

Matt Brumley



Saline County Judge

March 25, 2024

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 Saline County'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.

Saline County has recently broken ground on the final phase of the Old River Bridge rehab, converting this historic 1889 into a pedestrian/bike bridge as part of the Southwest Trail Construction. This bridge, along with two other segments of trail schedule to begin construction this spring will be a central piece of the Southwest Trail. Saline County will participate in the development of the Green Network Development by expanding this trail and connecting it to LIDAC Communities. The Saline River Greenway is also an exemplary opportunity through the conservation of the floodplain for greenways, recreational opportunities, and Carbon Sequestration measures. The City of Benton is leading this effort though the development of a larger plan for this river corridor. The City of Bryant is also planning to connect its emerging trail network throughout the city.

Saline County, City of Benton, and City of Bryant are all working to improve building efficiency within its owned buildings, recently completing the following projects: Saline County has added a solar array at the Saline County Detention Center (667-kilowatt) and has also completed system upgrades throughout various county properties such as LED lighting, water conservation measures, HVAC systems and energy management controls. We have also begun construction of a solar array at the Saline County Technical Education Center (350 kilowatt) which will also serve as a learning lab for the students of the six participating school districts. This grant will allow for an expansion of these efforts while also granting opportunities to fleet efficiency conversion. The City of Benton, and its electric department, will also consider participating in the streetlight conversions to LED program. The Saline County Career and Technical Campus, serving all school districts in Saline County, will provide an opportunity to participate in the workforce development phase of the project.

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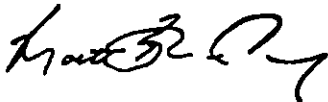
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This coalition of Metroplan, the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission, and City of Fort Smith demonstrates the value of Arkansas Metropolitan Areas working together to maintain the Natural State and address the environmental and air quality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

Sincerely,

Matt Brumley

Tom Farmer

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Mayor, City of Benton