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Metroplan  
Attn: Casey Covington, Executive Director  
501 W. Markham St., Ste. B  
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: Letter of Commitment for Arkansas Tri-Region Coalition's CPRG application

Dear Mr. Covington:

This letter is intended to express Faulkner County's and the City of Conway's commitment to supporting the goals outlined in the Arkansas Tri-Region Coalition's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) implementation application. Metroplan is recognized as a leader in regional transportation and sustainability planning within Central Arkansas and this grant proposal expands upon its past success.

The City of Conway received a RAISE Grant in 2022 to expand its alternative transportation network, Connect Conway. This grant will add 15 miles of pedestrian and cyclist facilities within the City while also creating additional open space. The CPRG Grant will allow an expansion of this critical network, additional carbon sequestration measures along the corridor, and possible expansion to additional communities within Faulkner County. The ongoing work of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission on Lake Conway provides a timely opportunity to incorporate additional environmental benefits into this critical economic development tool for the County.

Faulkner County and the City of Conway are working to improve building efficiency within their owned buildings. They have recently completed the following projects: conversion of lighting to LED at the Faulkner County Justice Building interim parking lot, the Coroner's office, and campus-wide at each opportunity, and installation of six (6) high-efficiency air conditioning units. This grant will allow for an expansion of these efforts while also granting opportunities to fleet efficiency conversion. The expansion of the CPACE Program will benefit businesses within Faulkner County.

Conway Corp, the public utility for Conway, has played a central role in the development of the streetlight conversions to LED program included in the CPRG application. Their participation in the program and its benefits to LIDAC neighborhoods will greatly enhance livability within these communities and will reduce energy consumption.

This coalition of Metroplan, the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission, and City of Fort Smith demonstrates the value of Arkansas Metropolitan Areas working together to maintain the Natural State and address the environmental and air quality challenges it faces.

Sincerely,

Allen Dodson  
Faulkner County Judge  
Metroplan Vice President

Bart Castleberry  
Mayor  
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