

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

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

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10           **WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors approved Little Rock, Ark. Resolution No. 15,819 (November  
11 15, 2023) expressing the willingness of the City to utilize Federal-Aid Surface Transportation Program  
12 Funds from Metroplan and the Arkansas Department of Transportation for River Trail at Cantrell Road  
13 Improvements from east of Gill Street to the Union Pacific Railroad Pedestrian Bridge; and,

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

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

20           **WHEREAS**, Metroplan has issued a call for transportation projects from member jurisdictions for  
21 the federal fiscal year 2026, and the City of Little Rock will submit River Trail at Cantrell Road  
22 Improvements for consideration of supplemental grant funding; and,

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

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

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

31           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE**  
32 **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:**

**APPROVED:**

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19 **Allison Segars, City Clerk**

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**Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor**

20 **APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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

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