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METROPLAN ANNOUNCES TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM PROJECTS

LITTLE ROCK, AR, April 4, 2016 — Metroplan has approved funding to the following applicants for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grants in Central Arkansas.

The TAP is a Federal-aid program established in 2013 that allows eligible sponsors to apply for funding to construct sidewalks and trails for pedestrians, bicyclists and other non-motorized forms of transportation, create systems that will provide safe routes for non-drivers (children, older adults and individuals with disabilities) or other similar activities. This year, Metroplan received 18 applications requesting more than \$5.5 million. Thirteen projects were selected to receive approximately \$2.1 million in available funding. The TAP requires a minimum of 20% local match.

Jurisdiction	Street/Facility	Funding Amount	Project
Pulaski	Arkansas River Trail - Pinnacle Valley Road	\$400,000	Pinnacle Valley Rd from County Farm to Hidden Valley
Saline	Old River Bridge (Southwest Trail) Ph I & II	\$296,000	Completion of Phase II (Bridge disassembly, parts inspected and analyzed, repaired or replaced, painted and re-assembled)
North Little Rock	Pike Avenue Pedestrian Improvements	\$112,000	Environmental, surveying, and design work (Broadway to Pershing)
Conway	Dave Ward Drive Overpass	\$150,000	Bridge (City committed to raising additional funds necessary to complete the project)
North Little Rock	Levy Trail Phase III/IV	\$42,000	56th to Kierre
Little Rock	Roosevelt Rd. Sidewalks	\$160,000	Completion of sidewalk, buffer sidewalk where feasible
Benton	Jackman St./River St.	\$125,000	Richards St. to Airlane Drive
Maumelle	Edgewood Drive/Lake Point Drive Sidewalks	\$125,000	Sidewalk along Edgewood Drive
Cabot	First Street Sidewalks	\$125,000	Pheasant Run South to Pheasant Run North - Extending sidewalk connection to school; Pedestrian crossings provided
Faulkner County	Springfield-Des Arc Bridge Relocation	\$240,000	Pedestrian/Bike Bridge
Jacksonville	Military Road/Hwy 294 Sidewalks	\$125,000	Hwy 161 to Woodbriar Drive
Sherwood	Kelso Rd. & Burns Trail Sidewalks	\$125,000	North Valley to Hwy 107
Bryant	Third Street Streetscape	\$90,000	Streetscape improvements

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