

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
JUNE 6, 2017 AGENDA**

Subject:	Action Required:	Approved By:
<p>Master Street Plan Amendment, adding bike facilities to 6th and 9th Streets. (MSP17-01)</p> <p>Submitted By:</p> <p>Planning & Development Department</p>	<p>√ Ordinance Resolution Approval Information Report</p>	<p>Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>

SYNOPSIS	<p>A Master Street Plan Amendment adding a Class Bike II Lane on 6th Street, Sherman to Collins Streets, and 9th Street, McMath Avenue to Barber Street, and Class III Bike Route on 6th Street, Collins Street to Shall Avenue, and 9th Street, Barber to College Street, then College Street, East 9th Street to East 17th Street, then East 17th Street, College Street to Barber Street.</p>
FISCAL IMPACT	<p>None.</p>
RECOMMENDATION	<p>Staff recommends approval of the ordinance. The Planning Commission recommended this item for approval at their April 27, 2017, meeting by a vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.</p>
BACKGROUND	<p>The area has been changing over the last ten to fifteen years, starting with the development of both the William Jefferson Clinton Presidential Park and Heifer International Center. Staff believes traffic volumes on the I-30 frontage roads and the pressure on 6th and 9th streets will be more than today due to the completion of the “I-30 Crossing” project.</p>

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Class II Bike Lanes Sherman to Collins Street then Class III Bike Route from Collins Street to Shall Avenue on E. 6th Street are proposed to provide a connection between current Class III Bike Routes on E. 6th Street. This current Class III Bike Route goes westward to Scott Street, and goes eastward to Concord. A Class II Bike Lane is used for safety reasons where mixing of bicycle and motorized vehicles when crossing the freeway.

Class II Bike Lane is proposed from McMath to Barber Street, over I-30, a Class III Bike Route from Barber to College Street on E. 9th Street, then on College Street south to E. 17th Street through the residential area, then from College to Barber on E. 17th Street to connecting to the current Class III Bike Route on E. 17th Street. Class II Bike Lanes over I-30 are proposed on 6th and 9th Street provide safer lanes for the cyclists and pedestrians with the new I-30 crossing project. Class III Bike Routes are proposed to serve the residential area along College Street and to provide the connection to the Bike Routes either side of I-30.

Staff believes the proposed bicycle Routes and Lanes should be on the Master Street Plan before the start of I-30 project so Arkansas Highway Department will include the proposed bicycle routes and lanes in conjunction with the I-30 project.