



October 1, 2021

Mayor Bart Castleberry
City of Conway
1201 Oak Street
Conway, AR 72032

Salem Road – Phase II Reconstruction STBG Application

Dear Mayor Castleberry:

This letter serves as official notice to the city of being awarded \$750,000 in CARTS 2022 Surface Transportation Program Block Grant Funds by the Metroplan Board for the Salem Road reconstruction project. These funds may be used to reimburse the city for design and ROW phases of the project and must be matched with \$187,500 from the city. This project is expected to obligate in federal fiscal year 2022, ending on September 30, 2022.

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I encourage the city to utilize Metroplan and its on-call consultants for the design of the project. Alternative the city can select its own engineer but must follow federal procurement guidelines and accepts all responsibilities for delays resulting from the engineer. If the city wishes to take advantage of Metroplan on-call consultants it should submit a letter expressing such to me and may indicate preferences for an engineer (Crafton Tull, Garver, Halff, McClelland).

This project was awarded based upon the application and design submitted by the city and scored accordingly. Deviations for this design must be approved by Metroplan. Plans will be reviewed for consistency with the application prior to the obligation of funds.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Director

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