

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK TO PARTNER WITH THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE INTERSTATE 30 AND INTERSTATE 40 WIDENING AND RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Department of Transportation (“ARDOT”) is scheduled to widen and reconstruct portions of Interstate 30 and replace the Interstate 30 bridge over the Arkansas River between the Interstate 30/530 Interchange and the Interstate 40/Highway 67 Interchange; and

WHEREAS, Rock Region Metro (“METRO”), in order to serve the cities of Little Rock and North Little Rock, has constructed a trolley line including rail, catenary system, a transformer site, and other infrastructure, part of which is located on the State Highway System and on Arkansas Highway Commission lands; and

WHEREAS, the current airspace agreement between ARDOT and METRO states that all costs associated with any required modifications to the Metro Streetcar on Arkansas Highway Commission rights of way will be the responsibility of METRO; and

WHEREAS, the modification of the streetcar infrastructure is considered a utility relocation related to this project and will be achieved in two phases; and

WHEREAS, the METRO Streetcar was partially funded by grants through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA); and

WHEREAS, the FTA has a remaining interest in the METRO Streetcar system; and

WHEREAS, METRO is obligated to return the Streetcar system to its original working condition while there is remaining FTA interest; and

WHEREAS, the METRO Streetcar is funded equally by Pulaski County, the City of Little Rock, and the City of North Little Rock; and

WHEREAS, ARDOT, METRO, Pulaski County, the City of Little Rock, and the City of North Little Rock desire to pursue the safest and most economical method of returning the Streetcar system to its original working condition; and

WHEREAS, Pulaski County, the City of Little Rock, and the City of North Little Rock have proposed a partnership with ARDOT to assist with the required costs associated with relocating the infrastructure for the METRO Streetcar; and

WHEREAS, Highway 161, Section 3, from Highway 70 (E. Broadway Street) north to the North Little Rock city limits, in the City of North Little Rock, Pulaski County, will be accepted by the City of North Little Rock into the City Street System, as shown in Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, ARDOT has agreed to construct a pavement preservation project on this section of Highway 161, Section 3, prior to its removal from the State Highway System; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Little Rock agrees to accept the transfer of property rights and all responsibility for the maintenance of the portion of Highway 161, Section 3, from Highway 70 north to the North Little Rock city limits, in the City of North Little Rock, in accordance with Arkansas Code Annotated § 27-65-109; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of the proposed change and transfer is practical and will be in the best interest of the City of North Little Rock and the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, THAT:

SECTION 1: The City of North Little Rock will participate in accordance with its designated responsibilities as described above.

SECTION 2: The Mayor, or his designated representative, is hereby authorized and directed to execute all appropriate agreements and contracts necessary to expedite this project.

SECTION 3: The City of North Little Rock pledges its full support and hereby requests that the Arkansas Department of Transportation initiate action to assist in implementation of this project.

SECTION 4: The City of North Little Rock hereby agrees and accepts the portion of Highway 161, Section 3, from Highway 70 north to the North Little Rock city limits, into the City of North Little Rock's City Street System, as shown in Exhibit A.

SECTION 5: A copy of the resolution duly certified by the City Clerk shall be filed in the office of the Recorder of Pulaski County and recorded in the deed of said county.

SECTION 6: This Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately after the portion of Highway 161, Section 3, in the City of North Little Rock, is removed from the State Highway System by the Arkansas State Highway Commission.

SECTION 7: A copy of this Resolution shall be submitted to the Arkansas Department of Transportation for their records.

PASSED:

APPROVED:

SPONSOR:

Mayor Joe A. Smith

ATTEST:

Joe A. Smith  
Mayor Joe A. Smith *by AF*

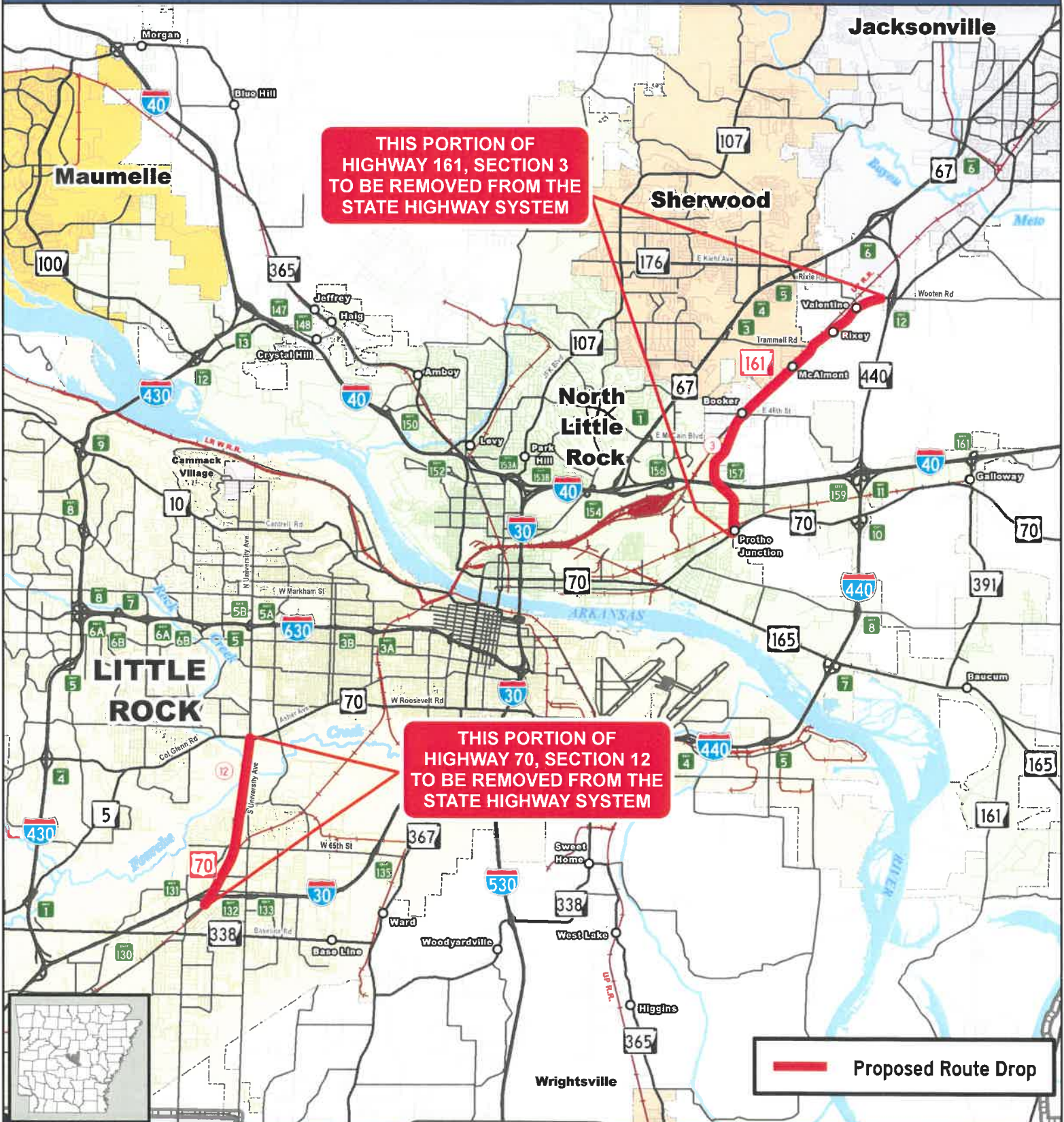
Diane Whitbey, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Amy Beckman Fields  
Amy Beckman Fields, City Attorney

FILED	<u>11:00</u>	A.M.	_____	P.M.
By	<u>A. Fields</u>			
DATE	<u>11-17-2020</u>			
<b>Diane Whitbey, City Clerk and Collector North Little Rock, Arkansas</b>				
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# PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM CITIES OF LITTLE ROCK, NORTH LITTLE ROCK & PULASKI COUNTY PULASKI COUNTY



**EXHIBIT**  
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