

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
APRIL 17, 2018, AGENDA**

<p>Subject:</p> <p>A resolution authorizing approval of a resolution to utilize Federal-Aid Transportation Alternatives Program Funds.</p> <p>Submitted By:</p> <p>Parks & Recreation Department</p>	<p>Action Required:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ordinance √ Resolution Approval Information Report</p>	<p>Approved By:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SYNOPSIS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FISCAL IMPACT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RECOMMENDATION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BACKGROUND</p>	<p>To authorize the City Manager to utilize Federal-Aid Transportation Alternatives Program Funds for a Multi-Use Trail Connection Project through Allsopp Park from the Arkansas River Trail to Kavanaugh Boulevard.</p> <p>Federal funding in the amount of \$160,000 has been awarded. The grant will require matching funds in the amount of 20% (\$40,000.00), which will be from FY 2019 Trails Activity Accounting Unit 326459-TS45A21.</p> <p>Approval of the resolution.</p> <p>This is a grant from the United States Department of Transportation’s Transportation Alternative Program. The overall project will create a link among the Arkansas River Trail, Riverdale’s residential and commercial centers and the City’s Midtown Neighborhoods. The City plans to install bike lanes on Cedar Hill Road from the Arkansas River Trail along Riverfront Drive to Allsopp Park.</p>	

**BACKGROUND
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This project starts in Allsopp Park with the construction of approximately 2,000 lineal-feet of new hard surface asphalt trail on an abandoned old road bed corridor and approximately 1,000 lineal-feet of new hard surface concrete trail to create a connection from new bike lanes on Cedar Hill Road to the Allsopp Park Promenade located along Kavanaugh Boulevard. Currently, potential users have no direct alternative route from midtown to the Arkansas River Trail. The construction of hard surface trails in the park would greatly improve the safety for all future users and develop a direct route. Bike friendly groups and the local neighborhoods have shown support for this type of connection to the Arkansas River Trail.