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## **NWARPC awards \$15.8 million for Federal Fiscal Year 2027 transportation projects**

*Road, trail, sidewalk and pedestrian safety projects funded across Northwest Arkansas*

**Springdale, Ark. (May 28, 2026)** — The Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (NWARPC) announced \$15.8 million in FFY 2027 transportation funding awards through three federal programs supporting transportation improvements across Northwest Arkansas.

“This year’s funding cycle reflects both the continued growth of Northwest Arkansas and the increasing need for transportation investments that improve connectivity and safety across the region,” said NWARPC Executive Director Tim Conklin, AICP. “The projects selected for FFY 2027 funding will help communities advance roadway improvements, expand trail and sidewalk connections, improve pedestrian safety and support long-term regional mobility.”

Among the largest awards are:

- \$4 million for the Bentonville/Centerton Greenhouse Road Improvements project from Highway 12 to Highway 102
- \$2 million in funding for Bentonville intersection improvements at Highway 12/SW Regional Airport Blvd. and Highway 279/S. Vaughn Road
- \$1.8 million for the Lowell's Monroe Avenue Extension project from Oak Street to Highway 265
- \$1.07 million for Phase 3 Gene George Boulevard project in Springdale and Johnson

NWARPC received applications requesting more funding than was available for the FFY 2027 awards. The selection committee toured and scored projects in April before finalizing recommendations in May. Awards were announced during NWARPC’s public meeting on May 27.

Total awards from each of the three federal funding initiatives include:

- **Surface Transportation Block Grant Program-Attributable (STBGP-A): \$12,425,883** — STBGP-A funding supports roadway, intersection, corridor and planning projects across Bella Vista, Bentonville, Centerton, Fayetteville, Lowell, Rogers, Siloam Springs, Springdale, Johnson and Tontitown

- **Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP): \$1,788,195** — TAP funding supports sidewalk, trail and bicycle safety projects, including Fayetteville's Mission Boulevard trail extension, Johnson's on-street bicycle network improvements, a HAWK crossing on Highway 72 in Pea Ridge and Springdale's Watkins Trail extension from Maple Avenue to U.S. 412.
- **Carbon Reduction Program (CRP): \$1,548,188** — CRP funding supports projects designed to reduce transportation-related emissions, including the Bentonville/NWACC Eagle Way Tunnel and Trails project, Highway 62 traffic signal coordination improvements and U.S. 71B pedestrian improvements in Rogers.

FFY 2027 funding remains subject to congressional appropriations. If FFY 2027 Carbon Reduction Program funding is not approved, the approved CRP projects will be prioritized during NWARPC's FFY 2028 funding cycle or incorporated into TAP and STBGP-A, as funding allows.

### **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.

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**FFY 2027 NWARPC Funding Programs (STBGP-A, TAP, and CRP) Awards**

<b>Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP-A)</b>		
<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>STBGP-A Funding Awarded</b>
Bella Vista	Blowing Springs Trail PH2 (NEW)	\$ 172,283
Bentonville	Hwy 12/SW Regional Airport Blvd. & Hwy 279/S. Vaughn Rd. Inters. Impvts.	\$ 2,000,000
Bentonville/Centerton	Greenhouse Road Improvements (Hwy 12 to Hwy 102)	\$ 4,000,000
Centerton	Hwy 102/E Centerton Blvd. & Womack St. Traffic Signal	\$ 500,000
Fayetteville	Millsap Rd/College Ave Inters Impvts & N Hemlock Ave Impvts.	\$ 400,000
Fayetteville	North Street Corridor (Garland to College)	\$ 400,000
Fayetteville	MLK/Huntsville Rd Corridor (School Ave to Happy Hollow Rd) (NEW)	\$ 400,000
Lowell	Monroe Extension (Oak St to Hwy 265)	\$ 1,800,000
NWARPC	US71B Corridor Plan (NEW)	\$ 400,000
Rogers	Hwy. 265/W. Pleasant Grove Rd. Inters. Impvts. (Roundabout)	\$ 133,600
Siloam Springs	E. Kenwood St. (Hwy. 16 to Bruce Rutherford Dr.)	\$ 650,000
Springdale/Johnson	Gene George Blvd. Ph. 3	\$ 1,070,000
Tontitown	Don Tyson Pkwy Extension (Hwy 112 to Kelly Rd) (NEW)	\$ 500,000
<b>TOTAL STBGP-A</b>		<b>\$ 12,425,883</b>

<b>Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)</b>		
<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>TAP Funding Awarded</b>
Centerton	Centerton Sidewalk Projects	\$ 453,426
Fayetteville	Mission Blvd. Trail Extension (Rush Dr. to Maple St.)	\$ 500,000
Johnson	On-Street Bicycle Network & Safety Impvts.	\$ 70,536
Pea Ridge	Hwy. 72 HAWK Signal Crossing at Charles St/Ross Salvage Rd	\$ 364,233
Springdale	Watkins Trail (Maple to US412) (#2)	\$ 400,000
<b>TOTAL TAP</b>		<b>\$ 1,788,195</b>

<b>Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)</b>		
<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>CRP Funding Awarded</b>
Bentonville/NWACC	Eagle Way Tunnel & Trails	\$ 168,000
Springdale	Watkins Trail (48th to Cambridge) (#1)	\$ 100,000
Benton County	Pioneer Panther Trail Feasibility Study	\$ 320,000
Centerton	Centerton Sidewalk Projects	\$ 250,000
Farmington-Fayetteville	Hwy. 62 Traffic Signal Upgrades and Coordination	\$ 288,000
Rogers	US-71B Pedestrian Impvts. (W. New Hope Rd - W. Pleasant Grove Rd) (#1)	\$ 422,188
<b>TOTAL CRP</b>		<b>\$ 1,548,188</b>

<b>TOTAL NWARPC FUNDING AWARDED</b>	<b>\$ 15,762,266</b>
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