



December 6, 2023

Scott M. Crawford, Ph.D  
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**Re: Response to letter regarding JTRAN Transit access to Northpark and  
Wheatley Street**

Dear Dr. Crawford:

The City of Ridgeland has received your November 28 letter regarding new proposed bus routes which we understand to be a part of the ConnectJXN Transit Plan paid for in part by federal funding received by the City of Jackson. I want you to be assured that we are considering all the points you made. The City certainly agrees with being a part of the Hospitality State.

We also appreciate the concerns you expressed in your letter; they are well thought-out and clearly the product of your own life experience, and the pictures you provided certainly illustrate your experiences well. I also appreciate your passion and advocacy for livable communities. The City of Ridgeland supports accommodations for people with mobility limitations, takes its obligations under the Americans with Disabilities Act seriously, and has always made efforts to make such accommodations in any municipal service Ridgeland provides to its own residents. Because JTRAN is a service provided by another municipality, Ridgeland has no input into how that service or its facilities are managed or operated. As a result, Ridgeland would have no control over ensuring a safe service that would benefit both the City as well as all segments of its population.

As you know, Ridgeland has no public transportation service. Ridgeland has long held the position that it would consider supporting an intergovernmental regional transit authority if such a proposal was a sound option for the greater metro area and if Ridgeland would have representation in the operation of such a service. This is certainly a conversation Ridgeland would welcome with other local governments, as it could create the best option to address all considerations.

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After receiving your letter, I held a meeting with several department heads to discuss the possibilities of increasing the sidewalk network in certain areas of the City. We will continue to discuss it in the coming weeks, as well.

Again, I thank you for your letter, and we would welcome any other correspondence from you on these issues.

Sincerely,

Mayor Gene F. McGee  
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