



MEETING OF MARCH 7, 2023

TO: Mayor Jordan and City Council

THRU: Susan Norton, Chief of Staff

FROM: Chris Brown, Public Works Director

DATE:

SUBJECT: A Resolution expressing the willingness of the City of Fayetteville to utilize Federal-aid funds for the environmental, permitting, right of way and construction phases of the Millsap Rd. and College Ave. Intersection and N. Hemlock Ave. Project

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the attached resolution for the Millsap Rd. and College Ave. Intersection and N. Hemlock Ave. Project. The resolution provides for:

- The City understands that Federal-aid Surface Transportation Block Grant Program-Attributable funds are available for this project using the participating ratio of 80% Federal/20% City.
- The City will participate in accordance with its designated responsibilities for this project.
- The Mayor, or his designee, is authorized and directed to execute all appropriate agreements and contracts necessary to expedite the construction of this City project.
- The City pledges its full support and hereby authorizes the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) to initiate action to implement this project.

BACKGROUND:

In 2012, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) designated the Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, AR-MO urbanized area as a Transportation Management Area (TMA). This TMA designation provides Surface Transportation Block Grant Program – Attributable (STBGP-A) funds to the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (NWARPC) based on the 2010 Census Urbanized Area population of 295,083. In becoming a TMA, the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission, of which Fayetteville is a member, will have STBGP-A discretionary funding available at approximately \$9,000,000 per year. Under current legislation, these STBGP-A funds can be utilized for all permitted transportation projects at the discretion of the TMA Policy Committee.

An application for federal funding of the Millsap Rd. and College Ave. Intersection and N. Hemlock Ave. Project was submitted to and selected by the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (NWARPC). On August 24, 2022, the NWARPC approved funding of the environmental and right of way phases for \$320,000 (80%) from STBGP-A funds, but the City must provide a 20% local match of \$80,000 for a total of \$400,000.

Other project phases such as utilities and construction will be submitted for future year's available STBGP-A funding.

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DISCUSSION:

The next step in this process is approval of the Agreement of Understanding with ARDOT. Therefore, a City Council resolution expressing the willingness of the City to utilize Federal-aid funds, and to provide matching funds for the Federal-aid dollars, and to authorize the Mayor to sign the project agreement is needed.

BUDGET/STAFF IMPACT:

This project will be based on an Agreement of Understanding with ARDOT in which Federal-aid money will pay 80% of the project amount and the City will pay 20%. Based on the total estimate of \$400,000 for environmental and right of way phases, the federal aid portion will be \$320,000 and the City's portion \$80,000. (These numbers are subject to change as the project is developed and more detailed estimates are provided.)

The Federal portion will be paid from the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program - Attributable (STBGP-A) funds. City funds will be from the Transportation Bond Program

ATTACHMENTS: SRF ARDOT Agreement, ARDOT Millsap Agreement of Understanding and Resolution, Exhibit, STBGP-A-FFY2023-College Millsap Hemlock packet

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