RESOLUTION R-96-9

Whereas, the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Conway was adopted by Resolution R-91-30 on September 10, 1991; and

Whereas, the Comprehensive Plan does not cover the area into which the City of Conway is currently growing; and

Whereas, the City of Conway is in need of a new general plan; and

Whereas, the City of Conway has contracted with a consultant, conducted public hearings, and generally gathered and analyzed relevant information and prepared a new general plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS:

The Growth Plan of the City of Conway prepared in 1995 and 1996 shall replace the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Conway prepared in 1991 and adopted by Resolution on September 10, 1991 and shall serve as both the General Plan and the Master Street Plan for the City of Conway.

PASSED this ___ day of __________, 1996.

APPROVED:

[Signature]

Mayo

ATTEST:

[Signature]

City Clerk
August 5, 1996

Mayor David Kinley
City of Conway
1201 Oak Street
Conway, AR 72032

Dear Mayor Kinley:

At its July Board of Directors meeting, the Metroplan Board adopted some amendments to our Central Arkansas Regional Transportation Study (CARTS) Memorandum of Agreement and have referred them to the signatories for ratification. The entire amended Agreement is enclosed along with a resolution for your governing body to adopt.

The main changes are these: (1) instead of individual documents as is currently the case, all members will sign a single Agreement document, and (2) some of the detail (definition of committees and such) has been eliminated in favor of more generic language.

After five years of working with the new mandates of ISTEA, we have learned that it is important to be flexible and be able to evolve over time. The Board felt that the old document carried too much detail that would require this full ratification process to amend. Therefore, they elected to use more generic language in the basic Agreement and to relegate the changing detail to the annually adopted Unified Planning Work Program and other such documents.

Please place this resolution before your governing body at your earliest convenience. If you need me or one of our staff members to attend the meeting where this will be considered, please let us know. When all of the resolutions have been adopted, we will schedule a signing ceremony this fall.

Thank you for your help. Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

Jim McKenzie
Executive Director
Central Arkansas Regional Transportation Study
Agreement of Understanding

Between and Among

Faulkner County, Lonoke County, Pulaski County, Saline County, the City of Alexander, the City of Austin, the City of Benton, the City of Bryant, the City of Cabot, the City of Cammack Village, the City of Conway, the City of Haskell, the City of Jacksonville, the City of Little Rock, the City of Maumelle, the City of North Little Rock, the City of Shannon Hills, the City of Sherwood, the City of Vilonia, the City of Ward, the City of Wrightsville, the Central Arkansas Transit Authority, South Central Arkansas Transit, the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department, and other jurisdictions or agencies that may, in the future, be admitted to this agreement

In Cooperation With

The United States Department of Transportation

To Participate In

The responsibilities and functions of a continuing, comprehensive and cooperative transportation planning process for Central Arkansas through METROPLAN, the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Little Rock/North Little Rock Metropolitan Statistical Area.

Whereas, it is the desire of the participating jurisdictions and agencies that there be a continuing, comprehensive, and cooperative (3C) transportation planning process, pursuant to United States Department of Transportation regulations and in accordance with Titles 23 and 49 of the US Code, that is responsive to the needs of the urban and urbanizing areas of central Arkansas and to changes in those areas; and

Whereas, the goal of this planning process is an approved central Arkansas regional transportation plan accepted by all participating jurisdictions and formally approved as the plan for implementation by the MPO Board;

Whereas, it is understood that this agreement does not transfer any constitutional or legislative authority possessed by the participating jurisdictions; and

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Whereas, it is understood that the planning process and the relationship between the partners in the planning process is complex and evolves over time;

THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED that the designated metropolitan planning organization shall be the forum for cooperative transportation decision making for the Central Arkansas Regional Transportation Study Area pursuant to United States Department of Transportation regulations and in accordance with US Code.

The MPO may establish advisory committees and hire staff and/or consultants to assist it in its decision making. The organization, composition, responsibilities, and functions of CARTS advisory committees and MPO staff shall be at the direction of the MPO Board.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that the specific relationships in the planning process and specific responsibilities for conducting planning studies shall be specified in the Unified Planning Work Program as adopted by the MPO and other agreements between the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department, the transit provider(s) and the MPO as may be deemed mutually desirable.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that all existing master street plans, and area-wide road, highway, transit, bikeway, waterport, airport, or pedestrian plans, or any such plans for improvement of transportation facilities within the CARTS boundary shall be consistent with the approved central Arkansas regional transportation plan.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that in cooperation with MPO, the participating governments and agencies will take appropriate action to implement the Transportation Improvement Program as approved by the MPO. The Transportation Improvement Program shall be updated at least biennially. The MPO shall publish the approved TIP and TIP updates.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that modifications to this Agreement must be approved by the MPO Board and submitted to each signatory jurisdiction and agency for ratification. Failure to adopt this Agreement or to ratify proposed modifications will signal that the jurisdiction or agency does not wish to participate in the regional transportation planning process.

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BY: ____________________________

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