

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

November 12, 2025

In order to comply with the Statewide Planning Requirements as set forth in the IJA Act, the following item(s) have been modified in the applicable TIP.

Northwest Arkansas Regional Transportation Study

Job (Item) Number	County	Route	Termini / Length	Type / Phase of Work	Estimated Cost Funding Breakdown (x1000)	Carrying Out the Project	Estimated Scheduling (FFY)
012560	Benton & Washington		Western North-South Connector (Benton & Washington Cos.) P.E.	Project Development	100 - Total 80 - STBGP 20 - State	State	2026

Reason: Add to the 2025-2028 TIP & STIP.

Recommended by:   
 Metropolitan Planning Coordinator

MPO Approval Date: 9/24/2025 Resolution#2025-18(NARTS)

Submitted by:   
 Division Engineer – Program Management

Date: 11-14-2025

*(For Federal Highway Administration Use Only)*

JOHN HENRY  
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Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**RESOLUTION #2025-18**

**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 Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT), have determined an amendment to the Northwest Arkansas Regional Transportation Study (NARTS) FFY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is necessary to include the Western North-South Connector project development; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the adopted NWARPC Public Participation Plan, this TIP amendment was made available for public comment from September 8, 2025, through September 22, 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:

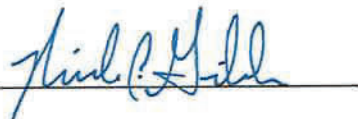
JOB	COUNTY	ROUTE	TERMINI	LENGTH	TYPE WORK	ESTIMATED COST	AGENCY			
						Funding Breakdown (in thousands)	CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT	FFY	MPO	
<b>ADD:</b>										
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**PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 24TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2025.**



Mayor Doug Sprouse, Chairman  
Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission

ATTEST:





## NORTHWEST ARKANSAS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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October 6, 2025

Via email Sunny Farmahan, Anthony Hunter, and David Siskowski, ARDOT  
Frank Miller and Amanda Barch, MoDOT

### RE: NARTS FFY 2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT #3 APPROVAL

All:

The Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (NWARPC), in conjunction with the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT), have determined an amendment to the Northwest Arkansas Regional Transportation Study (NARTS) FFY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is necessary to include the Western North-South Connector project development.

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, September 7, 2025; the La Prensa Libre on Wednesday, September 10, 2025; the McDonald County Press on Thursday, September 11, 2025; and online at [www.nwarpc.org/public-notifications/](http://www.nwarpc.org/public-notifications/). A public comment period for TIP Amendment #3 began on Monday, September 8, 2025 and ran through Monday, September 22, 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 September 18, 2025 and recommended the TIP Amendment #3 for approval. The RPC/Policy Committee held a hybrid, in-person and virtual, meeting on September 24, 2025 and approved Resolution #2025-18 Amending the NARTS FFY 2025-2028 TIP.

This approval letter, including Resolution #2025-18, 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,

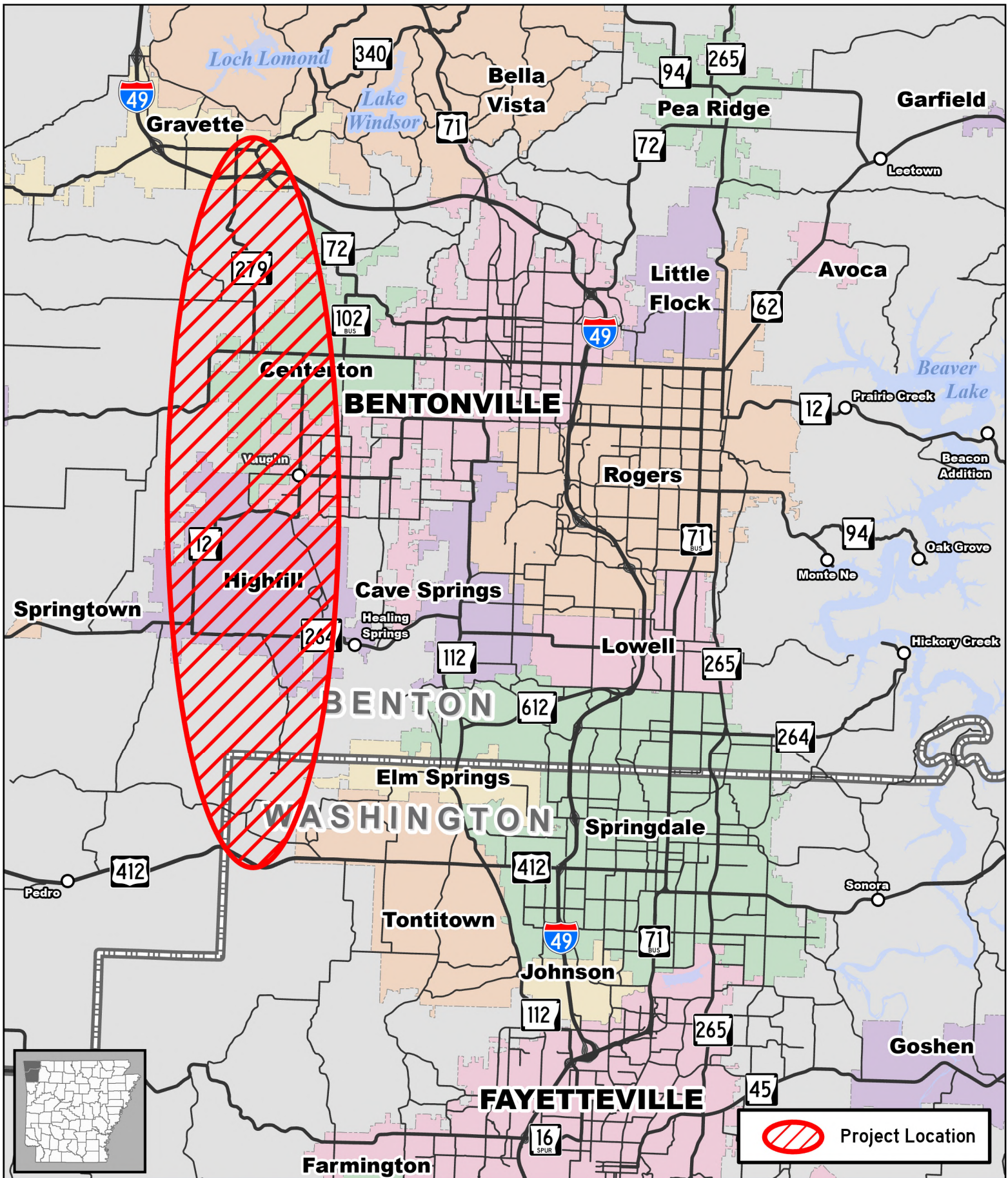
*Nicole Gibbs*


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Assistant Director/Transportation Programs Manager

Enclosed:

NWARPC Resolution #2025-18



 Project Location

# Job 012560

Western North-South Connector (Benton & Washington Cos.) P.E.

Benton & Washington Counties

