

RESOLUTION NO. R-17-13

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF GARLAND COUNTY, ARKANSAS, THAT THE GARLAND COUNTY QUORUM COURT SUPPORTS THE PROPOSED TRAIL SYSTEM FROM LITTLE ROCK TO HOT SPRINGS NATIONAL PARK, KNOWN AS THE SOUTHWEST TRAIL

WHEREAS, the demand for bicycling is increasing across Arkansas and Garland County and has shown to provide not only recreational, tourism, and health benefits but also economic benefits; and,

WHEREAS, numerous recent studies have shown that bicycling continues to consistently generate millions of dollars in local economic activity in areas working to increase bicycle infrastructure; and,

WHEREAS, current data reveals that building biking infrastructure creates an average of 11.4 jobs for every \$ 1 million spent compared to the 7.8 jobs created by road-only infrastructure for every \$ 1 million spent.

WHEREAS, Pulaski County, the lead agency, in partnership with Saline County and Garland County are wishing to design a proposed trail system from Little Rock to Hot Springs National Park, known as the Southwest Trail; and,

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration has awarded funding for Phase 1 of the proposed trail system,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF GARLAND COUNTY, ARKANSAS, THAT:

SECTION 1: Garland County Judge Rick Davis is hereby authorized and directed to execute all appropriate agreements and contracts necessary to expedite the above stated project.

SECTION 2: Garland County pledges its full support and hereby authorizes Garland County Judge Rick Davis to continue the cooperation with Pulaski County and Saline County to initiate action to implement this project as described above.

Date: August 14, 2017

Approved: _____

Rick Davis

Garland County Judge

Attest: _____

Sarah Smith
Garland County Clerk

Sponsor(s): _____
