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Submitted By

Division

Sustainability & Strategic Planning

Department

Action Required:

The purpose of this resolution is to express intent to fund a Transportation Plan for Fayetteville in the amount of approximately \$250,000 – \$500,000.

N/A

Cost of this request

N/A

Category / Project Budget

N/A

Program Category / Project Name

N/A

Account Number

N/A

Funds Used to Date

N/A

Program / Project Category Name

N/A

Project Number

N/A

Remaining Balance

N/A

Fund Name

Budgeted Item

Budget Adjustment Attached

Department Director

10/18/17
Date

Previous Ordinance or Resolution #

City Attorney

10/18/18
Date

Original Contract Date:

Original Contract Number:

Paul a. Babin

Finance and Internal Services Director

10-21-2013
Date

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Chief of Staff

Paul a. Babin for Don Mark

10-21-2013
Date

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Mayor

10/21/13
Date

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10/21/13
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Comments:

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMO

To: Mayor Lioneld Jordan

Thru: Don Marr, Chief of Staff

CC: Jeremy Pate, Development Services Director
Chris Brown, City Engineer *CB*
Paul Becker, Finance Director *PB*

From: Peter Nierengarten, Sustainability & Strategic Planning Director *PW*

Date: October 18, 2013

Subject: Fayetteville Transportation Plan

PURPOSE

The purpose of this resolution is to express intent to fund a Transportation Plan for Fayetteville in the amount of approximately \$250,000 – \$500,000. This plan would be developed in partnership with the University of Arkansas.

BACKGROUND

In 2003 the City of Fayetteville contracted with Bucher, Willis & Ratliff (BWR) in the amount of \$222,382 to conduct a Citywide Traffic and Transportation Study. This study included the development of master street plan cross-sections, multi-modal transportation policies, a traffic calming policy, an access management policy, a development assessment policy, a smart growth policy, traffic analysis and project costs and prioritization. Recommendations from this study have helped guide three phases of transportation bonds for street improvements in Fayetteville. The third phase of the transportation bonds are planned to be issued in the fourth quarter of 2013.

In 2005 the University of Arkansas contracted with Martin, Alexiou & Bryson in the amount of \$520,000 to develop a Campus Transportation Plan. The University's Plan included a parking plan, a travel demand management plan, recommendations for all modes of transportation (transit, walking, biking and automobiles) and recommended improvements to streets. The University of Arkansas is currently developing a Request for Qualifications for a consultant to update their 2005 Campus Transportation Plan, develop and implement transportation policies, analyze parking fees, site their next parking garage and recommend locations for park and ride facilities.

Recognizing the impact that the University of Arkansas has on transportation within Fayetteville, there would be benefits and efficiencies if the University and City Transportation plans were well coordinated. Consulting services should address similar scope items and require coordinating and collaboration on items such as transit, data collection and parking. This arrangement would be spelled in each organization's respective consultant contract.

Considering the direct link between transportation and land use in cities, a new or updated Transportation Plan for the City of Fayetteville should serve the land use goals in City Plan 2030. A plan with an emphasis on transit and active transportation (walking and bicycling) would empower the City to realize the six goals of City Plan 2030. In addition this plan could serve as a blue print for future transportation bond funding.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve a resolution of intent to fund a \$250,000 – 500,000 Fayetteville Transportation Plan. The scope for the City's Transportation Plan could include:

- An update of the 2003 BWR Traffic and Transportation Study
- Review of Pedestrian/Bicycle Limitations and Recommendations for Safety Improvements
- Public Participation
- Transit Route Recommendations
- Recommendations for Transit Center Locations
- Identification and prioritization of Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Opportunities
- Identification and prioritization of Redevelopment Opportunities Thoroughfares
- The development of a Complete Streets Policy
- A review of Minimum Street Standards and Master Street Plan Cross Sections and Traffic Calming Policy
- The develop of congestion management strategies/policies and Bond Funding Prioritization

The detailed scope and budget for the project would be negotiated with the selected consultant and the completion of the RFP process.

BUDGET IMPACT

Approximately \$250,000 of leftover funds from recently completed street projects is currently available in the Sales Tax Capital Fund. If the cost of the project exceeds \$250,000, additional funding could be provided from the Street Right of Way/Intersection/Cost Sharing project within the Sales Tax fund or from other sources.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE INTENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO FUND A TRANSPORTATION PLAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000.00 TO \$500,000.00

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 expresses its intent to fund a Transportation Plan in the amount of \$250,000.00 to \$500,000.00.

PASSED and **APPROVED** this 5th day of November 2013.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

By: _____
LIONELD JORDAN, Mayor

By: _____
SONDRA E. SMITH, City Clerk/Treasurer