



## Legislation Text

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A RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE THE NORTHWEST ARKANSAS BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN CREATED BY THE NORTHWEST ARKANSAS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AND ALTA PLANNING AND DESIGN

**WHEREAS**, the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission and Alta Planning and Design have developed the Northwest Arkansas Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan after consulting with more than 800 Northwest Arkansas residents, business leaders and local government staff; and

**WHEREAS**, the Master Plan is built upon a balanced approach to engineering, education, encouragement, enforcement and evaluation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Master Plan provides a regional framework for policies, projects and programs and includes conceptual action plans for 25 local towns and cities with populations over 1,000, including the City of Fayetteville; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fayetteville Alternative Transportation and Trails Master Plan was last updated in 2009 and City staff will present an update that will implement these conceptual recommendations after the Northwest Arkansas Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan is endorsed by the City Council.

**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 endorses the Northwest Arkansas Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan created by the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission and Alta Planning and Design.

**City of Fayetteville Staff Review Form**

**2014-0538**

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**December 16th, 2014**

City Council Meeting Date - Agenda Item Only  
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11/24/2014

Engineering /  
Development Services Department

**Submitted By**

**Submitted Date**

**Division / Department**

**Action Recommendation:**

Endorsement of the Northwest Arkansas Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan and continued focus on a balanced approach to bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure based on the regional framework for polices, projects and programs that can be implemented at the local level and as described in the master plan.

**Budget Impact:**

Account Number	Fund
Project Number	Project Title
<b>Budgeted Item?</b> <u>NA</u>	Current Budget \$ -
	Funds Obligated \$ -
	Current Balance <b>\$ -</b>
<b>Does item have a cost?</b> <u>No</u>	Item Cost
<b>Budget Adjustment Attached?</b> <u>No</u>	Budget Adjustment
	Remaining Budget <b>\$ -</b>

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Original Contract Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Approval Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

**MEETING OF DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> 2014**

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**THRU:** Don Marr, Chief of Staff  
Jeremy Pate, Development Services Director  
Chris Brown, City Engineer

**FROM:** Matt Mihalevich, Trails Coordinator

**DATE:** November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014

**SUBJECT: Endorsement of the Northwest Arkansas Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Endorsement of the Northwest Arkansas Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan and continued focus on a balanced approach to bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure based on the regional framework for policies, projects and programs that can be implemented at the local level and as described in the master plan.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (NWARPC) and consultant Alta Planning and Design recently completed the Northwest Arkansas Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. Over the past year NWARPC and Alta Planning and Design met with over 800 local residents, business leaders and government staff in the development of this plan. Public meetings in Fayetteville included October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2013 on the Square during First Thursday and a community workshop on August 12<sup>th</sup> at the Fayetteville Public Library.

The vision of the Plan states that:

“Northwest Arkansas’ trail and roadway system will comfortably, safely, and efficiently accommodate bicycle and pedestrian transportation. The linking of local and regional attractions will make the area a world-class bicycle and pedestrian destination. Walking and bicycling will become a common, enjoyable, and viable transportation and recreation choice that promotes active living and a high quality of life in Northwest Arkansas.”

The plan is built upon a balanced approach to engineering, education, encouragement, enforcement, and evaluation. This approach provides a regional framework for policies, projects and programs that can be implemented at the local level. The master plan includes action plans for 25 individual communities with a population over 1,000. The walk/bike action plan for Fayetteville is listed in the attached Master Plan document on pages 6-47 through 6-64.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Fayetteville Alternative Transportation and Trails (FATT) Master Plan was last updated in 2009. Staff is currently working on an update to the FATT plan combining many of the recommendations from the Northwest Arkansas Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan with local citizen input gathered since the last update. The updated FATT plan will include a concise master plan document with an updated trail and on-street linkage map. The updated FATT plan will go before the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Active Transportation Advisory Committee, Planning Commission, Transportation Committee and City Council in the first quarter of 2015.

The Northwest Arkansas Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan provides a concept for the region, while the updated FATT plan will be calibrated to the specific needs and goals for Fayetteville.

**BUDGET/STAFF IMPACT:**

None.

**Attachments:**

Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission – Cover Letter

Walk Bike Northwest Arkansas – NWA Regional Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan - Document

Walk Bike Northwest Arkansas – NWA Regional Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan - Appendix



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November 3, 2014

Dear Mayor:

The Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (NWARPC) recently completed the Northwest Arkansas Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (Regional Master Plan).

Over the past year Alta Planning and Design (Consultant) and NWARPC met with over 800 local residents, business leaders, and government staff in the development of this Plan through meetings, events, volunteering, interviews, online mapping, comment forms, and plan review.

The vision for this Plan states that:

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The plan is built upon a balanced approach to engineering, education, encouragement, enforcement, and evaluation. This approach provides a regional framework for policies, projects and programs that can be implemented at the local level.

NWARPC has prepared a sample resolution and adoption checklist to use as a guide over the next year to endorse the Regional Master Plan, update your current city plan, and implement aspects of the Plan.

NWARPC and Alta Planning and Design look forward to working with your community over the next year. Please contact John McLarty at [jmclarty@nwarpc.org](mailto:jmclarty@nwarpc.org) or by phone at 479-751-7125.

Sincerely,

John McLarty  
Transportation Study Director