

**ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Amendment Approval Request**

Date: August 6, 2024

In order to comply with the Statewide Planning Requirements as set forth in the BIL-IIJA, the following item(s) have been amended in relevant TIPs (if applicable).

JOB	COUNTY	ROUTE	TERMINI	TYPE WORK	ESTIMATED COST	AGENCY	FFY	MPO
					Funding Breakdown (in thousands)	CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT		
<b>Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Formula Program</b>								
NARTS10			Bus and Bus Facilities	Transit	167 TOTAL 142 FTA - 5339 25 Local	Local-UofA	2024	NARTS Update Costs

FFY 2021 funds used in FFY 2024.

Recommended by:   
MPO Coordinator

MPO Approval Date: July 24, 2024

Concurred by:   
Division Head – Local Programs

Date: 8-6-2024

Submitted by:   
Division Engineer – Program Management

Date: 8/14/24

<b>(For Federal Transit Administration Use Only)</b>	
Approved by: _____	Date: _____



## NORTHWEST ARKANSAS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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**July 26, 2024**

*Via email* Sunny Farmahan, Anthony Hunter, and Patricia Slater, ARDOT  
Adam Waddell and Russ Moody, Razorback Transit  
Ronisha Hodge, FTA  
Tim Conklin, Tim Reavis, and Cristina Scarlat, NWARPC

**RE: NARTS FFY 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT #8 APPROVAL**

All:

The Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (NWARPC), in conjunction with Razorback Transit, Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT), and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), has determined an amendment to the Northwest Arkansas Regional Transportation Study (NARTS) Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is necessary to include modifications to FTA Section 5339 programmed funding allocations.

Both the NARTS TIP and the Arkansas STIP 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 STIP is consistent with the Statewide Long-Range Plan. The NARTS TIP is a component of the STIP, and as such, the projects, funding amounts, categories, FFY, etc., must match the STIP.

**PUBLIC NOTIFICATION:** In accordance with NWARPC's Public Participation Plan, notification was published in the Democrat Gazette on Sunday, July 7, 2024, the La Prensa Libre on Wednesday, July 10, 2024, the McDonald County Press on Thursday, July 11, 2024, and online at [www.nwarpc.org/public-notifications/](http://www.nwarpc.org/public-notifications/). A public comment period for TIP Amendment #8 began on Monday, July 8, 2024 and ran through Monday, July 22, 2024. Written comments were encouraged via email or using the comment tab on the NWARPC website. No public comments were received.

**RECOMMENDATION AND APPROVAL:** The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) held a hybrid, in-person and virtual, meeting on July 18, 2024 and recommended approval of the TIP Amendment to the RPC/Policy Committee. The RPC/Policy Committee held a hybrid, in-person and virtual, meeting on Wednesday, July 24, 2024 and approved Resolution #2024-12 Amending the NARTS FFY 2023-2026 TIP.

This approval letter, including Resolution #2024-12, has been incorporated into the NARTS FFY 2023-2026 TIP Amendments and Administrative Modifications, 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, NWARPC

Enclosed:

NWARPC Resolution #2024-12

**RESOLUTION #2024-12**

**AMENDING THE NORTHWEST ARKANSAS REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY (NARTS)  
FFY 2023-2026 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 Razorback Transit, Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT), and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), has determined an amendment to the Northwest Arkansas Regional Transportation Study (NARTS) Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is necessary to include modifications to FTA Section 5339 programmed funding distributions; and

**WHEREAS**, based on the adopted NWARPC Public Participation Plan, this TIP amendment was subject to public comment from July 8, 2024, through Monday, July 22, 2024.

**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 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as shown below:

JOB	COUNTY	ROUTE	TERMINI	LENGTH	TYPE WORK	ESTIMATED COST	AGENCY		
						Funding Breakdown (In thousands)	CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT	FFY	MPO
<b>WAS:</b>									
NARTS10			Bus and Bus Facilities		Transit	222 - TOTAL 178 - FTA-5339 44 - Local	Local-UofA	2024	NARTS
<b>CHANGED TO:</b>									
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FFY 2021 funds used in FFY 2024									

**PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 24<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2024.**

ATTEST:



  
 Judge Barry Moehring, Chair, NWARPC