

## **APPENDIX B: PARTNERS**

***Knoxville's Community Development Corporation*** will serve as the lead applicant. KCDC is the facility owner of several public housing sites and arterial roadways included within this proposal and serves as the redevelopment agency for the City of Knoxville. KCDC has extensive experience in leading community-driven design processes, managing and expending HUD funding, and leading multi-million capital construction projects, including over \$110 million in 2022 construction projects. Directly related to this DOT application is Phase 3 of KCDC's Austin Homes redevelopment. Austin Homes is one of the original early 1940's segregated public housing sites in Knoxville. 129 units of substandard subsidized housing have been removed and a total of 430 units of mixed income housing, including replacement of the 129 deeply subsidized units, is planned. Phase 1 of the project is complete, Phase 2 is under construction, and Phase 3 is in the planning stages. Total capital costs for the complete Austin Homes project are expected to be \$134.5 million. We are committed to providing support to improve connectivity through and around the Austin Homes site including connecting with the City's planned enhancements between East Knoxville and emerging economic development areas.

Our commitment includes \$4,670,000 designated for the following projects: the construction of a vehicular bridge over First Creek, directly connecting the Austin Homes site to the stadium area (\$3,400,000 local public funds, \$400,000 private funds), a signalized crosswalk on Summit Hill Avenue connecting the Austin Homes site with Green Magnet Elementary (\$150,000 local public funds), installation of a new 760' section of 10' sidewalk and greenway from Harriet Tubman Street thru the Austin Homes site (\$100,000 private funds) and a new sidewalk on Summit Hill Avenue between MLK Blvd and Fort Summit Way (\$120,000 private funds). In addition, KCDC received a commitment of private dollars from the PetSafe Foundation to provide a dog park within Austin Homes valued at \$500,000.

***City of Knoxville*** serves as the facility owner for several of the arterial roads and pathways included in this proposal. City of Knoxville will commit engineering services to complete projects located on City owned land. The City will also coordinate with KCDC, the State Department of Transportation, Sports Authority Board, and the Science Museum to ensure smooth implementation across the project. The city's commitment is part of the local public funds previously committed and outlined within the individual partner commitments (\$17,550,000). Not shown in these commitments is an additional \$7,239,500 of non-federal local funds committed towards the project. The City will provide easements where the City holds ownership of the Right of Way.

***State of Tennessee*** serves as the facility owner for James White Parkway. The State has provided their standard, renewable 10-year lease to the City of Knoxville for the construction of a permanent multi-modal pathway on James White Bridge. The state has provided \$950,000 of state funds and \$4,758,000 million from federal sources towards the overall project, all from federal sources.

***The Sports Authority Board*** will serve as a key partner within the proposal. The Sports Authority, a public entity, is the land owner for the new ballpark area. This land will have publicly accessible amenities we plan to connect to and will provide greater connection for residents where vehicles are not allowed. The Sports Authority will provide the funds for

extending the multi-modal paths through their property and will provide \$19 million towards the overall project (\$14 million from local public funds, \$5 million from a Sports Authority bond issuance), all from non-federal sources. The Sports Authority Board will coordinate with KCDC and the City of Knoxville to ensure smooth implementation across the project. The City of Knoxville has verified \$5 million Sports Authority Commitment.

***Knoxville Science Museum Inc.*** is the new land owner of the City's former safety complex and will develop a community park on the site. Our proposal includes connections to the new Science Museum to allow residents without vehicles, options for access. The Science Museum will provide the funds for extending the multi-modal paths through their property. There is an active development agreement in place for a total of \$100 million. The exterior park development will be \$2 million and is funded through private dollars. The Science Museum will also coordinate with KCDC and the City of Knoxville to ensure smooth implementation across the project. The City has verified the \$2 million commitment.

***Bike Walk Knoxville*** works to improve biking and walking opportunities in the Knoxville community. They will serve as a community partner and a representative will serve on the community advisory group.

***African-American Equity Task Force*** was created by the City of Knoxville to study, review, and identify strategic solutions to improve areas of disparity and disenfranchisement in the Black community, work with existing agencies in the community, and develop policy, programs and recommendations that will establish opportunities for generational wealth building in the Black community. They will serve as a community partner and a representative will serve on the community advisory group.

***Legacy Parks*** is an East Tennessee nonprofit organization working to ensure that our community enjoys exceptional recreational opportunities, natural beauty and open spaces, and that these assets exist for generations to come. They will serve as a community partner and a representative will be invited to serve on the community advisory group.

***The Aslan Foundation*** is a 501(c)3 that partners with the City of Knoxville to conserve land, develop recreational facilities, and preserve historic sites in the greater Knoxville area. They will serve as a community partner and a representative will be invited to serve on the community advisory group.

***Greenways Commission*** was created by the City of Knoxville to study the needs and desires of city residents and to promote the development of new greenways and the maintenance of existing ones. They will serve as a community partner and a representative will be invited to serve on the community advisory group.

***Knoxville Interdenominational Christian Ministerial Alliance, KICMA***, is a Union of Clergy cooperation to promote Christianity & enhance the spiritual, social & economic life of our metropolitan area. The pastors represent several churches located within East Knoxville including Mt. Olive, Overcoming Believers, and Mt. Calvary. They will serve as a community partner and a representative will be invited to serve on the community advisory group.

***Ijams Nature Center*** is a 501(c)3 focused on encouraging stewardship of the natural world by providing an urban greenspace for people to learn about and enjoy the outdoors through

engaging experiences. They will serve as a community partner and a representative will be invited to serve on the community advisory group.

***Beck Cultural Exchange Center*** is an East Tennessee nonprofit organization established in 1975 as a result of Knoxville's Urban Renewal projects. Beck is the storehouse of African American history and culture and is designated by the state as a primary repository of Black history and culture in East Tennessee. They will serve as a community partner and a representative will serve on the community advisory group.

***Knoxville Area Urban League*** assists disadvantaged people to attain social and economic stability and self-sufficiency through direct services and advocacy. The League works to provide a skilled and diverse workforce; to increase homeownership; to support economic and small business development, and to enhance education efforts for our youth. The Urban League will assist in contracting with quality firms representative of our community.