



STATE OF ARKANSAS  
*City of Brookland*

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-09

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BROOKLAND CITY COUNCIL DECLARING THE INTERSECTION OF US HIGHWAY 49 AND SCHOOL STREET AN IMMEDIATE PUBLIC SAFETY HAZARD; REQUESTING THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ARDOT) FAST-TRACK EXPANSION PLANS; AND DEMANDING THE IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROTECTED TRAFFIC SIGNAL PHASING.**

**WHEREAS**, US 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 transport and local daily commuting; and

**WHEREAS**, the intersection of US Highway 49 and School Street serves as a critical access artery for Brookland Public Schools, experiencing extreme spikes in vehicle and pedestrian traffic during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up periods; and

**WHEREAS**, the current traffic signal configuration at this intersection relies on permissive green indications, forcing drivers turning left from School Street or Highway 49 to yield to oncoming, high-speed highway traffic, resulting in a dangerous "guessing game" that routinely endangers students, parents, and school staff; and

**WHEREAS**, ARDOT has previously conducted a traffic study at this location and acknowledged the severe bottlenecking by proposing a future geometric widening project for School Street and Highway 49; and

**WHEREAS**, waiting for long-term construction cycles while utilizing the current hazardous signal configuration presents an unacceptable, ongoing risk of severe T-bone collisions and pedestrian accidents;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOKLAND, ARKANSAS:**

**SECTION 1.** The **Brookland City Council** officially declares the current traffic alignment at US Highway 49 and School Street to be an immediate and ongoing public safety hazard to the citizens and youth of Brookland.

**SECTION 2.** The **Brookland City Council** formally petitions the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) to immediately implement intermediate safety measures, specifically modifying the current signal timing to utilize **split-phase alignment or protected-only left-turn arrows** during designated school zone hours.

**SECTION 3.** The **Brookland City Council** urges ARDOT to Approve Split Phasing the East and West lanes of School Street entering onto HWY 49. COB agrees to pay for the two (2) new signal heads and software for the split phase of School St. COB will continue to work towards funding to pay its part of the funding and execution of the proposed Highway 49 and School Street widening and modernization project and that the final engineering design explicitly include dedicated, protected left-turn signal phases.

**SECTION 4.** Copies of this Resolution shall be officially forwarded upon passage to ARDOT Director Jared Willey, the ARDOT District 10 Engineer Office, State Representative Jon Milligan, State Senator Dave Wallace and Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders, requesting their immediate attention and intervention.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 11<sup>th</sup> DAY OF August 2026.**

**ATTEST:**

  
Julie Thomas, Clerk/Treasurer

  
Kenneth D. Jones, Mayor

