

RESOLUTION 22-09

AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE U. S. DOT FOR A FY 2022 SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL (SS4A) DISCRETIONARY GRANT AND CONDUCTING A REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY ACTION PLAN FOR NORTHWEST ARKANSAS

WHEREAS, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117-58, also referred to as the “Bipartisan Infrastructure Law” or “BIL”) authorized and appropriated funds for FY 2022 for the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Discretionary Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of SS4A grants is to improve roadway safety by significantly reducing or eliminating roadway fatalities and serious injuries through safety action plan development and implementation focused on all user, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation users, motorists, personal conveyance and micromobility users, and commercial vehicle operators; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (NWARPC) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) under federal regulations for the Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, AR-MO Urbanized Area and is an eligible applicant; and

WHEREAS, the Technical Advisory Committee, including city engineers of all major cities in the region, unanimously recommended that NWARPC file an application, and initiate the process of conducting a Regional Comprehensive Safety Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, completion of such an Action Plan meeting DOT requirements, would enable all jurisdictions to in the NWA region to subsequently qualify individually for consideration of US DOT SS4A Implementation Discretionary Grants.

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

SECTION 1. That authorization is hereby given for the submittal of an application to the U.S. DOT for an FY 2022 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Discretionary Grant, and the conduct of a Regional Comprehensive Safety Action Plan.

SECTION 2. That the Director is hereby authorized to act on behalf of the Commission in matters concerning this project application, including subsequent administration of the grant should it be approved; procurement of the consultant recommended by the selection committee, and conducting a Regional Comprehensive Safety Action Plan.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2022.

Chairman

ATTEST: _____