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Dear Mayor:

The Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (NWARPC) recently completed the Northwest Arkansas Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (Regional Master Plan).

Over the past year Alta Planning and Design (Consultant) and NWARPC met with over 800 local residents, business leaders, and government staff in the development of this Plan through meetings, events, volunteering, interviews, online mapping, comment forms, and plan review.

The vision for this Plan states that:

“Northwest Arkansas’ trail and roadway system will comfortably, safely, and efficiently accommodate bicycle and pedestrian transportation. The linking of local and regional attractions will make the area a world-class bicycle and pedestrian destination. Walking and bicycling will become a common, enjoyable, and viable transportation and recreation choice that promotes active living and a high quality of life in Northwest Arkansas.”

The plan is built upon a balanced approach to engineering, education, encouragement, enforcement, and evaluation. This approach provides a regional framework for policies, projects and programs that can be implemented at the local level.

NWARPC has prepared a sample resolution and adoption checklist to use as a guide over the next year to endorse the Regional Master Plan, adopt your Individual City Plan, and implement aspects of the Plan.

NWARPC and Alta Planning and Design look forward to working with your community over the next year. Please contact John McLarty at jmclarty@nwarpc.org or by phone at 479-751-7125.

Sincerely,

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