

Public Review and Comment

The public is invited to review and submit comments on two proposed amendments to the FY 2017 Annual Element of the Central Arkansas Regional Transportation Study (CARTS) FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

The first amendment is to:

(1) remove Job # 08X006, Selected Sections along Hwy 89 from Hwy 365-West; and (2) add Job # 080553, Hwy 286 from Conway to Saltillo (south). Funding for this new line item is \$960,000 in STBGP funds and \$240,000 in State money, for a total project cost of \$1,200,000. Information on this project may be found on the Metroplan website (www.metroplan.org).

The second amendment is to add a line item for the purchase of Rock Region METRO Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) buses , in the amount of \$1,653,498 in Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 2016 Section 5339 Discretionary Bus and Bus Facilities funds, and \$309,856 in local money, for a total cost of \$1,963,354.

The TIP is a list of federally funded transportation projects proposed by various communities, transit providers, Metroplan and the Arkansas State Highway & Transportation Department. Projects must be listed in *Imagine Central Arkansas*, the long-range metropolitan transportation plan, in order to be considered for inclusion in the TIP and to receive federal funds.

The public comment period extends from Sunday, January 15, 2017, until close of business day on Monday, January 30, 2017.

Written comments should be submitted to: CARTS Study Director, Metroplan, 501 W. Markham St., Suite B, Little Rock, AR 72201. All comments must be postmarked no later than Monday, January 30, 2017. Comments may also be faxed to 372-8060, or e-mailed to comments@metroplan.org. Call Metroplan at 372-3300 for further information.