



Office of the Mayor
C. Greg Hines

Dear Senator Boozman and Congressman Womack,

On behalf of the City of Rogers, I am writing to express our strong support for the Eagle Way Tunnel and Trails Project proposed by Northwest Arkansas Community College.

While the tunnel itself will cross a state highway within the City of Bentonville, the project sits immediately adjacent to the Rogers city limits and serves a critical regional function. This connection is a key missing link in the primary active transportation corridor between Downtown Rogers, Downtown Bentonville, Northwest Arkansas Community College, and the new Walmart Home Office campus. Its completion would meaningfully improve safety, access, and mobility for residents, students, and employees who regularly travel between our cities.

The City of Rogers has made sustained investments in trail connectivity, pedestrian safety, and multimodal transportation, particularly in this part of the region. We view the Eagle Way Tunnel as essential infrastructure that complements those investments and helps close a long-standing gap in the regional trail network. Without this connection, a major barrier remains between population centers, employment hubs, and educational institutions.

This project advances shared regional goals: reducing traffic conflicts, expanding safe transportation options, supporting workforce access, and strengthening economic connections across city boundaries. Although the tunnel is located outside our municipal limits, its benefits clearly extend into Rogers, and its success depends on coordinated regional action.

For these reasons, the City of Rogers strongly supports federal funding assistance for the Eagle Way Tunnel and Trails Project. We appreciate your consideration of this request and your continued support for infrastructure investments that improve safety, connectivity, and quality of life across Northwest Arkansas.

Please feel free to contact my office if additional information would be helpful.

Sincerely,

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