

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
JANUARY 20, 2015 AGENDA**

Subject:	Action Required:	Approved By:
Complete Streets Policy	√ Ordinance Resolution Approval Information Report	
Submitted By: Planning & Development Department		Bruce T. Moore City Manager
SYNOPSIS	Adoption of a Complete Streets Policy for Little Rock – to work such that all streets are safe for all modes of transportation.	
FISCAL IMPACT	None.	
RECOMMENDATION	Staff recommends approval. At their June 12, 2014, hearing the Planning Commission recommended approval 9 ayes, 0 nays, and 2 absent.	
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION	Notices were sent to the ‘Ordinance Contact List’ groups and organizations interested in development issues. A public hearing before the Little Rock Planning Commission was held June 12, 2014.	
BACKGROUND	The Bike Friendly Community Committee of Little Rock approached the City of Little Rock about adopting a Complete Streets Policy. After some discussions with Staff in early 2013, a resolution of intent to adopt a Complete Streets Policy- was approved by the Little Rock Board of Directors in April 2013 via Resolution No. 13,675.	

**BACKGROUND
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The City Manager's Office first brought together staff from Parks & Recreation, Public Works and the Planning & Development Departments to discuss the issue. Individuals from various interest groups – health, aging, bicycle, public transit, and development community, were invited to participate and meetings were held in late 2013 and early 2014.

The goal for the group was to develop a consensus that could be used as a guide to the City and development community for a road system that would be safe and available for all types of transportation. In addition, the group reviewed how roadways were built and maintained in Little Rock, as well as the current regulations related to this.

The Complete Streets Policy states that the City of Little Rock's goal is a safe, reliable, efficient, integrated and connected multimodal transportation system for all modes and individuals. It does state some conditions under which a particular project would not be expected to fully meet the intent of Complete Streets.