

**STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF ROCKDALE**

**A RESOLUTION FOR RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES AND
NEIGHBORHOOD (RCN) PROGRAM PLANNING GRANT**

Whereas: the Rockdale County Board of Commissioners recognizes the importance of reconnecting neighborhoods and communities that have been segmented by Interstate 20, which runs east -west through the center of Rockdale County and the City of Conyers and;

Whereas, in 2021 The United States Congress passed the Bipartisan Infrastructure and Investment Jobs Act (IIJA) and;

Whereas, the IIJA provides funds that are available through the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) to local governments under a competitive grants process, and;

Whereas, the USDOT released a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) Capital Construction Grants. These Grants allow applicants to request Capital Construction funding for projects that reconnect communities and neighborhoods and;

Whereas, the Rockdale County Board of Commissioners recognizes that the County's programmed Courtesy Parkway Extension project is a perfect opportunity to implement a reconnecting neighborhoods and communities project and;

Whereas, the Courtesy Parkway Extension project meets all of the goals and objectives of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) Capital Construction Grants and;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Rockdale County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes that county staff to apply for, and accept if awarded, a grant under the USDOT's Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) Capital Construction Grants and;

Be it Further resolved that Rockdale County affirms its commitment to work toward a goal of constructing the Courtesy Parkway Extension Project to reconnect the neighborhoods and communities split by interstate 20 and;

Be it further resolved that Rockdale County commits to continue to work with the affected neighborhoods and communities in the coordination, implementation, and monitoring of the project to completion. The City of Conyers, the Georgia Department of Transportation, and other applicable agencies have been, and will continue to be included in the process to assure that the project is coordinated and aligned with other governmental plans and planning processes to the extent practical and;

Be it further resolved that, the County commits that the Plan Development Process has and will continue to utilize inclusive and representative processes. Underserved communities have been identified through data and other analysis in collaboration with appropriate partners. Further analysis will continue to include both population characteristics and initial equity impact assessments of the project.

This 26th day of September, ~~2022~~ 2023.

**ROCKDALE COUNTY, GEORGIA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

By: _____


Osborn Nesbitt, Sr.,
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

By: _____


Sherri L. Washington,
Commissioner, Post 1

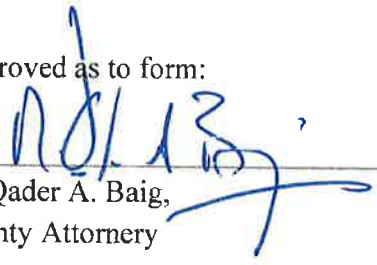
By: _____


Doreen L. Williams,
Commissioner, Post 2

Attest: _____


Jennifer Rutledge,
County Clerk

Approved as to form: _____


M. Qader A. Baig,
County Attorney