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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 the Illinois River Watershed Partnership (IRWP)'s strong, long-term commitment to supporting the Northwest Arkansas Green Network goals outlined in the Arkansas Tri-Region Coalition's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) implementation application.

The IRWP is a 19-year-old nonprofit organization whose mission is to improve the integrity of the Illinois River Watershed, a region covering rapidly urbanizing Northwest Arkansas and Eastern Oklahoma, through public education, outreach, and the implementation of conservation and restoration practices. The IRWP has a successful track record of implementing projects similar in scope and complexity as this project and is committed to achieving the goals of the grant.

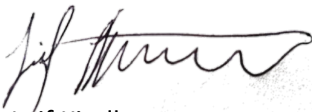
IRWP will partner with Metroplan and coalition member, Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (NWARPC), to contribute to the effective implementation of the Northwest Arkansas Green Network project, which will reduce and sequester greenhouse gas emissions, improve air quality, and provide energy and transportation cost savings in Arkansas' second-largest metro area.

IRWP will use its subaward to provide the following assistance with the design and performance of the following projects included in the Arkansas Tri-Region Coalition's CPRG implementation application:

- Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park
- Spring Creek (Downtown) Riparian Restoration
 - technical assistance in partnership with City of Springdale
- Workforce Development

I appreciate our inclusion in the Arkansas Tri-Region Coalition's CPRG application. We are eager to participate in the coalition's efforts to protect the Natural State and ensure environmental and economic benefits to some of its most vulnerable residents.

Sincerely,



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