

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
AUGUST 3, 2021 AGENDA**

Subject:	Action Required:	Approved By:
<p>A resolution expressing the willingness of the City of Little Rock to Utilize Federal-Aid Surface Transportation Program Funds</p> <p>Submitted By:</p> <p>Public Works Department</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ordinance √ Resolution</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
SYNOPSIS	<p>A resolution authorizing 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 Surface Transportation Program (STP) Grant for the construction of the Jonesboro Drive Trail.</p>	
FISCAL IMPACT	<p>The maximum grant amount is \$1,300,000.00, with an estimated City share of \$252,000.00. Funding for this project will be from an ArDOT/Metroplan STP Grant and a match from the Street Fund.</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. It will continue a physically separated sidepath over the Jonesboro Drive overpass, and will create a connection to the 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, project will create 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.