

BROOKLAND SCHOOL BOARD RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 49 is a major, high-volume state corridor running directly through the heart of Brookland, Arkansas, serving as a primary route for regional commercial transportation and local daily commuting; and

WHEREAS, the intersection of U.S. Highway 49 and School Street serves as a critical access point for Brookland Public Schools and experiences significant increases in vehicular and pedestrian traffic during morning student drop-off and afternoon dismissal periods; and

WHEREAS, the existing traffic signal configuration permits left-turn movements across oncoming traffic, creating traffic congestion and safety concerns, particularly during periods of increased school-related traffic; and

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) has previously completed a traffic study at this location and has acknowledged the need for improvements by proposing a future geometric widening project for the intersection; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that consideration of interim traffic safety measures while awaiting completion of the proposed intersection improvements would serve the best interests of the Brookland community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BROOKLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS, ARKANSAS:

1. The School Board recognizes that traffic congestion and turning movements at the intersection of U.S. Highway 49 and School Street present traffic-safety concerns, particularly during student arrival and dismissal periods, and supports efforts by the ARDOT to evaluate and improve traffic conditions at this intersection.
2. The School Board respectfully petitions ARDOT to immediately implement interim safety improvements by modifying the existing traffic signal operation to provide split-phase signal timing or protected-only left-turn signal phases during designated school zone hours.
3. The School Board further urges ARDOT to expedite the funding, design, and construction of the proposed U.S. Highway 49 and School Street intersection improvement project and requests that the final design include dedicated protected left-turn signal phases for all appropriate approaches.
4. This Resolution expresses the School Board's support for traffic safety improvements and shall not be construed to authorize or obligate the District to provide funding, contribute property, or assume responsibility for the design, construction, operation, or maintenance of the intersection or associated traffic-control devices. Any such obligation would require separate consideration and approval by the School Board.

5. Upon adoption, copies of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the below individuals with a request for their immediate attention and assistance in addressing this public safety concern:

- a. Lorie Tudor, Director, Arkansas Department of Transportation
- b. ARDOT District 10 Engineer
- c. State Representative Jon Milligan
- d. Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

APPROVED:

Board President

Board Secretary