

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF  
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID SURFACE  
TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FUNDS FOR JONESBORO  
CHILDRENS TRAIL PHASE 1 & 2; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors approved Little Rock, Arkansas Resolution 15,516 (August 3, 2021) which expressed the City's to utilize Federal-Aid Surface Transportation Program Funds from Metroplan and the Arkansas Department of Transportation for the development of the Jonesboro Drive Trail from the Interstate 630 Bridge to 12<sup>th</sup> Street; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors approved Little Rock, Ark., Resolution No. 15,605 (January 4, 2022) expressed the City's willingness to utilize Federal-Aid Transportation Alternative Program Funds from the Arkansas Department of Transportation for the development of the Jonesboro Drive Trail Phase 2 to improve the Jonesboro Road corridor; and,

**WHEREAS**, Little Rock, Ark., Resolution No. 16,225 (February 6, 2024), expressed the City's willingness to apply for, and utilize Federal-Aid Surface Transportation Program Funds from Metroplan and the Arkansas Department of Transportation for the development of the Jonesboro Children's Trail Phase 1 & 2 from Zoo Drive to 12<sup>th</sup> Street; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Little Rock was subsequently awarded One Million Two Hundred Seventy Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,270,000.00) in Federal-Aid Funds, with a Three Hundred Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred 00/100 Dollars (\$317,500.00) local match commitment; and,

**WHEREAS**, sealed competitive bids were solicited twice by the City of Little Rock and in each case, bids far exceeded the budget for the project revealing that additional funds are needed to construct the proposed Jonesboro Children's Trail; and,

**WHEREAS**, Metroplan has issued a call for transportation projects from member jurisdictions for federal fiscal year 2026 and the City of Little Rock will submit Jonesboro Children's Trail for consideration of supplemental grant funding; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors understands that, if selected, Federal-aid Surface Transportation Program Funds are available at 80% federal participation and 20% local match for the project; and,

1           **WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors understands that Federal-aid Funds are available for this  
2 project on a reimbursable basis, requiring work to be accomplished and proof of payment provided prior to  
3 actual monetary reimbursement, and,

4           **WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors has vetted the project and supports its submittal to Metroplan;  
5 and,

6           **WHEREAS**, this project, using federal funding, will be open and available for use by the general  
7 public and maintained by the applicant for the life of the project.

8           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
9 CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:**

10           **Section 1.** The Board of Directors hereby agrees to include any local match requirements within  
11 its street and drainage capital improvement budget for federal fiscal year 2026 and subsequent years as  
12 necessary.

13           **Section 2.** The Board of Directors will participate in accordance with its designated responsibility,  
14 including maintenance of this project.

15           **Section 3.** The Mayor or City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute all appropriate  
16 agreements and contracts necessary to expedite the construction of the above stated project.

17           **Section 4.** The Board of Directors pledges its full support and hereby authorizes the Arkansas  
18 Department of Transportation and Metroplan to initiate action to implement this project.

19           **Section 5. *Severability.*** In the event any title, section, paragraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase,  
20 or word of this resolution is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or  
21 adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of the resolution which shall remain in full force and  
22 effect as if the portion so declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional was not originally a part of the  
23 resolution.

24           **Section 6. *Repealer.*** All laws, ordinances, resolutions, or parts of the same, that are inconsistent  
25 with the provisions of this resolution, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

26           **ADOPTED: February 3, 2026**

27           **ATTEST:**

28           **APPROVED:**

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30           **Allison Segars, City Clerk**

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32           **Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor**

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34           **APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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36           **Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney**