RESOLUTION NO. ________

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, TO SUPPORT A UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TIGER GRANT BY THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK’S UNIVERSITY AVENUE CORRIDOR REVITALIZATION PROJECT WHICH WILL RECONFIGURE THE ASHER AND UNIVERSITY AVENUE INTERSECTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the University of Arkansas at Little Rock’s (UALR) University Avenue Corridor Revitalization Project has submitted a grant application for a United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) TIGER Grant which will reconfigure the Asher and University Avenue intersection, at a total project cost of approximately Fourteen Million, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($14,500,000); and,

WHEREAS, the grant application is a result of a lengthy comprehensive planning process conducted by UALR over the last several years; and,

WHEREAS, this resolution will authorize the City of Little Rock to support the USDOT TIGER Grant to convert University Avenue, beginning at Asher/Colonel Glenn Avenues, from a five (5)-lane roadway (two (2) northbound; three (3) southbound with turn-lanes) to a more pedestrian-friendly four (4)-lane roadway with landscaped median, sidewalks, pedestrian tables, bus pullouts, culminating with a two (2)-lane roundabout at 28th Street; and,

WHEREAS, the project will provide a much safer walking environment for students and residents of the area, which includes visitors to the Mexican Consulate; and,

WHEREAS, a study has been conducted by Jacobs Engineering to ensure that the levels of service for vehicular traffic will not be impaired by the reduction of one (1)-lane of traffic; and,

WHEREAS, this grant requires a minimum 20% match that can be a combination of in-kind, right-of-way, utility relocation, and cash contributions; those assisting with the match will include Central Arkansas Water, UALR and the City of Little Rock, Arkansas;

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

Section 1. The Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Mayor to issue a letter of support of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock’s University Avenue Corridor Revitalization Project’s Grant application for a United States Department of Transportation TIGER Grant which will reconfigure the
Asher and University Avenue intersection, at a total cost of approximately Thirteen Million, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($13,500,000).

Section 2. 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.

Section 3. 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 were not originally a part of the resolution.

ADOPTED: May 19, 2015

ATTEST:                        APPROVED:

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Susan Langley, City Clerk         Mark Stodola, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

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Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney