



MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

TO: Mayor Jordan and City Council

THRU: Chris Brown, Public Works Director
Susan Norton, Chief of Staff

FROM: Paul Libertini, Staff Engineer

DATE:

SUBJECT: **A Resolution expressing the willingness of the City to utilize Federal-aid funds for the Lighting & Video Detection Improvements project, and to recognize revenue in the amount of \$400,000 of Federal-aid Carbon Reduction Program funds, and to authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement of Understanding between the City and the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission and the Arkansas Department of Transportation as well as any Supplemental Agreements and contract documents, and to approve a Budget Adjustment.**

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends City Council approval of a resolution expressing the willingness of the City to utilize Federal-aid funds for the Lighting & Video Detection Improvements project, and to recognize revenue in the amount of \$400,000 of Federal-aid Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funds, and to authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement of Understanding between the City and the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission and the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) as well as any Supplemental Agreements and contract documents, and to approve a Budget Adjustment.

BACKGROUND:

On October 4, 2022, the City Council approved Resolution 231-22 authorizing the Mayor to apply for and utilize Carbon Reduction Program Federal-aid funds in an amount of up to \$500,000 for street lighting and video detection at major intersections. On December 27, 2022, the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission awarded the City \$400,000 in Carbon Reduction Program Federal-aid funding with a City match of \$100,000 (20%) for LED Lighting & Video Detection of Major Intersections.

DISCUSSION:

On August 18, 2023, Mayor Jordan received correspondence from the Arkansas Department of Transportation containing a sample Resolution and the Agreement of Understanding for the Lighting & Video Detection Improvement project. In order to move forward with this project, the Department is requesting that the City adopt a resolution to enter into this project agreement.

BUDGET/STAFF IMPACT:

Per the award letter from Regional Planning and per the Agreement of Understanding with the ARDOT, this project will be 80% funded with \$400,000 of federal-aid funds which will be fully refundable to the City. The City is required to purchase project equipment with City funds, and then submit a reimbursement request to

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ARDOT for compensation. The City's 20% match of \$100,000 will be paid from the Sales Tax Capital Improvement fund.

ATTACHMENTS: 2023-1052 SRF Light & Video Det Impr CRP Grant, 2023-1052 BA Light & Video Det Impr CRP Grant, Cover Letter from ARDOT, Sample Resolution from ARDOT, Agreement of Understanding - Lighting & Video Detection Improvements, Award Letter NWA Regional Planning Commission, 231-22 Resolution, Form LPA-005 Designation of Full-Time Employee, Form LPA-018 Certification-for-Grants-Loans-and-Cooperative-Agreements, RES - Federal Aid Funds Lighting and Detection Improvements Project

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