

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID SURFACE
TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FUNDS FROM METROLPLAN AND
THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR RIVER
TRAIL AT CANTRELL ROAD IMPROVEMENTS; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors approved Little Rock, Ark. Resolution No. 15,819 (November 15, 2023) expressing the willingness of the City to utilize Federal-Aid Surface Transportation Program Funds from Metroplan and the Arkansas Department of Transportation for River Trail at Cantrell Road Improvements from east of Gill Street to the Union Pacific Railroad Pedestrian Bridge; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Little Rock was subsequently awarded \$400,000 in Federal-Aid Funds, subject to a \$100,000 local match commitment, which has been used to develop project alternatives; seek support from project stakeholders and complete preliminary design of the proposed River Trail at Cantrell Road Improvements; and,

WHEREAS, additional funds are needed to complete a final detailed design and environmental clearance for the proposed River Trail at Cantrell Road Improvements; and,

WHEREAS, Metroplan has issued a call for transportation projects from member jurisdictions for the federal fiscal year 2026, and the City of Little Rock will submit River Trail at Cantrell Road Improvements 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,

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

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

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

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

4 **Section 2.** The Mayor or City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute all appropriate
5 agreements and contracts necessary to expedite the construction of the above-mentioned project.

6 **Section 3.** The Board of Directors pledges its full support and hereby authorizes the Arkansas
7 Department of Transportation and Metroplan to initiate action to implement this project.

8 **Section 4. *Severability.*** In the event any title, section, paragraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase,
9 or word of this resolution is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or
10 adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of the resolution which shall remain in full force and
11 effect as if the portion so declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional was not originally a part of the
12 resolution.

13 **Section 5. *Repealer.*** All laws, ordinances, resolutions, or parts of the same, that are inconsistent
14 with the provisions of this resolution, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

15 **ADOPTED: February 3, 2026**

16 **ATTEST:**

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18 **Allison Segars, City Clerk**

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20 **APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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

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APPROVED:

 Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor