ORDINANCE NO. _____________

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MASTER STREET PLAN (ORDINANCE NO. 20,117) TO REVISE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR DEDICATION, CONSTRUCTION AND MARKING OF BICYCLE PATHS AND ROUTES IN THE MASTER STREET PLAN TEXT (MSP14-03); AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, a diverse committee of citizens and City Staff members have met to discuss how best to safely and conveniently accommodate all modes of transportation along, across and through the City’s network of streets and highways and to recommend code changes to implement safe routes throughout the City for all users; and,

WHEREAS, changes to the Master Street Plan are needed to improve the City’s transportation network;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

Section 1. The last sentence of the first paragraph of Section 1A of the Master Street Plan text is hereby deleted and replaced by the following language:

Applicants for site plan review and building permit are not required to dedicate, mark or construct any Class I bicycle path or route as described in the Plan. Where only a segment of a block is being developed with no connectivity, either existing or anticipated to occur within the next year, to any other bicycle lane or route, in such case signage and bicycle markings shall not be required for the street abutting the development along Class II Bike Lanes or Class III Bicycle Routes.

Section 2. In the Master Street Plan, Section 4: Bicycle Plan, under Bicycle Facilities and within the first paragraph of the Class III Bicycle Routes subsection, the words “special signage” in the first sentence and the word “signage” in the last sentence are hereby deleted and replaced with the word “sharrows”.

Section 3. To correct an error in the Master Street Plan text in Section 4: Bicycle Plan, in the fifth paragraph under Construction Standards, the word “build” is deleted and replaced with the word “built”.

Section 4. In the Master Street Plan text, Section 4: Bicycle Plan, in the seventh paragraph under Construction Standards, the second sentence is deleted and replaced with the following sentence:

Sharrows should be provided.
Section 5. In the Master Street Plan text, Section 4: Bicycle Plan, in the Construction Standards section in the first paragraph under Signage and Marking, the last sentence is deleted and replaced with the following sentence:

Requirements for signs and graphics painted on the pavement, including sharrows and bicycle emblems, vary depending upon the class of a particular bicycle route.

Section 6. In the Master Street Plan text, Section 4: Bicycle Plan, in the Construction and Standards section and the fourth paragraph under Signage and Marking, the first two (2) sentences are deleted and replaced with the following language:

Class III Bicycle Routes require sharrow markings on the pavement according to traffic engineering requirements. Class I Bike Paths, when constructed, and Class II Bike Lanes should be marked with on-street bicycle graphics in white paint with directional arrows directing the flow of bicycle traffic. Class III Bicycle Routes should be marked with on-street bicycle graphics as described above.

Section 7. Severability. In the event any title, section, paragraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this ordinance is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of the resolution, which shall remain in full force and effect as if the portion so declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional were not originally a part of the ordinance.

Section 8. Repealer. All ordinances and resolutions of the City in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 9. This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days from and after its passage.

PASSED: January 20, 2015

APPROVED:

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Susan Langley, City Clerk    Mark Stodola, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

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Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney

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