

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
DECEMBER 1, 2020 AGENDA**

<p>Subject:</p> <p>Contract with MidSouth Railroad Service for the Fourche Dam Pike Widening Project.</p> <p>Submitted By:</p> <p>Public Works Department</p>	<p>Action Required:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">√ Ordinance Resolution</p>	<p>Approved By:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
<p>SYNOPSIS</p> <p>FISCAL IMPACT</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>BACKGROUND</p>	<p>A resolution to authorize the City Manager to waive competitive bidding and award a contract to MidSouth Railroad Service for the Fourche Dam Pike Widening Project.</p> <p>The amount for equipment and construction services is not to exceed \$247,983.00, which is the base contract amount of \$206,652.71. Funding will be from a grant from the Economic Development Administration and the Job Recruitment/Economic Development set-aside in the 3/8-Cent Capital Improvement Sales and Compensating Use Tax.</p> <p>Approval of the ordinance.</p> <p>The City received a \$2 Million Dollar grant from the Economic Development Administration to widen and construct improvements on Fourche Dam Pike from the railroad tracks at Lindsey Road south to Frasier Pike. Part of the project is to widen and upgrade the signalized railroad crossing. It has been deemed that competitive bidding of this specialized equipment and the need for local emergency service is not feasible due to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ There are no other qualified bidders in Arkansas. ➤ MidSouth has maintained rail signal equipment at the Little Rock Port Authority for forty-five (45) years and can ensure continuity with existing systems. 	

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- MidSouth has a local employee in place to respond to malfunctioning equipment in a timely manner thereby enabling the Port Authority to meet Federal Railroad Administration Requirements.

The Board of Directors, by ordinance, may waive the requirement of competitive bidding in exceptional situations where such procedure is not feasible under Sec. 2-242(d) of the Little Rock Municipal Code.