



Dr. Dennis Rittle
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Re: Eagle Way Tunnel and Trails Project

November 18, 2025

Dr. Rittle,

I am writing to express my full support for the Eagle Way Tunnel and Trail project. This important link creates a valuable and safe connection between Rogers and Bentonville, not only connecting students to Northwest Arkansas Community College, but also connecting Downtown Rogers to Downtown Bentonville.

In addition to connecting our two thriving downtown areas, this infrastructure will connect thousands of residents to places of employment, entertainment and recreation. One area is the new Walmart Campus. Because of the location of many households and their access to trails where roads do not exist, many residents will experience a much shorter travel distance and time via bicycle than a motorized vehicle. For example, a Rogers resident living on West Easy Street will be able to travel an estimated 2.1 miles via bicycle to the new Walmart Campus. For a beginning cyclist, this will take approximately ten (10) minutes. However, a trip via vehicle is estimated at 3.3 miles. As many Bentonville and Rogers residents will attest, those 3.3 miles during rush hour cannot be safely traveled in less than ten (10) minutes.

This investment in Benton County makes sense. Our areas will benefit from reduced traffic, enhanced economic opportunities and healthier lifestyles. Please consider providing federal assistance with this very important project.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions.


Stephanie Orman
Mayor