

2016 Annual List of Obligated Projects

Introduction

This publication presents a list of projects in the Central Arkansas Regional Transportation Study area for which Federal funds were obligated during Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2016 - October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016 - on projects in the FFY 2013-16 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

The TIP contains an estimate of the federal funds that will be needed for project phases to progress during a given fiscal year. When a project reaches a point that funds will need to be expended, a request is sent from the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) to the US Department of Transportation, requesting verification that there are funds available for reimbursement. This verification of funding availability "obligates" the funds for use as soon as an expenditure occurs. Fund obligations are a measure of the progress being made on a project. Projects for which funds have been obligated are not necessarily initiated or completed in the program year, and the amount of the obligation will not necessarily equal the total cost of the project. It is possible that obligated funds exceed the amount estimated in the TIP. It is also possible that unused funds may be credited back when not needed at the completion of a project phase, resulting in a negative obligation. For FTA projects, obligation occurs when the FTA grant is awarded.

The publication of this list is in response to 23 U.S.C. 134(j)(7)(B), 23 U.S.C. 135(g)(4)(B), 49 U.S.C. 5303(j)(7)(B), and 49 U.S.C. 5304(g)(4)(B) as revised by the SAFETEA-LU and MAP-21 that require ". . . an Annual Listing of projects, including investments in pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities, for which Federal funds have been obligated in the preceding year shall be published or otherwise made available by the cooperative effort of the State, transit operator, and metropolitan planning organization for public review. The listing shall be consistent with the funding categories in each metropolitan transportation improvement program (TIP)."