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LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
JANUARY 20, 2015 AGENDA

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Submitted By: Planning & Development Department

SYNOPSIS Adoption of a Master Street Plan Amendment to clarify the Bike Plan Section and require the Class II and III routes be constructed.

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.
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 Master Street Amendment is intended to improve facilities and safety for bicyclists and include bicycles as a valid part of the transportation system.