RESOLUTION 21-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WHITE HOUSE, TENNESSEE SUPPORTING THE INTENT TO FILE AN APPLICATION APPLYING FOR AN URBAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GRANT FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY AND COUNTYWIDE PEDESTRIAN-BICYCLING MASTER PLAN

WHEREAS, the development of continuous and well placed multi-modal facilities provides safe transportation options to the public to access necessary community activity centers, reduce reliance on automotive trips, which promotes environmental sustainability by reducing air and water pollution, offers substantial energy savings, improves public health, and supports quality growth principles aimed at conserving land and other natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation promotes and offers grant funding assistance to communities in the state to plan for and develop facilities and programs to promote and interconnected community and promote efficient modes of transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation has issued a call for projects for Urban Transportation Planning Grants; and

WHEREAS, the City of White House and Sumner County are members of the Nashville Metropolitan Planning Organization; and

WHEREAS, the City of White House, Planning Department has discussed the need for a Pedestrian-Bicycling Masterplan; and

WHEREAS, The City of White House Comprehensive Plan promotes the development of a comprehensive multimodal transportation system that includes a sidewalks and bikeways and identifies a greenways network to connect established and new neighborhoods to green space, activity centers, and to commercial/retail and recreational areas; and

WHEREAS, the City of White House Comprehensive Plan also promotes implementation of a bicycle/pedestrian master plan that identifies gaps in the existing bikeways and sidewalk systems and includes a list of prioritized projects including new projects and maintenance/repairs; and

WHEREAS, there are significant multimodal facility deficiencies and gaps in the city sidewalk and bikeways network resulting from development that occurred before the adoption of the bikeways and sidewalk plan or adoption of a comprehensive sidewalk construction ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City of White House Comprehensive Plan Sections 3.2 and 3.3, specifically identifies the proposed multimodal projects and alignments adjacent to and within State maintained rights-of-way as part of the proposed bikeway/pedestrian projects necessary to implement the plan; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Alderman has recognized the need to improve multimodal facilities within the City and connections to areas outside of the city that lead to an interconnected community with efficient modes of transportation and has participated by allocating and seeking funds to develop greenways and other multimodal facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Alderman hereby intends to apply for the Urban Transportation Planning Grant with other local governments within Sumner County to develop a County wide plan for pedestrian and bicycling facilities from the Tennessee Department of Transportation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF WHITE HOUSE, TENNESSEE, that the Board of Mayor and Alderman of the City of White House endorses and supports the City's Intent to file an application for an Urban Transportation Planning Grant from the Tennessee Department of Transportation to develop a master pedestrian and bicycling plan for the City and County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF WHITE HOUSE, TENNESSEE, that this Resolution shall take effect from and after its final passage, the public welfare requiring such.

Adopted this 21st day of January 2021.

Michael Arnold, Mayor

ATTEST:

Derek Watson, City Recorder