

RESOLUTION NUMBER 499

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE NORTHWEST ARKANSAS REGIONAL BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN AND ADOPTING THE INDIVIDUAL COMMUNITY BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN ENCOMPASSED BY THE CITY'S PLANNING AREA FOR THE CITY OF PEA RIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission along with its member communities completed a comprehensive regional planning process involving extensive public involvement and community participation, including the development of Individual Community Action Plans for communities within the Northwest Arkansas Regional Area; and

WHEREAS, the vision for the bicycle and pedestrian 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; and

WHEREAS, The plan is built upon a balanced approach to Engineering, Education, Encouragement, Enforcement, and Evaluation which provides a regional framework for policies, projects and programs that can be implemented at the local level; and

WHEREAS, Every community in the region is unique and will develop in its own way – but will do so with a common vision of becoming more walkable, bikeable and livable places for residents, visitors, and businesses in NWA.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEA RIDGE, ARKANSAS:

Section 1: That the City Council of the City of Pea Ridge, Arkansas hereby endorses the NWA Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.

Section 2: That the City Council of the City of Pea Ridge hereby adopts the Individual Community Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan encompassed by the city's planning area as shown as Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Section 3: That the city will work towards implementing a balanced approach to Engineering, Education, Encouragement, Enforcement, and Evaluation based on the regional framework for policies, projects and programs that can be implemented at the local level and as described in the plan.

PASSED and APPROVED this 21st day of March, 2023.

Nathan See, Mayor

Sandy Button, Recorder

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PEA RIDGE ACTION PLAN

REGIONAL LOCATION



REGIONAL DESTINATIONS

- · Pea Ridge National Military Park
- Downtown

OTHER KEY DESTINATIONS

- · Ball fields
- Baker Hayes Urban Trail
- City Park
- Historical Museum
- Public Library
- Retail
- Restaurants
- Schools
- Splash Pad



OVERVIEW

Pea Ridge is a rural community that has a population of 7,140 and covers 8.94 square miles in northwest Benton County, Neighboring communities include Bella Vista to the west (12 miles to the center), Little Flock to the south (7 miles to the center), Bentonville to the southwest (10 miles to the downtown), and Rogers to the south (9 miles to downtown). Pea Ridge National Military Park is a regional destination and Civil War battle site a few miles east of Pea Ridge. Pea Ridge is characterized by an older downtown center where commercial activity was once focused (and still is to an extent) along with a newer commercial strip found at the Lee Town Road and Curtis Avenue intersection. Pea Ridge is growing with residential and commercial development steadily increasing. Key opportunities will include improving connectivity to local destinations such as the schools, downtown, commercial centers, local parks, museum, library, trail system, Pea Ridge Military Park, and surrounding communities.



Topic	Key Needs & Notes		
Regional Needs	Connect to Pea Ridge National Military Park Develop links to USBR251, Bella Vista, Little Flock, Bentonville, and Rogers		
Other Key Needs	Connect to school campuses Link to retail and restaurants Connect parks, museum, trail, and library		
Facility Recommendation	Recommendation Detail		
Shared Use Facilities	Residential Circulation: Continue developing pedestrian facilities with new development. Considewalk additions along HWY 265, Andy Buck Road, HWY 94, Pickens Road, Slack Street, It'll Do Road, Lee Town Road, Greer Street, Weston Street, Carr Street, Curtis Avenue, Patton Road, and Davis Street.		
Intersections	Crossing Improvements needed at: Pickens Road and HWY 265 HWY It'll Do and Slack Street; It'll Do and Hazelton; It'll Do and McNelly; Road/Pickens Road Weston Street and Pickens Road; Weston and Patton Road/Hazelton Road; Weston and Slack Carr Street and Slack Street; Carr Street and Patton Road Curtis Street and Pickens Road; Curtis Street and Patton Road; Curtis Street and Slack Street/Lee Town Road Davis Street and Pickens Roads; Davis Street and Patton Road Greer Street and Pickens Road; Greer Street and Lee Town Road		
Sidewalks	Residential Circulation: Continue developing pedestrian facilities with new development. Consisting additions to interior subdivisions to connect neighboring development.		
On-Street Bike Facilities	Shared Roadway: Davis Street; West Harris Street; Ryan Road; Sugar Creek Road; Provides a low traffic volume alternative to Curtis Avenue, Slack Street, and Pickens Road. Shoulder Improvements: Shoulder Improvements to Davis Street and Harris Street can provide safer facility for cyclists and motor vehicles in making these longer distance connections.		
Other Topics	Notes		
Multi-Modal Connections	Pea Ridge is not directly connected by public transit. Ozark Regional Transit serves the urban NV corridor.		
Heritage Trail	The NWA Heritage Trail traverses the heart of Pea Ridge following Ryan Road, Curtis Avenue and Pickens Road. Sugar Creek Road (east/west along the southern extent of Pea Ridge) is also part of the Heritage Trail.		

PROGRAM & POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

The table below presents a summary of recommendations organized by category which identifies the recommended program, timeframe for implementation, and lead entity. The table identifies Bronze (short-term), Silver (mid-term) and Gold (longterm) actions that can help achieve recognition as a Walk and Bicycle Friendly Community. For many of these actions, there is an opportunity for the communities of the region to share resources,

with individual communities participating in regional programs, attending trainings or meetings convened at the regional scale, or implementing regionally developed programs at the local level. Recommendations specific to the Six E's (Engineering, Education, Encouragement, Enforcement, and Evaluation (with Equity considered broadly through all)) are found below. Economy is included as an additional category to help demonstrate the benefits of implementing all of the E's. Refer to Appendix D for detailed guidance on implementing each item, including a description of recommended actions, regional and local roles, as well as sample programs.



Program	Term	Lead Entity
Engineering		
Non-Motorized Transportation Training for Engineers and Planners		NWARPC, City of Pea Ridge
Bike/Pedestrian Facility Inclusion in Engineering Documents, Plans, and Drawings		NWARPC, City of Pea Ridge
Complete Streets Policy		City of Pea Ridge
Bicycle Parking		NWARPC, Northwest Arkansas Council, City of Pea Ridg
Enhanced Funding for Bike and Pedestrian Projects		NWARPC, City of Pea Ridge
ducation		
Safe Routes to School		City of Pea Ridge
Network with existing capacity in NWA		City of Pea Ridge, City of Fayetteville, City of Bentonville City of Rogers, City of Springdale, Bike Bentonville, BCO, IMBA
Encouragement		
Walking and Biking Promotion Activities	Short	City of Pea Ridge
Equity Oriented Programs		NWARPC, Northwest Arkansas Council, City of Pea Ridg
Bike and Walk Month		City of Pea Ridge
Group Rides and Walks		City of Pea Ridge
Enforcement		
Targeted Bicycle and Pedestrian Enforcement		City of Pea Ridge Law Enforcement
Trainings for Law Enforcement Officers		NWARPC, City of Pea Ridge Law Enforcement
Bike and Foot Patrol Units		City of Pea Ridge Law Enforcement
Annual Meeting with Police, Planners and Engineers to Evaluate Collision Trends, Infrastructure Needs and Areas for Targeted Enforcement		NWARPC, City of Pea Ridge
valuation and Planning		
Active Transportation Committee		NWARPC, City of Pea Ridge
Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trail Count Program		City of Pea Ridge
Walking, Bicycling and Trails Report Card		City of Pea Ridge
Economy		
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