RESOLUTION NO. _________________

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, TO APPLY FOR, AND UTILIZE, FEDERAL-AID TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM AND SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS FOR A SHARED USE PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE TRAIL TO BE KNOWN AS THE SOUTHEAST TRAIL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Little Rock understands that Federal-aid Transportation Alternatives Program and Surface Transportation Program Funds are available from the Arkansas Department of Transportation and Metroplan at 80% Federal participation and 20% local match to develop local trail projects; and,

WHEREAS, the City is submitting a grant application for a shared use Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail improvements to connect the Arkansas River Trail at the Clinton Presidential Library to Carver Elementary School in East Little Rock which is planned to be a part of the Southeast Trail; and,

WHEREAS, the City understands that Federal-Aid Funds are available for this project on a reimbursable basis, requiring work to be accomplished and proof of payment prior to actual monetary reimbursement; and,

WHEREAS, if the grant is awarded, the project using Federal Funding, will be open and available to for use by the general public and maintained by the applicant for the life of the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

Section 1. The City of Little Rock will participate in accordance with its designated responsibility, including maintenance of this project.

Section 2. In the event that the grant funds are awarded, the City Manager, or his authorized designee, are hereby authorized and directed to execute all appropriate agreements and contracts necessary to expedite the construction of the above stated project.

Section 3. The Board of Directors pledges its full support and hereby authorizes the City Manager to apply for the grant and further authorizes Metroplan and the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ArDOT) to initiate action to implement this project.

Section 4. The maximum grant amount is Two Hundred Thousand Dollars ($200,000.00), with an estimated City share of Fifty-Four Thousand Dollars ($54,000.00). Funding for this project will be from an ArDOT TAP Grant and a match from the Street Fund.
Section 5. Severability. In the event any title, section, paragraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this resolution is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of the resolution which shall remain in full force and effect as if the portion so declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional was not originally a part of the resolution.

Section 6. Repealer. All laws, ordinances, resolutions, or parts of the same, that are inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

ADOPTED: December 17, 2019

ATTEST: 

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Susan Langley, City Clerk    Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

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Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney