

AGENDA ITEM HISTORY SHEET

ITEM TITLE

AGENDA NO.

Hilldale-Midland Connector Trail

AGENDA DATE: 6/24/2025

FUNDING CERTIFICATION (Finance Director) (Signature, if applicable)

MANAGEMENT STAFF REVIEW (Signature)

MAYOR (Signature)

ITEM HISTORY (Previous Council reviews, action related to this item, and other pertinent history)

The Hilldale-Midland Connector Trail received a Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) from Metroplan in 2022 for design and engineering, totaling \$285,000 with a local match of \$71,250. Due to increased project costs, the City is now seeking additional funding to cover the design phase overrun and right-of-way acquisition.

ITEM COMMENTARY (Background discussion, key points, recommendations, etc.) Please identify any or all impacts this proposed action would have on the City budget, personnel resources, and/or residents.

The Hilldale-Midland Connector Trail is a proposed 1.05 mile, 12 foot wide multi-use trail connecting Hilldale Road to Midland Park. This segment is part of the City's Walk, Bike, Drive: Master Bike/Pedestrian Plan and is designed to improve connectivity and accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists. This trail will provide a vital link between community destinations, including the Oak Glenn and Kings Crossing subdivisions, Parkway Elementary School, and Midland Park. The City is seeking additional STBG funding to cover a design phase cost overrun and right-of-way acquisition. The total project cost is \$224,000, with an 80% grant request of \$179,200 and a 20% match of \$44,800. (Parks GL#: 001-0400-5816)

(This section to be completed by the Mayor)

ACTION PROPOSED (Motion for Consideration)

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF

CITY OF BRYANT

TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FUNDS

Surface Transportation Block Grant and Carbon Reduction Program

WHEREAS, Metroplan has issued a call for transportation projects from member jurisdictions for federal fiscal year 2026 and City of Bryant will submit Hilldale-Midland Connector Trail for consideration of grant funding, and

WHEREAS, the City of Bryant understands that, if selected, Federal-aid Surface Transportation Program and Carbon Reduction Program Funds are available at 80% federal participation and 20% local match for Bryant Parkway Trail Connector, and

WHEREAS, the City of Bryant understands that Federal-aid Funds are available for this project on a reimbursable basis, requiring work to be accomplished and proof of payment provided prior to actual monetary reimbursement, and

WHEREAS, Bryant City Council has vetted the project and supports its submittal to Metroplan, and

WHEREAS, this project, using federal funding, will be open and available for use by the general public and maintained by the applicant for the life of the project.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY BRYANT CITY COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION I: Bryant City Council agrees to include the local match requirements within its budget for FFY 2026 and subsequent years as necessary. The Parks accounts (GL Line: 001-0400-5816) will cover the local match requirement.

SECTION II: the City of Bryant will participate in accordance with its designated responsibility, including maintenance of this project.

SECTION III: Mayor Chris Treat is hereby authorized and directed to execute all appropriate agreements and contracts necessary to expedite the construction of the above stated project.

SECTION IIII: Bryant City Council pledges its full support and hereby authorizes the Arkansas Department of Transportation and Metroplan to initiate action to implement this project.

THIS RESOLUTION adopted this 24th day of June, 2025.

Signed: _____

Chris Treat Mayor of Bryant