



City of Fayetteville, Arkansas

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Legislation Text

File #: 2023-1293

Transportation Alternatives Program Federal Aid Funds – Drake Street Trail

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE DRAKE STREET TRAIL, AND TO APPROVE A BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

WHEREAS, in August 2023, the City of Fayetteville was awarded \$500,000.00 in federal-aid funds through the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission Transportation Alternatives Program for construction of the Drake Street Trail Connection; and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2023, a contract was approved with Crafton-Tull and Associates by Resolution No. 236-23 for the design of the Drake Street Trail Connection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS:

Section 1: That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas hereby authorizes Mayor Jordan to sign an agreement of understanding with the Arkansas Department of Transportation, a copy of which is attached to this Resolution, for construction of the Drake Street Trail and further authorizes the Mayor to sign any additional grant documents as necessary to receive the funds for this project.

Section 2: That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas hereby approves a budget adjustment, a copy of which is attached to this Resolution.



MEETING OF DECEMBER 5, 2023

TO: Mayor Jordan and City Council

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

FROM: Matt Mihalevich, Active Transportation Manager

DATE:

SUBJECT: Transportation Alternatives Program Federal Aid Funds – Drake Street Trail

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of an Agreement of Understanding with the Arkansas Department of Transportation for construction of the Drake Street Trail made possible through the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission – Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and approving a budget adjustment to recognize \$500,000.00 in federal-aid funding and authorizing the Mayor to sign additional grant documents as necessary.

BACKGROUND:

In August of 2023, the City of Fayetteville was awarded \$500,000 in federal-aid funds through the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission Transportation Alternatives Program for construction of the Drake Street Trail Connection.

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DISCUSSION:

The Drake Street Trail Connection will use excess space in the 4-lane section of Drake Street to install a two-way protected trail from College Ave. west to the end where a trail will be constructed to extend to Gordon Long Park and connect to the Razorback Regional Greenway. The proposed trail will total 4,376 linear feet and connect the neighborhoods east of Scull Creek to Gordon Long Park and the Razorback Regional Greenway.

This project will serve people of all demographics, including many who may not have access to a vehicle and depend on other modes of transportation. We expect this connection will become an important active transportation connection with the many employment destinations along College Ave., dense neighborhoods and apartments along Drake Street and the direct connection to the Razorback Regional Greenway.

BUDGET/STAFF IMPACT:

The City of Fayetteville has been awarded \$500,000 in federal-aid funding by the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission through the Transportation Alternatives Program. The required 20 percent match or \$125,000 has been budgeted through the Trails Capital Improvements Program.

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ATTACHMENTS: SRF (#3), BA (#4), Drake Street Area Map (#5), Drake Street Trail Connections - ARDOT Packet (#6)