

RESOLUTION 15-4

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A U. S. DOT TIGER VII DISCRETIONARY GRANT APPLICATION IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE S. H. 265 (RANDALL WOBBE-S.H. 264) PROJECT

WHEREAS, a multi-jurisdictional committee, meeting through NWARPC's multi-modal transportation planning efforts, has established as an objective, the implementation of a north-south connective transportation corridor linking respective jurisdictions on the east side of the Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers Urbanized Area in Northwest Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, due to environmental, utility, and historic preservation considerations, a regionally significant, major need exists to relocate and construct a 2.03 mile multi-modal arterial section of S. H. 265 between Randall Wobbe Lane in Springdale, to S. H. 264 in Bethel Heights, to connect to improved sections to the north and south; and

WHEREAS, the U. S. Department of Transportation has announced the availability of funds for transportation projects under the TIGER VII Discretionary Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, multi-jurisdictional, multi-modal regional projects, particularly those involving the leveraging of other funds, are well suited to announced criteria for project selection; and

WHEREAS, the NWARPC, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the region, has committed all available funds (\$3,750,000), in partnership with AHTD, to advance the project; and is eligible to partner in this application for TIGER VII funding.

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

SECTION 1. That authorization be, and is hereby given for the submittal of an application in partnership with the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department to the U. S. Department of Transportation for a TIGER VII Discretionary Grant for a project to relocate, and construct to arterial standards, a 2.03 mile multi-modal section of S. H. 265 from Randall Wobbe Lane in Springdale to S. H. 264 in Bethel Heights.

SECTION 2. That the Director is hereby authorized to act on behalf of the Commission in matters concerning this project, and to take the necessary steps to partner with AHTD in the preparation and submittal of a TIGER VII application for the S.H. 265 project.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 27th DAY OF May, 2015.


Chairman