

## **Public Review and Comment**

The public is invited to review and comment on proposed amendments to METRO 2050 and the FY 2023 Annual Element of the Central Arkansas Regional Transportation Study (CARTS) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The amendments reflect USDOT Discretionary Grant Awards to Central Arkansas.

1. Connect Conway Project, Conway. Develops 15 miles of active transportation infrastructure across the City of Conway. The project will greatly increase access between neighborhoods and essential destinations for pedestrians, bike riders and other non-motorized travelers. Est. cost: \$24,647,664 (Fully funded with federal RAISE Grant) New line item.
2. I-30 Deck Park Phase I Planning Study, Little Rock. A Reconnecting Communities Program grant will be used to study the feasibility of a deck park that would reconnect neighborhoods divided by I-30 between 6th and 9th Streets in downtown Little Rock. Est. cost: \$2,500,000 (Funded with \$2,000,000 federal Grant) New line item.
3. Central Arkansas Safety Action Plan, Metroplan. The plan will provide strategies to significantly reduce roadway fatalities and injuries for all users including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation users, motorists, personal conveyance and micro-mobility users, and commercial vehicle operators. Est. cost \$875,000, funded in part by a \$700,000 Federal Safe Streets for All Grant. New Line Item.

Additional information on all three projects may be found on the Metroplan website ([www.metroplan.org](http://www.metroplan.org)).

The TIP is a list of federally funded transportation projects proposed by cities, transit providers, Metroplan and the Arkansas Department of Transportation. Projects must be listed in the long-range metropolitan transportation plan, to be considered for inclusion in the TIP and to receive federal funds.

The public comment period extends from Sunday, May 7, 2023, until close of business day on Monday, May 22, 2023.

Written comments should be submitted to: CARTS Study Director, Metroplan, 501 W. Markham St., Suite B, Little Rock, AR 72201. All comments must be postmarked no later than Monday, May 22, 2023. Comments may also be faxed to 372-8060, or e-mailed to [comments@metroplan.org](mailto:comments@metroplan.org). Call Metroplan at 372-3300 for further information.



**U.S. Department of Transportation**

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

**Project Name: Connect Conway Project**

**Applicant: City of Conway**

**RAISE Grant Funding: \$24,647,664**

**Estimated Total Project Costs: \$24,647,664**

**Project Description:** This project will develop approximately 15 miles of infrastructure that consists of multi-use paths, side paths, bridges, cycle tracks, and trailheads, removing physical barriers and connecting west and east Conway. The project includes high visibility crosswalks, pedestrian signage, rectangular rapid-flashing beacons (RRFB), and high-intensity activated crosswalks (HAWK).

**Congratulations!** The project above was selected to receive an FY 2022 RAISE grant.

The USDOT Operating Administration overseeing your project will contact you in September regarding next steps to complete the relevant requirements before executing a grant agreement.

This letter DOES NOT authorize the applicant to incur costs to carry out the project. The execution of the grant agreement will obligate RAISE grant funding, making it available to reimburse eligible expenses for the awarded project. Unless authorized by USDOT in writing, any costs incurred prior to that obligation of funds for a project (i.e., “pre-award costs”) are ineligible for reimbursement and may be ineligible to count towards non-Federal match requirements. This letter DOES NOT authorize pre-award costs to be eligible. The Department expects all RAISE funding be obligated by September 30, 2026 and expended by September 30, 2031.

If you have any questions about this award, please contact the RAISE Grants Team at [raisegrants@dot.gov](mailto:raisegrants@dot.gov)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Augustine".

John Augustine

Director, Office of Infrastructure Finance and Innovation  
Office of the Secretary



Little Rock I-30 Deck Park Phase I Planning Study  
City of Little Rock, Arkansas

Planning

**RCP Award:** \$2,000,000

**Estimated Total Project Cost:** \$2,500,000

Funds will be used to study the feasibility of a project that would reconnect neighborhoods divided by I-30 with a deck park between 6th and 9th Streets. The planning grant funds will be used to conduct community engagement (including a Community Participation Plan and Community Advisory Board), investigate the practical and economic feasibility of a deck park spanning I-30, and develop the conceptual design of a deck park.

The City of Little Rock identified I-30 as the transportation facility that has had a significant negative impact on the MacArthur Park and Hanger Hill neighborhoods. Once flourishing, both suffered from the impact of “Urban Renewal” in 1961, when I-30 paved through their community’s houses, businesses, churches, and green space. This resulted in a fractured community that became burdened by increasingly negative economic, educational, and social opportunities – many of which continue to this day.

Decennial 2020 census data shows that the eastern half of the study area has higher poverty and disability rates, and lower education rates than comparable localities in the state. The project demonstrates a strong intention to address the equitable impacts and includes considerable community engagement. This project has support from the Arkansas DOT, the Neighborhood Coalition, and community and neighborhood participants.



# Safe Streets and Roads for All FY22 Action Plan Awards by State

The following tables list all Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Action Plan awards by State.

## Alabama

Lead Applicant	Project Title	Type of Plan	Urban/ Rural	Funding Award
City of Dothan	Develop a Safety Action Plan for the City of Dothan, Alabama	Action Plan	Rural	\$235,336.00
City of Foley	City of Foley Safe Streets for All Action Plan Grant Application	Action Plan	Rural	\$108,500.00
City of Northport	Safely Connecting Community, Culture, and Commerce	Action Plan	Rural	\$192,000.00
City of Talladega	City of Talladega Safe Streets and Roads for All Action Plan	Action Plan	Rural	\$280,000.00
Jackson County Department of Public Works	Comprehensive Action Plan for Jackson County, AL	Action Plan	Rural	\$84,080.00
Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham	Central Alabama Safety Action Plan for a Six-County Region with 88 Municipalities	Action Plan	Urban	\$310,000.00
The City of Enterprise	Planning for Safe Streets and Roadways in Enterprise, AL	Action Plan	Rural	\$180,000.00
Top of Alabama Regional Council of Governments	Top of Alabama RPO Guide to Enhancing Transportation Safety (TARGETS)	Action Plan	Urban	\$400,000.00
<b>Total Alabama</b>				<b>\$1,789,916.00</b>

<b>Lead Applicant</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Type of Plan</b>	<b>Urban/ Rural</b>	<b>Funding Award</b>
City of Mesa	Transportation Comprehensive Safety Plan Development	Action Plan	Urban	\$750,000.00
City of Phoenix	City of Phoenix Supplemental Action Plan	Supplemental Action Plan	Urban	\$460,000.00
City of Scottsdale	City of Scottsdale Street Safety Action Plan	Action Plan	Urban	\$300,000.00
City of Tolleson	Creation of City's First Action Plan to Eliminate Roadway Serious Injuries and Fatalities	Action Plan	Urban	\$200,000.00
MetroPlan (Flagstaff Metropolitan Planning Organization)	MetroPlan Flagstaff Vulnerable Road Users Safety Plan	Action Plan	Rural	\$201,360.00
Pima County	Pima County Safe Streets for All: Creating a Culture of Safety for Our Community	Action Plan	Urban	\$1,520,000.00
Town of Prescott Valley	Town of Prescott Valley Transportation Safety Action Plan	Action Plan	Rural	\$544,896.00
<b>Total Arizona</b>				<b>\$4,776,090.00</b>

## Arkansas

<b>Lead Applicant</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Type of Plan</b>	<b>Urban/ Rural</b>	<b>Funding Award</b>
City of Batesville	The City of Batesville, located in the Delta Region of North Central Arkansas, Safe Streets Action Plan	Action Plan	Rural	\$250,000.00
City of Fort Smith	City of Fort Smith Comprehensive Safety Action Plan Development	Action Plan	Rural	\$280,000.00

<b>Lead Applicant</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Type of Plan</b>	<b>Urban/ Rural</b>	<b>Funding Award</b>
Forrest City	SS4A Action Plan Grant for Forrest City, Arkansas	Action Plan	Rural	\$366,241.00
Metroplan (a Council of Local Governments in Arkansas)	Central Arkansas Safety Action Plan	Action Plan	Urban	\$700,000.00
Mississippi County	SS4A Action Plan for Mississippi County, AR	Action Plan	Rural	\$160,000.00
Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission Metropolitan Planning Organization	Northwest Arkansas Safe Streets for All Regional Comprehensive Safety Action Plan	Action Plan	Urban	\$300,000.00
<b>Total Arkansas</b>				<b>\$2,056,241.00</b>

## California

<b>Lead Applicant</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Type of Plan</b>	<b>Urban/ Rural</b>	<b>Funding Award</b>
Butte County	Butte County Safety Action Plan for Bikes, Pedestrians and Motor Vehicles	Action Plan	Rural	\$788,000.00
Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria	Trinidad Rancheria Safety Action Plan	Action Plan	Rural	\$168,000.00
City of Colton	City of Colton Citywide Comprehensive Safety Action Plan	Action Plan	Urban	\$96,000.00
City of Colusa	City of Colusa Comprehensive Action Safety Plan	Action Plan	Rural	\$200,000.00
City of Costa Mesa	City of Costa Mesa Safe Routes to School Action Plan	Action Plan	Urban	\$630,472.00