



**City of Conway, Arkansas**  
**Resolution No. R-22-17**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO APPLY FOR THE RAISE GRANT FOR THE CONNECT CONWAY PROJECT FOR THE CITY OF CONWAY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**Whereas**, the City of Conway has the opportunity to apply for a U.S. Department of Transportation Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant; and

**Whereas**, the RAISE grant may exceed 80 percent of the federal share of costs if a project is in a rural designated areas; and

**Whereas**, the focus of Connect Conway is to build a safe, connected, and accessible transportation system that reduces congestion, improves quality of life, increases economic competitiveness, and provides equitable development; the Connect Conway project will improve transportation options throughout the City; and

**Whereas**, this project will provide a critical route that serves educational institutions, healthcare facilities, retail and restaurants, industry and small business, the parks and tourism sector, and other community destinations. The route of this project will connect three Opportunity Zones and four qualified Areas of Persistent Poverty tracts helping pave the way for economic development and revitalization in underserved areas; and

**Whereas**, the maximum federal share cannot exceed \$25 million, the Connect Conway grant application request estimates in excess of \$20 million and the grant application will include existing and future projects as matching sources to show the commitment of developing Connect Conway.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS THAT:**

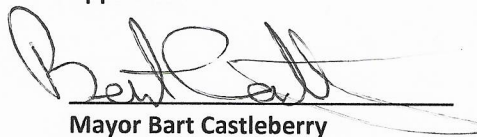
**Section 1.** The City of Conway does hereby express its support for the RAISE application for the Connect Conway project and shall authorize application submittal and commitment of matching funds for the RAISE grant.

**Section 2.** The City Council does hereby authorize the Mayor to execute all agreements and contracts regarding this project.

**Section 3.** All ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**PASSED** this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2022.

**Approved:**

  
**Mayor Bart Castleberry**

**Attest:**

  
**Michael O. Garrett**  
City Clerk/Treasurer