

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
JANUARY 4, 2022 AGENDA**

Subject:	Action Required:	Approved By:
<p>A resolution expressing the willingness of the City of Little Rock to Utilize Federal-Aid Transportation Alternatives Program Grant Funds.</p> <p>Submitted By:</p> <p>Public Works Department</p>	<p>Ordinance √ Resolution</p>	<p>Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
SYNOPSIS	<p>A resolution authorize the City Manager, or his designated representative, to apply for and if received, execute agreements with the Arkansas Department of Transportation and Metroplan for a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant for construction of Jonesboro Drive Trail, Phase 2.</p>	
FISCAL IMPACT	<p>Funding for this project will be from an Arkansas Department of Transportation/Metroplan TAP Grant and a match from the Street Fund. The maximum grant amount \$200,000.00, with an estimated City share of \$50,000.00.</p>	
RECOMMENDATION	<p>Approval of the resolution</p>	
BACKGROUND	<p>This resolution authorizes the City Manager to apply for and if received, sign grant award documents and contracts for a project to close the west fork of Jonesboro Drive, from 12th Street to the split just south of Interstate 630 and repurpose it for bikes and pedestrians (the east fork will accommodate two (2)-way vehicular traffic). The project will continue a physically-separated sidepath over the Jonesboro Drive overpass, and will create a connection to the Central Arkansas Children’s Library with a 10th Street. sidewalk and kid-friendly crosswalk across Jonesboro Drive.</p>	

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The project will connect War Memorial Park elements to one another and connect underserved community to Park assets. Regionally, the project will create a Linchpin Bike Network connectivity across Interstate 630, connecting the Tri-Creek Greenway to the Arkansas River Trail with continuous bike facilities, connecting to Regional Bike Plan, and creating Near Term Alternative connectivity to Regional Greenways Plan.