

RESOLUTION #2024-13

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE NWARPC TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT THE WALTON FAMILY FOUNDATION NORTHWEST ARKANSAS DESIGN EXCELLENCE PROGRAM PLANNING GRANT FOR THE RAZORBACK GREENWAY CORRIDOR PLAN

WHEREAS, the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (NWARPC), as the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), is responsible for the coordination of transportation planning activities in Benton and Washington Counties in Arkansas and a portion of McDonald County in Missouri; 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, the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, and Vision Zero Policy, the NWA Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan, the Connect NWA Transit Development Plan, and the NWA Open Space Plan; and

WHEREAS, NWARPC, in 2010, was awarded and administered a \$15,000,000 TIGER grant which was matched with \$3,750,000 by the Walton Family Foundation to complete construction of the Razorback Greenway; and

WHEREAS, the Walton Family Foundation has invited NWARPC to apply for a Northwest Arkansas Design Excellence Program Planning Grant to develop, in collaboration with the seven cities the Greenway traverses, a consultant-led Razorback Greenway Corridor Plan.

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

SECTION 1: That the Director is hereby authorized to apply for and accept the Walton Family Foundation’s Northwest Arkansas Design Excellence Program Planning Grant funding for a Razorback Greenway Corridor Plan.

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 contract with a consultant and administer this grant and project in accordance with the approved application, and with all applicable requirements and procedures.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2024.

Judge Barry Moehring, Chair, NWARPC

ATTEST: _____