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SMALL CITIES  
COUNCIL

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May 26, 2021 • 9:00 AM

# AGENDA

1. Call to Order & Welcome
2. Introductions & Announcements
3. Summary of Previous Meeting
4. Community Spotlight
5. Metroplan Update
6. American Rescue Plan
7. Preview of Upcoming Meetings
8. Adjourn

## SCC MEMBERS

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|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Alexander          | 10. Lonoke        |
| 2. Austin             | 11. Mayflower     |
| 3. Bauxite            | 12. Mount Vernon  |
| 4. Cammack<br>Village | 13. Shannon Hills |
| 5. England            | 14. Traskwood     |
| 6. Greenbrier         | 15. Vilonia       |
| 7. Guy                | 16. Ward          |
| 8. Haskell            | 17. Wooster       |
| 9. HS Village         | 18. Wrightsville  |



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## INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- New faces
- Exciting projects



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March 24, 2021



Wednesday, March 24, 2021 | 9:00 AM  
Jacksonville Community Center  
DRAFT  
Meeting

Meeting recording may be viewed at  
[www.facebook.com/56041648536/videos/2815879512008094](http://www.facebook.com/56041648536/videos/2815879512008094)

**SCC Members Attending:**  
1. Mayor Sammartino

1. Mayor Sammy Hartwick, President
2. Mayor Bernie Chamberlain
3. Mayor Charles Gastineau
4. Mayor Sam Higdon
5. Mayor Butch House
6. Mr. Jeffrey Reed
7. Mayor Trae Reed
8. Mayor Terry Mizer
9. Mayor Terry Don Robinson

**Metroplan Staff:**

- Staff:**
10. Mr. Casey Covington
  11. Mr. Hans Hausteine
  12. Ms. Bernadette Rhodes
  13. Mr. Allen Skaggs
  14. Ms. La'Kesha Stewart
  15. Mr. Tab Townsell

- City of Greenbrier  
City of Austin  
City of Ward  
City of Guy  
City of England  
City of Shannon Hills  
City of Lonoke  
City of Wrightsville  
City of Wooster

Deputy Director  
GIS Planner/Performance Measure Coord.  
Community Planner  
Planning Technician  
Planner/Public Outreach  
Executive Director

**I. Call to Order and Welcome**  
Mayor Hartwick calls to order.

**Order and Welcome**  
Mayor Hartwick called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. He welcomed the attendees and asked attendees to introduce themselves.

Ward: Mayor Gastineau stated progress was being made on the improvements, which will provide Ward with its first traffic light.

Lonoke: Mayor Reed encouraged attendees to try Lonoke's new Rabbit, which opened in January 2021.

**Summary of**

### 3. Summary of Previous Meeting

**MOTION** by Mayor Gastineau, seconded by Councilmember Rhodes, that the summary of the January 27, 2021 meeting be approved as presented. There were none.

**MOTION** by Mayor Gastineau, **SECONDED** by Mayor Higdon, to  
of the January 27, 2021 meeting as presented.  
**PASSED**

#### 4. Metroplan Update

Mr. Townsell made the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) score and encouraged members to start thinking about which projects could be STBG program's funding tracts – Municipal Street, Rural Street, Bike/Ped Jump Start Tract, or Alternative Tract. Applications can be written to achieve the maximum number of points.

A Complete Streets Tract is not included in this funding cycle because municipalities are best suited for 2021 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding. TAP funding is offered through both ARDOT and Metroplan this year. Metroplan receives funding in TAP funding, and issues a call for proposals once every two years for a tract. In 2022, Metroplan will not issue a call for TAP proposals, so the Complete Streets Tract will once again be included in the STBG funding next year. Timing for application was discussed in the Executive Committee meeting.

Mr. Townsell informed members that ArDOT is offering state-wide TAP and Trails Program (RTP) funding this spring. Applications are due Tuesday, June 1, 2010. Funding will be used to cover sidewalks, bike facilities, paths, trails, safe routes to school, and street lighting to enhance safety, education, and recreation. Applications for RTP funding are available at [www.ar.gov/transportation](http://www.ar.gov/transportation).



# SPOTLIGHT ON: LONOKE

[Home](#)[Community](#)[Government](#)[Community Development](#)[Business](#)[Visitors](#)[How Do I?](#)

**Welcome to the good life  
in Lonoke, Arkansas**



CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



PAY YOUR WATER BILL



MUNICIPAL CODE



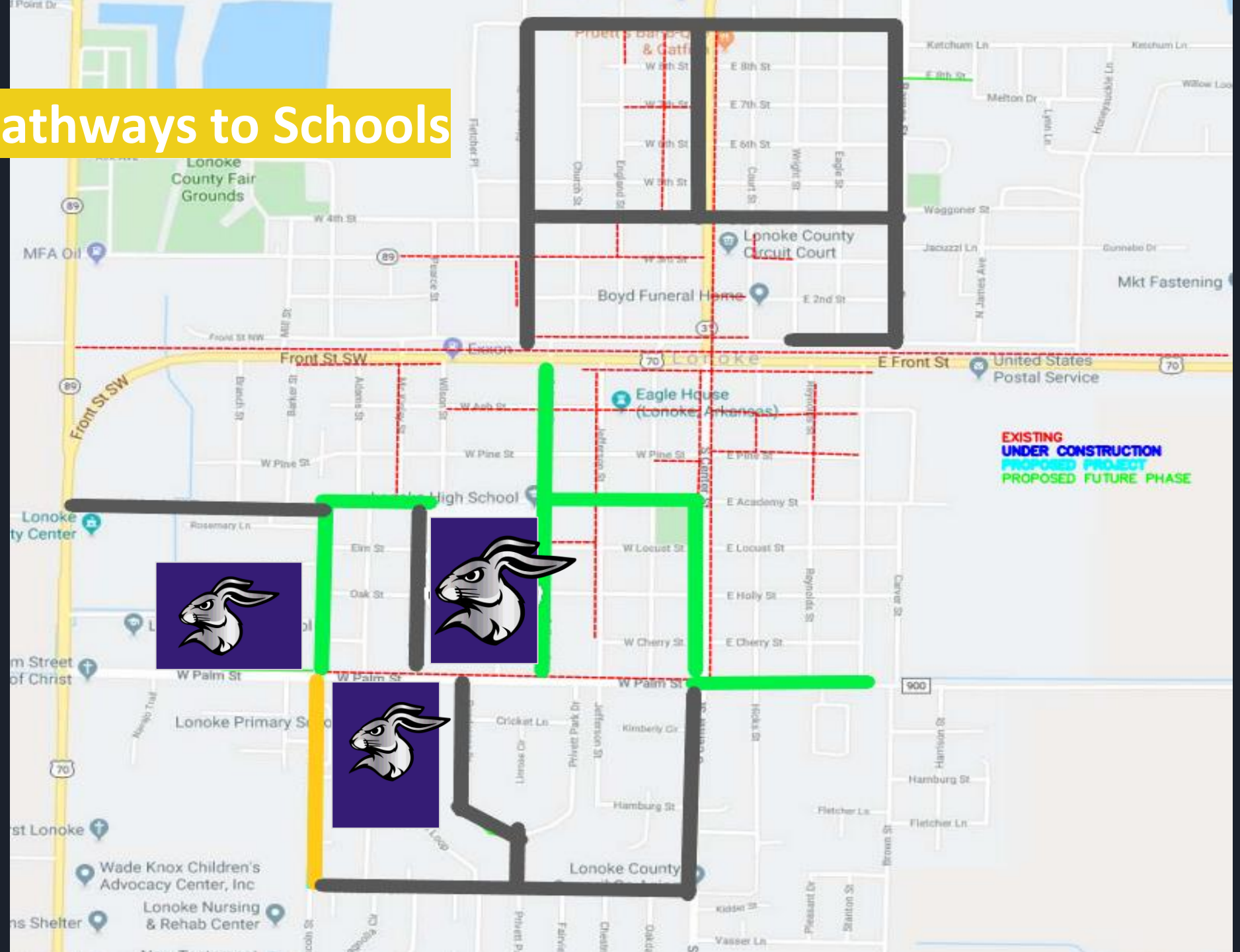
PERMITS & LICENSES



# MetroPlan'ish Talking Points

- Safe Pathways to School Sidewalks
- Bicycle-Pedestrian Master Plan
- Downtown Parking Study
- Shared Use Path across I-40
- Street Signs and Wayfinding

# Safe Pathways to Schools
















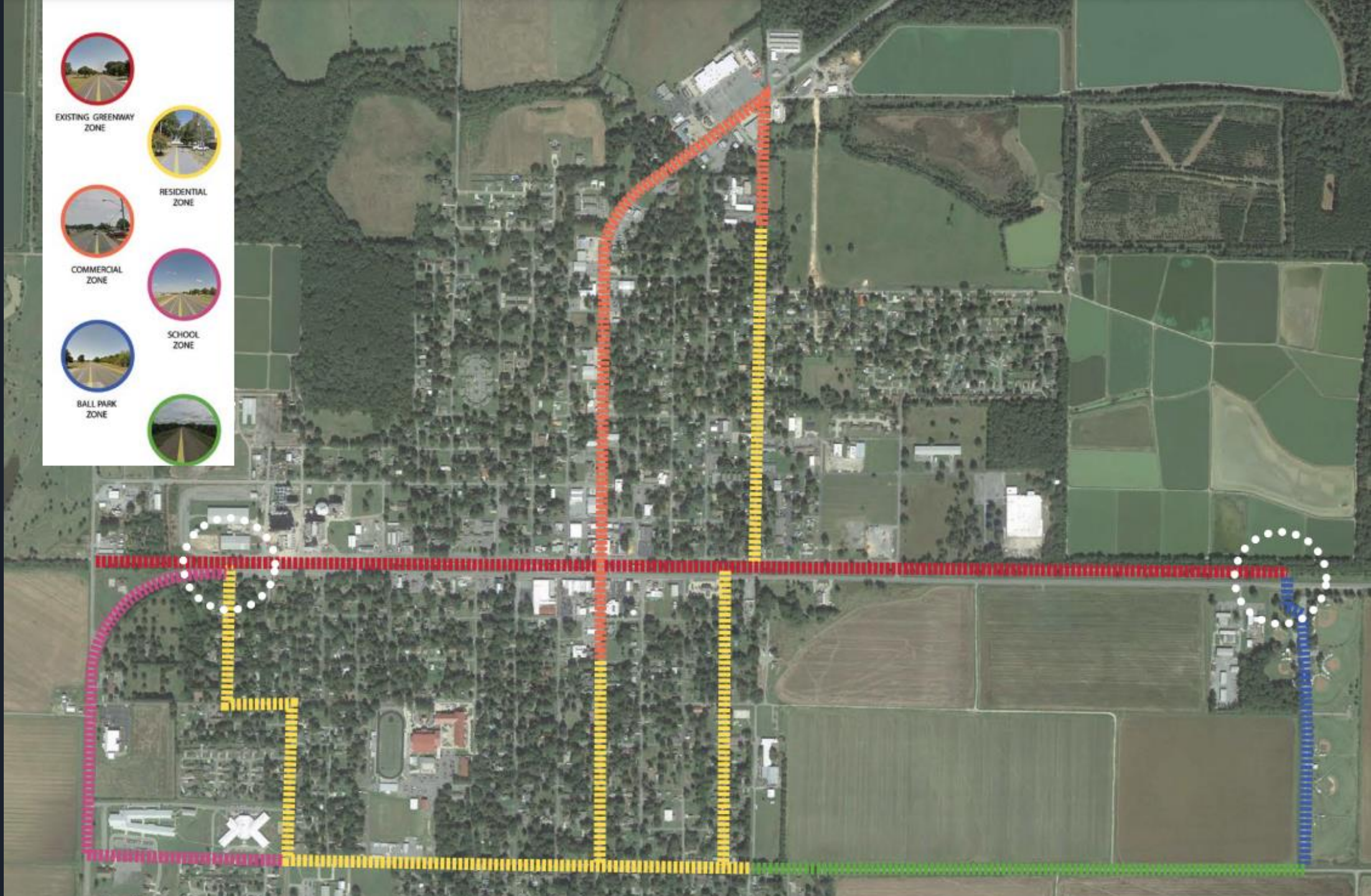
# Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan







	
EXISTING GREENWAY ZONE	RESIDENTIAL ZONE
	
COMMERCIAL ZONE	SCHOOL ZONE
	
BALL PARK ZONE	





# SUMMARY:

STUDY AREA: 3,023,000 SQFT | 70 ACRE  
 TOTAL PUBLIC PARKING STALLS: 703  
 PRIVATE PARKING AREA: 227,470 SQFT | 5 ACRE  
 INFERRED NON-SINGLE-FAMILY: 750  
 PRIVATE PARKING STALLS: 21 PER ACRE  
 DOWNTOWN PARKING DENSITY:

PARKING STALL WARNINGS  
 ARE TOO SHORT FOR TYPICAL  
 PASSENGER VEHICLES. POTENTIAL  
 HAZARD TO MOTORISTS



PROPOSED TRAIL

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## Shared Use Path | Hwy 31 Overpass Upgrade



New Overpass with  
Curb & Sidewalk  
(April 22', pending SUP)

Special Use Path  
through TAP Grant



An aerial photograph of a suburban area with a yellow line tracing a path from a residential street in the lower-left towards a highway interchange in the upper-right. The path starts near a cluster of houses and a baseball field, then curves through a wooded area and past a pond. A blue and green graphic is in the top-left corner.

Connective Path  
to Barnes St.



## Street Signs & Wayfinding











# Goat YOGA





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## METROPLAN UPDATE

- STBG funding opportunity
- County caucuses
- Model code
- Redistricting
- Board trip timing





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## SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT

- \$16.8m total (estimated)
- 20% minimum cash match
- Letter of Intent due June 30
- Application due July 30, 4:00 pm
- 5 Tracts:
  - Municipal Street (\$500k-3m)
  - Rural Street (\$500k-3m)
  - Bike/Ped (\$200k-3m)
  - Jump Start (\$500k-3m)
  - Alternative (\$500k-3m)





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## COUNTY CAUCUSES

- **TODAY** at 10:00 AM:  
Pulaski County (Metroplan office)
  
- **Lonoke County Caucus will be rescheduled.**





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## MODEL CODE

- **Article 4: Development Standards**



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## REDISTRICTING

- Required if any ward is 5% or more off the mean. Otherwise, optional.
- To request assistance (if you haven't already), email Tab, Casey, and Bernadette.
- Info needed:
  - Current ward map on file at city hall
  - # of wards: maintain, increase, or consolidate?
  - Keep current council members inside their wards? (if yes, need addresses)





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## 2022 BOARD TRIP

- **Timing considerations**



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## AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN: WHAT'S IN IT FOR SMALL CITIES?

- \$350B for state and local governments
- 100% federal grant (no match)
- NEUs (Non-Entitlement Units of Local Government, i.e. cities under 50,000 residents) allocated separately from metro areas.



## AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN IN ARKANSAS

\$425 million to cities and towns in Arkansas

- \$216 million to NEUs
- 50% this spring
- 50% one year from first payment

\$560 million to counties

< \$1B to state



## FUNDS TO NEUS

- NEUs, or non-metro cities (<50k) will receive funds as pass-through from state
- \$19.53 billion to divide by population (approx. \$150-200 pp)
- CAP: Amount per city/town may not exceed 75% of its budget for the year on January 27, 2020. (*DFA will require combine all budget documents into one PDF*)
- Reporting required quarterly by expenditure category. First report is due Oct. 31, 2021.



## EXPENSE CATEGORIES

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Response to public health emergency

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Premium pay for essential workers

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Revenue loss

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Negative economic impacts

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Water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure

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Indirect costs



## OTHER ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

- Transfers to special-purpose units of local government (fire, water, sewer, or mosquito abatement districts)
- Joint projects with other cities/counties
- Assistance to households (food; rent, mortgage, utility assistance; counseling and legal aid to prevent eviction or homelessness; cash assistance; emergency assistance for burials, home repairs, weatherization)
- Assistance to small business and non-profits (loans, grants, employee retention, mortgage, rent, utilities, efforts to vaccinate/combat spread of COVID)



## IMPACT ON TRANSPORTATION

***May recipients use funds to invest in infrastructure other than water, sewer, and broadband projects (e.g. roads, public facilities)?***

Under 602(c)(1)(C) or 603(c)(1)(C), **recipients may use funds for maintenance of infrastructure or pay-go spending for building of new infrastructure** as part of the general provision of government services, **to the extent of the estimated reduction in revenue** due to the public health emergency.

Under 602(c)(1)(A) or 603(c)(1)(A), a general infrastructure project typically would not be considered a response to the public health emergency and its negative economic impacts unless the project responds to a specific pandemic-related public health need (e.g., investments in facilities for the delivery of vaccines) or a specific negative economic impact of the pandemic (e.g., affordable housing in a Qualified Census Tract).

- Arkansas Municipal League, American Rescue Plan FAQ, p. 9

## INELIGIBLE EXPENSES

- Reduction in revenue due to tax cuts/law changes
- Pension contributions
- Debt payments



## NEXT STEPS



Format 2021 budget  
for submission to DFA  
*(merge into one PDF)*



Get purchase orders  
for equipment  
(3 quotes)



Start bidding contracts  
for projects



*The early bird gets the  
worm!*

AMERICAN  
RESCUE PLAN  
TECHNICAL  
ASSISTANCE

**The Arkansas Municipal League has established an American Rescue Plan Team to support cities.**

Weekly calls on Wednesdays at 2:00 PM,  
starting June 2nd

Webpage:  
[www.arml.org/resources/american-rescue-plan](http://www.arml.org/resources/american-rescue-plan)

Email for American Rescue Plan questions:  
[arp@arml.org](mailto:arp@arml.org)



## AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN RESOURCES

- <https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/coronavirus/assistance-for-state-local-and-tribal-governments/state-and-local-fiscal-recovery-funds>
- <https://www.nlc.org/covid-19-pandemic-response/#arp>
- <https://www.ncsl.org/ncsl-in-dc/publications-and-resources/american-rescue-plan-act-of-2021.aspx>
- <https://www.planningreport.com/2021/03/11/bruce-katz-american-rescue-plan-preparing-cities-equitable-recovery>



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## MODEL CODE WORK SESSIONS

- Individual meetings with first-round adopter cities
  - *Mayor, Council, Planning Commission, key personnel*

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:  
WED, JULY 28, 2021 @ 9AM**





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