

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
FEBRUARY 7, 2017 AGENDA**

Subject: Authorizing the use of Eminent Domain on the Kanis Road Improvement Project Submitted By: Public Works Department	Action Required: Ordinance ✓ Resolution Approval Information Report	Approved By: Bruce T. Moore City Manager
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SYNOPSIS	Authorizes the City Manager and City Attorney to use eminent domain to complete acquisition of right-of-way and Permanent & Temporary Construction Easements for the Kanis Road Improvement Project (Shackleford to Gamble), Project No. 13-B6a and No. 13-B5d. <i>This project is in Ward 5.</i>
FISCAL IMPACT	Funding for this project is available from the 2013 Capital Improvement Bonds for Streets and Drainage and the 3/8-Cent Capital Improvement Sales and Compensating Use Tax as authorized by Resolution No. 13,699 as amended by Resolution No. 14,269.
RECOMMENDATION	Approval of the resolution.
BACKGROUND	City Staff is in the process of acquiring land and right-of-way necessary for the construction of the Kanis Road Improvement Project. At this time, twenty five (25) of fifty five (55) parcels have been acquired, and it is expected ten (10) will accept the offers. At least three (3) parcels are in bankruptcy or have clear title issues. Staff will send one (1) last certified letter and make personal visits to the owner's addresses; however, the use of eminent domain may be needed to move the project forward. The project will reconstruct Kanis Road from Shackleford Road to Bowman Road to a five (5)-lane roadway section with curb, gutter, storm sewers and sidewalk on both sides.

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Kanis Road from Bowman Road to Gamble Road will be constructed to a three (3)-lane section with additional turn-lanes at intersections. Funding has been authorized at this time to prepare designs and acquire right-of-way from Shackleford Road to Gamble Road and to construct a portion of this section as existing funding allows.