

**RESOLUTION No. R-2021-37**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A REGIONAL GREENWAYS PARKWAY INITIATIVE AS A WHOLE, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR CITY CLERK TO EXPEND FUNDS FOR CONTINUED ENGINEERING OF THE WARD TO AUSTIN TO CABOT SEGMENT**

**WHEREAS, THE CITY OF WARD** is a member of Metroplan, the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Central Arkansas Region Transportation Study Area; and

**WHEREAS, METROPLAN** has committed to spending \$55 million over the next 10 year in developing a regional multi-use path network in the Metroplan area; and

**WHEREAS, RESOLUTION 2020-23**, authorized the mayor to enter into a partnership with the City of Austin, City of Cabot, and Lonoke County to facilitate the development of a bike/pedestrian pathway which would extend from Ward to Austin to Cabot and eventually tie into the Cabot to Jacksonville segment which is all a part of the planned Central Arkansas Regional Parkway (<https://www.centralarkgreenways.com>); and,

**WHEREAS**, an engineering concept of the of the Ward to Austin to Cabot segment is attached; and,

**WHEREAS**, in 2020, Metroplan allocated \$500,000 to the Cities of Ward, Austin, Cabot and Lonoke County for further engineering studies of which Metroplan will pay \$400,000 and the rest is divided equally by the four local governmental entities involved.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WARD**

**SECTION 1:** The Governing Body hereby supports the concept of a Central Arkansas Regional Pathway as a whole and in particular the segment from Ward to Austin to Cabot as depicted on the attachment.

**SECTION 2:** Hereby authorizes the Mayor or City Clerk to expend the necessary funds to pay for Ward's part of the proposed engineering fees not to exceed \$27,500 (\$25,000 + 10%).

Said resolution has been properly introduced and the vote was:

PASSED

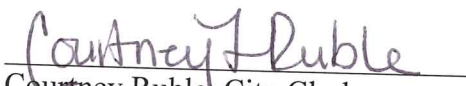
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DATE: December 20, 2021

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

  
Charles Gastineau, Mayor

  
Courtney Ruble, City Clerk

City Seal

# Downtown Austin



Sources: Esri, Maxar, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AeroGRID, IGN, and the GIS User Community

Ward Sports Complex

Ward

Highway 67/167

Austin

City of Austin Property

\*Park Group, LLC

\*CMC Investments

Cabot

## Central Arkansas Regional Greenways

### Legend

#### Ward to Austin Connections

- Option 1
- Option 2
- Future Regional Route
- Alternate Regional Route
- Future Connection to Downtown Ward

#### City Boundaries

- Austin
- Cabot
- Ward

0 500 1,000 2,000 Feet



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