

RESOLUTION NO. 18-04

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF
FAULKNER COUNTY
TO PARTNER WITH THE CITY OF MAYFLOWER AND ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT:

UPRR Overpass & Realign. (Mayflower) (S)

WHEREAS, the City of Mayflower (City), Faulkner County (County), Metroplan and the Arkansas Department of Transportation (Department) have agreed on the need to alleviate Highway 89 railroad track crossing delays and to improve east-west travel in Mayflower by constructing an overpass of the Union Pacific Railroad and realigning Highway 89; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Railroad Overpass would benefit not only the City of Mayflower it would benefit the larger region including southwestern Faulkner County and western Conway west of Interstate 40 and south central Faulkner County east of Interstate 40 as well as areas beyond, and

WHEREAS, the 2016-2020 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) includes \$15.0 million in federal, state, and local funds to construct the railroad overpass and realign Highway 89; and

WHEREAS, Alternative 3, which is preferred by the City, County, and Metroplan, has been recommended as the preferred alternative; and

WHEREAS, the Department has prepared estimates and the total project cost is expected to be \$27.06 million; and

WHEREAS, the Department's portion of this cost is estimated to be \$15.23 million to reconfigure the Highway 89 interchange with Interstate 40 and to construct a railroad overpass on new location that will connect with Main Street; and

WHEREAS, the City and County, in conjunction with Metroplan, will be responsible for costs associated with the new location construction of Highway 89 from the intersection of existing Highway 89/Billy Drive to the proposed Railroad Overpass, estimated to be \$11.83 million and divided as follows; and

WHEREAS, Metroplan has allocated the maximum 80% federal funding for this segment in the amount of \$9.46 Million; and

WHEREAS, the City and County remaining 20% share is estimated at \$2.37 Million; and

WHEREAS, the Department has committed to handling all phases of the project; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of the new Highway 89 connection, the City will accept ownership and responsibility for the bypassed portion of exiting Highway 89, as shown on Exhibit "A".

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

SECTION I: The County will participate in accordance with its designated responsibilities as described above.

SECTION II: The Judge or his designated representative is hereby authorized and directed to execute all appropriate agreements and contracts necessary to expedite the construction of these projects.

SECTION III: The County pledges its full support and hereby requests that the Arkansas Department of Transportation initiate action to implement this project.

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MARGARET BARTER
FAULKNER COUNTY CLERK

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Dated: July ²³17, 2018

Attest: Margaret Darter
Margaret Darter
Quorum Court Secretariat
Faulkner County, AR

Dated: July 17, 2018

Approved: Jim Baker
Jim Baker
Faulkner County Judge
Faulkner County, AR