

RESOLUTION #2023-23

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE WALTON FAMILY FOUNDATION GRANT
FOR COMMUNICATIONS**

WHEREAS, the Northwest Arkansas Regional Commission (NWARPC) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) under federal regulations for the Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, AR-MO Urban Area as well as the designated recipient for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) urban grant funding programs and is responsible for transit planning and programming in the NWARPC Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA); and

WHEREAS, the NWARPC, in addition to transportation planning responsibilities and requirements, provides a forum for regional cooperation, and a wide range of planning, administrative, and technical and non-technical services to our member governments; and

WHEREAS, the NWARPC has created many regional plans and programs to advance safe and reliable mobility in the region, including the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) and Vision Zero Policy, the Congestion Management Process, the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Architecture, the Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSMO), the NWA Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan, the Connect NWA Transit Development Plan, the NWA Transportation Alternatives Analysis; and the NWA Open Space Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Walton Family Foundation awarded grant funding will provide communication capacity that will help the region coalesce around the issue of mobility choice and provide resources to advance awareness and understanding of transportation issues and opportunities in the region; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTHWEST ARKANSAS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

SECTION 1. That the NWARPC hereby accepts the Walton Family Foundation's grant funding for communications.

SECTION 2. That the Director is hereby authorized to act on behalf of the NWARPC in matters concerning this grant and project, including: (1) the execution of the grant agreement(s) and/or agreements of understanding with the Walton Family Foundation; and (2) carrying out all necessary actions to administer this grant and project in accordance with the approved application, and with all applicable requirements and procedures.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2023

Judge Barry Moehring, Chair, NWARPC

ATTEST: _____