

Resolution 63

To Participate in the Northwest Arkansas Regional Transportation Study

WHEREAS, a continuing, comprehensive and cooperative transportation planning process is critical to the future development of and quality of life for the Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers Metropolitan Statistical Area; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission, the designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers Metropolitan Statistical Area, To provide a forum in which that planning process can be accomplished; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Tontitown to participate in this process via the Northwest Arkansas Regional Transportation Study Agreement of Understanding;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the (governing body), duly adopt the attached Agreement of Understanding indicating our intent to participate in the Northwest Arkansas Regional Transportation Study.

Duly adopted by Resolution this 1st. day of February 1994

Tontitown City

(ENTITY)

Freddie B. Zaldar
Mayor/Judge/CEO

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY

AGREEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION, the
designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the
Fayetteville/Springdale/Rogers Metropolitan Statistical Area

AND

The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (entity)

IN COOPERATION WITH

The United States Department of Transportation

TO PARTICIPATE IN

The responsibilities and functions of a continuing, comprehensive and cooperative
transportation planning process for Northwest Arkansas.

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the participating jurisdictions and agencies that
there be a continuing, comprehensive, and cooperative (3C) transportation planning
process, pursuant to United States Department of Transportation regulations and in
accordance with Titles 23 and 49 of the U.S. Code, that is responsive to the needs
of the urban and urbanizing areas of Northwest Arkansas and to changes in those
areas; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the MPO that the Northwest Arkansas Regional
Transportation (NARTS) advisory committees serve as the forum for the development
of intermodal regional transportation policy and plans and as such should be inclusive
of all parties with an interest in such plans; and

WHEREAS, the goal of this planning process is an approved Northwest
Arkansas Regional Transportation Plan accepted by all participating jurisdictions and
formally approved as a plan for implementation by the Northwest Arkansas Regional
Planning Commission Board and the Governor of Arkansas or the governor's designee;

and

WHEREAS, it is understood that this agreement does not transfer any constitutional or legislative authority possessed by the participating jurisdictions;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED that the jurisdictions and agencies agreeing to participate on the NARTS committees shall jointly be responsible for recommendations to the MPO on the operation of the 3C planning process pursuant to the United States Department of Transportation regulations and in accordance with U.S. Code. The NARTS advisory committees shall provide the transportation improvement program and long-range transportation plan update recommendations to the MPO and shall comment on development of the unified planning work program, and other appropriate matters affecting transportation policy, plans and management systems.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that all existing master street plans, and area-wide road, highway, transit, bikeway, waterport, airport, or pedestrian plans, or and such plans for improvement of transportation facilities within the NARTS boundary shall be consistent with the Approved Northwest Arkansas Regional Transportation Plan.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that the Approved Northwest Arkansas Regional Transportation Plan will contain appropriate development standards for all types of major transportation facilities which are included in the "Plan"; and all building permits, right-of-way acquisitions, site acquisitions, utility locations and easements affecting the "Plan" will be in accordance with the applicable development standards required by the "Plan".

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that in cooperation with the MPO, the participating governments and agencies will adopt the Transportation Improvement Program as approved by the MPO. The Transportation Improvement Program shall be updated at least biennially. The MPO shall publish the approved TIP and TIP updates. The affected participating governments and agencies shall take appropriate action to implement the element outlined in the Transportation Improvement Program.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that before any significant proposed changes in the participating jurisdictions' and agencies' major street, transit or other transportation plans are made, the changes shall be submitted to the MPO for review and comment. The MPO shall reciprocate by submitting proposed changes in the Approved Northwest Arkansas Regional Transportation Plan to each agency of government for review and comment.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that modifications to this Agreement must be approved by the MPO Board and submitted to each signatory jurisdiction and agency for ratification. Failure to adopt this Agreement or to ratify proposed modifications will signal that the jurisdiction or agency does not wish to formally participate in the regional transportation planning process.

Duly authorized by the attached Minute Order (resolution) to execute this Agreement this 1st. day of February 1994

City of Tontitown

(ENTITY)

Freddie B. Jaldo,
Director Mayor

ATTEST:

Frances Franco

City

Clerk