUMMARY

2027 UPWP Multiple Source Financial Summary	Federal	Local Match	Total	Percent
PL Funds (Arkansas)	\$ 1,315,305	\$ 328,826	\$ 1,644,132	58.91%
PL Funds (Arkansas) - Set-Aside (100% Fed)	\$ 18,032	\$ -	\$ 18,032	0.65%
NWARPC STBGP-A	\$ 200,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 250,000	8.96%
STBGP-A Award for 71B Study (subject to Board approval)	\$ 400,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 500,000	17.92%
FTA 5307 - 71B Study (\$295K previously programmed FFY24 (95K), FFY25(100K), FFY26(100K) +match)	\$ 295,000	\$ 73,750	\$ 368,750	13.21%
PL Funds (Missouri)	\$ 8,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 10,000	0.36%
Total	\$ 2,236,337	\$ 554,576	\$ 2,790,914	100.00%
UPWP Financial Summary (PL-AR)	Federal	Local Match	Total	Percent
44.21-Program Support and Administration	\$ 302,520	\$ 75,630	\$ 378,150	23.00%
44.22-General Development and Comprehensive Planning	\$ 328,827	\$ 82,207	\$ 411,034	25.00%
44.23-Long Range Transportation Planning	\$ 394,592	\$ 98,648	\$ 493,240	30.00%
44.24-Short-Range Transportation Planning	\$ 263,061	\$ 65,765	\$ 328,826	20.00%
44.25-Transportation Improvement Program	\$ 26,305	\$ 6,576	\$ 32,882	2.00%
Y-410-Complete Streets Activities (PL Set-Aside - 100% Fed)	\$ 18,032	\$ -	\$ 18,032	
Total	\$10,314,751	\$328,826	\$1,662,164	100.00%
UPWP Financial Summary (PL-MO)	Federal	Local Match	Total	Percent
44.21-Program Support and Administration	\$ 3,000	\$ 750	\$ 3,750	37.50%
44.22-General Development and Comprehensive Planning	\$ 1,000	\$ 250	\$ 1,250	12.50%
44.23-Long Range Transportation Planning	\$ 2,000	\$ 500	\$ 2,500	25.00%
44.24-Short-Range Transportation Planning	\$ 500	\$ 125	\$ 625	6.25%
44.25-Transportation Improvement Program	\$ 1,500	\$ 375	\$ 1,875	18.75%
Total	\$ 8,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 10,000	100%
STBGP-A	Federal	Local Match	Total	Percent
44.21-Program Support and Administration	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
44.22-General Development and Comprehensive Planning	\$ 70,000	\$ 17,500	\$ 87,500	11.67%
44.23-Long Range Transportation Planning (incl. \$400K award for 71B Study; subject to Board approval)	\$ 470,000	\$ 117,500	\$ 587,500	78.33%
44.24-Short-Range Transportation Planning	\$ 50,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 62,500	8.33%
44.25-Transportation Improvement Program	\$ 10,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 12,500	1.67%
Total	\$ 600,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 750,000	100%
UPWP FTA 5307	Federal	Local Match	Total	Percent
44.21-Program Support and Administration	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
44.22-General Development and Comprehensive Planning	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
44.23-Long Range Transportation Planning	\$ 295,000	\$ 73,750	\$ 368,750	100.00%
44.24-Short-Range Transportation Planning	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
44.25-Transportation Improvement Program	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Total	\$ 295,000	\$ 73,750	\$ 368,750	100%
2027 UPWP Total by Elements	Federal	Local Match	Total	Percent
44.21-Program Support and Administration	\$ 305,520	\$ 76,380	\$ 381,900	13.68%
44.22-General Development and Comprehensive Planning	\$ 399,827	\$ 99,957	\$ 499,784	17.91%
44.23-Long Range Transportation Planning (including \$695K - STBGP+5307 for 71B Study)	\$ 1,161,592	\$ 290,398	\$ 1,451,990	52.03%
44.24-Short-Range Transportation Planning	\$ 313,561	\$ 78,390	\$ 391,951	14.04%
44.25-Transportation Improvement Program	\$ 37,805	\$ 9,451	\$ 47,257	1.69%
Y-410-Complete Streets Activities (PL Set-Aside - 100% Fed)	\$ 18,032	\$ -	\$ 18,032	0.65%
Total	\$ 2,236,337	\$ 554,576	\$ 2,790,914	100%