

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
FOR ACTIVE REGIONAL MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION NETWORK  
FY2025 RAISE GRANT APPLICATION  
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE RED WOLF RIDGEWAY**

**BETWEEN:**

**The City of Jonesboro  
The City of Paragould  
The City of Brookland**

**Mayor Harold Copenhaver  
Mayor Josh Agee  
Mayor Kenneth Jones**

**RECITALS**

1. The United States Department of Transportation has announced the opportunity to apply for up to \$25 Million in funding for surface projects under the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) FY2025 grant program.
2. As the lead applicant, The City of Jonesboro, Arkansas, will be submitting a grant application in conjunction with the City of Paragould and the City of Brookland. These entities agree to formulate a partnership, officially known as the RED WOLF RIDGEWAY Partners. The RED WOLF RIDGEWAY Partners seek funding for Planning and Design of the RED WOLF RIDGEWAY Active Transportation Project.
3. The MOU documents the partners' responsibilities regarding coordinated efforts in applying for Federal funding under the FY205 grant program and delivering the Project.

**AGREEMENT**

It is in the Partners' understanding that if their RAISE FY2025 grant application is successful:

1. The City of Jonesboro is requesting up to \$5 million for design, environmental studies, right-of-way acquisition plans, utility relocation plans, traffic studies, and a benefit cost analysis for the future Red Wolf Ridgeway that will traverse through all three partner cities. The RED WOLF RIDGEWAY project will work to connect areas of persistent poverty to employment centers, educational institutions, healthcare facilities, city parks and other city services while working towards greater connectivity in the overall Northeast Arkansas region.
2. The City of Jonesboro will serve as the lead applicant for the RED WOLF RIDGEWAY funding Project.
3. Upon grant award, the City of Jonesboro will represent the RED WOLF RIDGEWAY partners. It will administer the Project under a United States Department of Transportation certification agreement.
4. Upon grant award, the City of Jonesboro will represent the RED WOLF RIDGEWAY Project. It will enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement according to the United States Department of Transportation certification agreement to allow the City of Jonesboro to administer the Project as a certified local agency on behalf of a non-certified local agency.
5. With the City of Jonesboro oversight according to the United States Department of Transportation certification agreement, the RED WOLF RIDGEWAY Partners may manage their section of the Project, the City of Jonesboro shall manage its portion, and the City Paragould shall manage its

portion of the Project. All work shall comply with the City of Jonesboro certification agreement with the United States Department of Transportation.

6. The City of Jonesboro will administer the awarded grant funds. The City of Jonesboro will receive all invoices for work performed on the RED WOLF RIDGEWAY project and be responsible for payment of such invoices.
7. The FY2025 RAISE grant funds are available for obligation only through September 30, 2029. Furthermore, the grant funds must be liquidated or paid out to the grant recipient by September 30, 2034, as described in the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the grant.
8. This MOU shall become effective when all required signatures have been obtained and shall remain in effect until September 30, 2034, when this MOU automatically terminates, or until the Partners have executed the Intergovernmental Agreement regarding the delivery of the Project using RAISE FY2025 grant funds at which time the terms of the Intergovernmental Agreement will supersede this MOU, whichever is soonest.
9. The MOU is not intended to create a legally binding Agreement and is not a commitment by either Partner; it is designed to serve as a basis for forging an Intergovernmental Agreement between the parties.
10. This MOU shall be executed in several counterparts (facsimile or otherwise), all of which, when taken together, shall constitute one MOU, notwithstanding that all Partners are not signatories to the same counterpart. Each copy of this MOU so executed shall constitute an original.

**City of Jonesboro**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**City of Paragould**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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**City of Brookland**

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