



METROPLAN



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**SMALL CITIES
COUNCIL**

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June 24, 2026 • 9:00 AM

AGENDA

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

SCC MEMBERS

- | | |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| 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



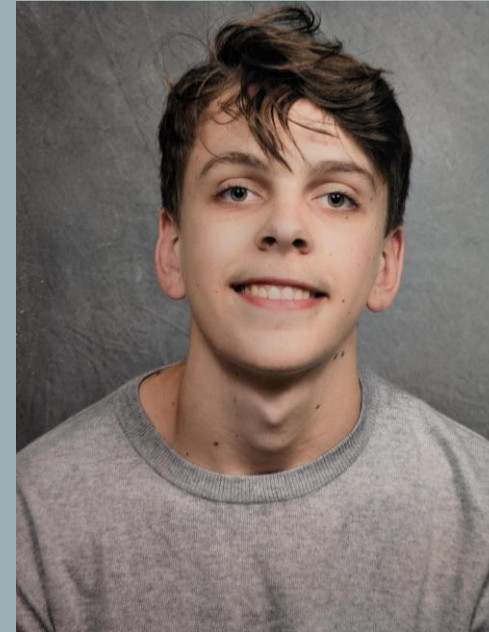
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INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ***Welcoming Paul Murphy***
 - *Regional Planning Intern | Technical Focus*





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SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS MEETING

May 27, 2026



**Small Cities Council
Meeting Summary**

Wednesday, May 27, 2026, | 9:00 AM
Pulaski County Regional Center | Little Rock
Draft

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

SCC Members Attending

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| 1. Mayor Mike Kemp | City of Shannon Hills |
| 2. Mayor Charles Gastineau, Vice Chair | City of Ward |
| 3. Mayor Bernadette Chamberlain | City of Austin |
| 4. Mayor Crystal Herrmann | City of Alexander |
| 5. Mayor Derrick Rainey | City of Wrightsville |
| 6. Mayor Sammy Hartwick | City of Greenbrier |
| 7. Mayor Wayne McGee | City of Lonoke |
| 8. Mr. Keith Keck | City of Hot Springs |
| 9. Mr. Brady Zweifel | City of Vilonia |

Additional Attendees

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|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Ms. Gail King | City of Des Arc |
| 2. Mr. Truett Smith | Crafton Tull |
| 3. Mr. John Miller | Crafton Tull |
| 4. Mr. Jamie Collins | Neel-Schaffer |
| 5. Mr. Mark Stodola | |
| 6. Mr. [Name partially obscured] | |



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METROPLAN INTRODUCTION MATERIAL REVIEW

- **Language/Text Review**
 - **Packet**
- **Materials**
 - **PDF Binder/Folder**
 - **Introduction Slide with Links to Supporting Documents**
 - **FAQ**
 - **One-Pager**



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GRANT OPPORTUNITIES



- Arkansas Community Assistance Grant Program (CAGP)
 - Supports community & economic development projects
 - Max funding up to \$1.5 million per project
 - **20% match in cash/in kind : labor/ material/ land**
 - Award Criteria: Determined by AEDC based on eligibility, available funds & program demand
 - Eligible Applicants:
 - Cities & Incorporated towns
 - Counties & Unincorporated communities
 - Non-Profits & Other Govt. entities in Arkansas
 - Eligible Projects:
 - Renovation/Construction of public facilities
 - Healthcare centers, libraries, city halls, police stations, jails, parks, playgrounds, etc
 - Land or building purchase for related projects
 - Workforce training expense
 - **Application Deadline: August 15, 2026**
 - Know more: <https://www.arkansasedc.com/community-resources/community-assistance-grant-program>



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○ MLS Go Play Fund

Annual funding initiative supported by Major League Soccer (MLS)

- Designed to expand access to youth recreational soccer through MLS GO leagues
- Focuses on reducing financial barriers and increasing participation opportunities
- Grant applications and funding are administered through the RCX Sports Foundation:

○ Grant Opportunities:

- Individual Grants: Partial participation scholarships for MLS GO players.
- Organization Grants: Financial assistance for MLS GO league operators to offset program costs.
- NRPA Grants:* Support for Parks and Recreation agencies operating or launching MLS GO leagues.

○ Purpose:

- Increase access to youth soccer.
- Help communities grow and sustain local soccer leagues.

Link: <https://www.mlssoccer.com/mlsgo/play-fund/>



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PREVIEW OF UPCOMING MEETINGS

- TODAY
 - 10:00 AM: Board Meeting
- Next Meeting: July 22, 2026



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THANK YOU!

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