



METROPLAN



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SMALL CITIES
COUNCIL

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March 25, 2026 • 9:00 AM

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions & Announcements
3. Summary of Previous Meeting
4. Local Transportation Plan
5. Upcoming Grants & Capital Improvement Opportunities
6. Member Q&A
7. Preview of Upcoming Meetings
8. Adjourn

SCC MEMBERS

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|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Alexander | 10. Keo |
| 2. Austin | 11. Lonoke |
| 3. Bauxite | 12. Mayflower |
| 4. Cammack
Village | 13. Mount Vernon |
| 5. England | 14. Shannon Hills |
| 6. Greenbrier | 15. Traskwood |
| 7. Guy | 16. Vilonia |
| 8. Haskell | 17. Ward |
| 9. HS Village | 18. Wooster |
| | 19. Wrightsville |



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INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Projects**
- **Updates**
- **Successes**
- **Challenges**



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INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Welcoming Amy Thomas**
 - *Executive Operations Coordinator*





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SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS MEETING

August 27, 2025



**Small Cities Council
Meeting Summary**

Wednesday, August 27, 2025, | 9:00 AM
Pulaski County Regional Center | Little Rock
Draft

Meeting PowerPoint slides available at www.metroplan.org/small-cities-council

SCC Members Attending

1. Mayor Mike Kemp, Chair
2. Mayor Charles Gastineau, Vice Chair
3. Mr. Keith Keck
4. Mr. Brady Zweifel

City of Shannon Hills
City of Ward
Hot Springs Village
City of Vilonia

Additional Attendees

1. Mr. Jamie Collins
2. Mr. Mark Stodola
3. Mr. Samuel Kreimeyer
4. Mr. Mike Watson
5. Mr. James Walden

Neil-Schafer
Arkansas Municipal League
Jacobs
Halff
Garver

Metroplan Staff



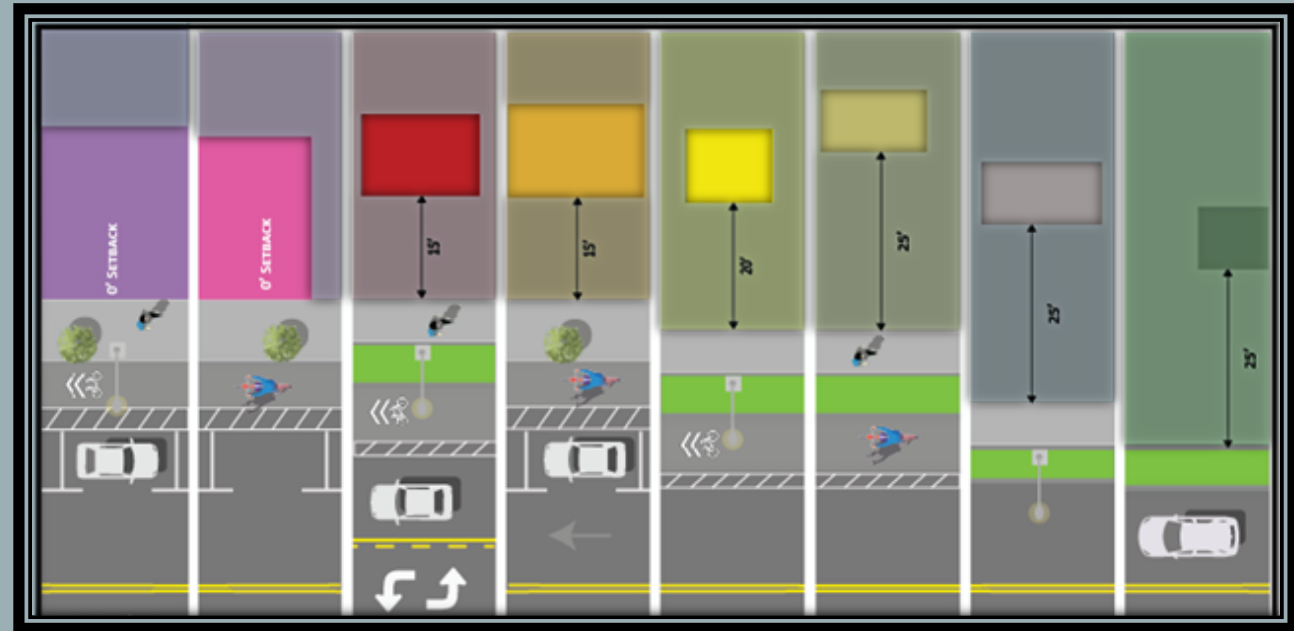
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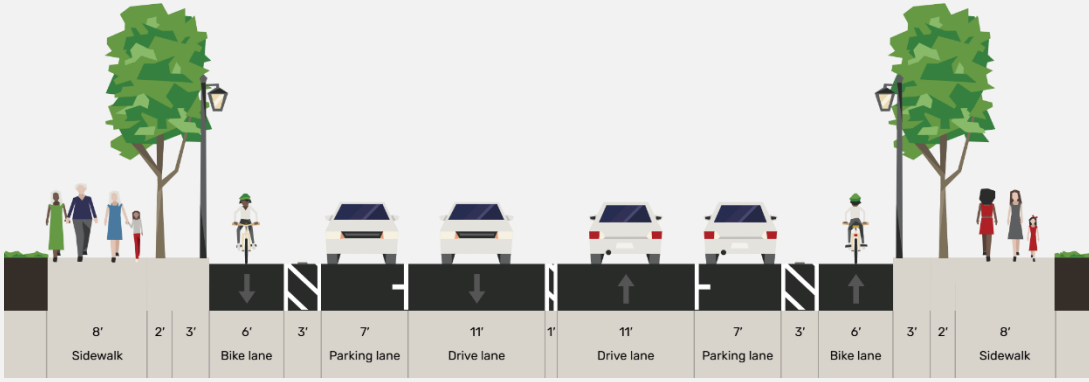
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LOCAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

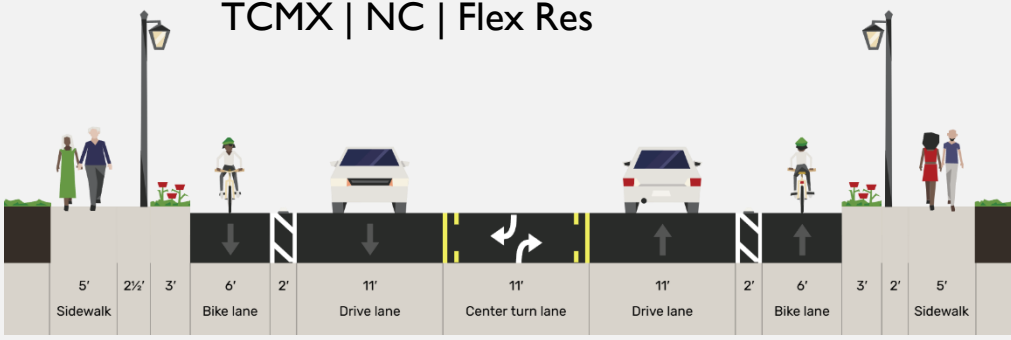
○ **Context Sensitive Design**



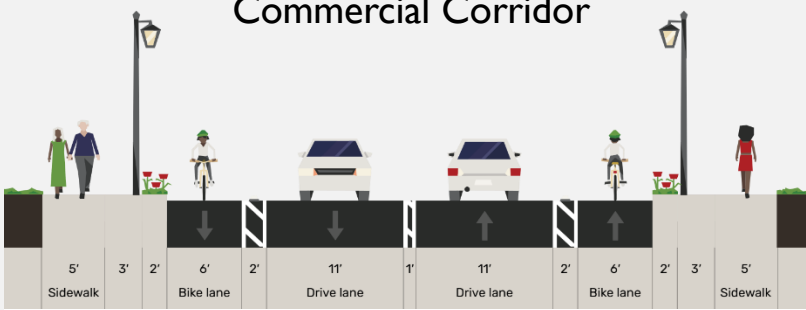
- **Adapts roadway design to respond to land use around it.**
- **Same road goes through multiple land uses.**
- **Roadway cross-section should be fluid and respond to the context around it.**



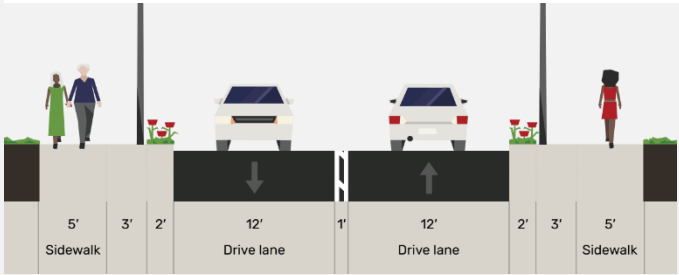
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Commercial Corridor

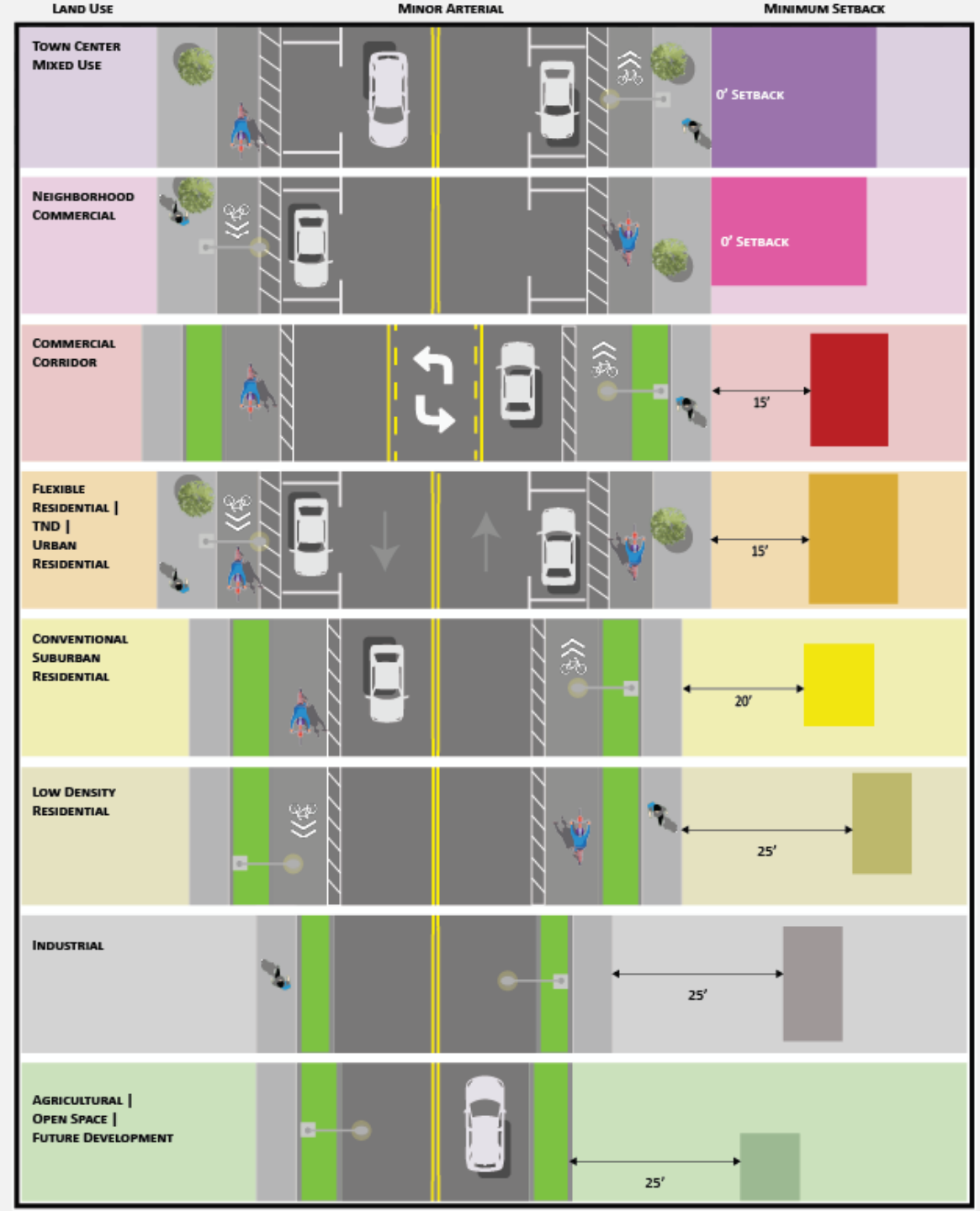


Low Density | Conventional Suburban Residential



Industrial

MINOR ARTERIAL





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GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

- **CPRG Rolling Applications**
Online applications to be released this Spring

Program	Individual Awards	Remaining Funding
Fleet Electrification Rebate	\$10,000 rebate per car/SUV \$15,000 rebate per truck	\$350,000
EV Charger Rebate	\$7,250 rebate per charging port	\$357,000
Streetlight Conversion to LED		\$916,061
Building Efficiency	Up to \$500,000 stipend per org <i>New cohort launching this Spring</i>	\$3,266,502

Contact Brittany to talk through a project idea!
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GRANT OPPORTUNITIES



National Trust *for*
Historic Preservation®

- **Hart Family Fund for Small Towns Grant**
 - Provides seed funding for preservation projects in small towns (population under 10,000).
 - Supports planning, education, and community engagement focused on historic preservation.
 - Encourages public discussion and private investment in preservation.
 - **Deadline: May 1, 2026**
 - *Grant Amount*
 - Typically \$2,500 - \$15,000
 - Dollar-for-dollar cash matched required
 - *Who Can Apply and What is Eligible?*
 - Public agencies or 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations
 - Preservation planning projects, hiring professionals for historic preservation.
 - Community engagement and education on historic preservation.
 - Know more: <https://savingplaces.org/hart-family-fund>



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LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

Trainings

Arkansas Municipal League: AML ACE Program

- **Civilpedia Certification**
 - 25 credits for foundational civic education, available online for \$50 fee.
 - Courses Covered:
 - Municipal Government
 - Municipal Finance
 - Human Resources
 - Planning and Zoning
 - FOIA Laws
- **Know More:**
<https://www.armunileague.org/resources-education/education-training-programs/>



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PREVIEW OF UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **TODAY**
 - 10:00 AM: Board Meeting

- **Next Meeting: April 22, 2026**



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THANK YOU!

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