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North Little Rock City Council City Hall North Little Rock, AR 72114

RE:

**Trolley Passing Track** 

**Dear Council Members:** 

The Rock Region Metro director, Charles Frazier, has requested that the City grant additional easement for the trolley at the stop in front of the City Services building. The additional easement will be used to build a passing track so that trollies operating in opposite directions may pass. This improvement will increase the streetcar frequency from 22 minutes to 12 minutes. The planned project is depicted on the attached drawing.

The requested easement is a minimal instruction onto City property and will not hinder any future development on the property. The increased streetcar frequency will improve transportation services to our downtown for our residents and visitors.

I favor granting this request and would like an informal commitment from the Council before Rock Region spends money to design the project. The actual construction is about a year away. Formal legislation will be brought before you sometime in 2020.

Sincerely,

Joe A. Smith

Mayor

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