

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
MARCH 17, 2015 AGENDA**

Subject:	Action Required:	Approved By:
<p>Authorizing the use of eminent domain on the Florida Street Improvement Project</p> <p>Submitted By:</p> <p>Public Works Department</p>	<p>Ordinance ✓ Resolution Approval Information Report</p>	<p>Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
SYNOPSIS	<p>Authorizes the City Attorney to use eminent domain to complete acquisition of right-of-way, temporary construction easements and land for the Florida Street Improvement Project, Project No. 13-3-18. <i>This project is in Ward 3.</i></p>	
FISCAL IMPACT	<p>Funding for this project is available from 3/8-Cent Capital Improvement and Compensating Use Tax Funds as authorized by Resolution No. 13699.</p>	
RECOMMENDATION	<p>Approval of the resolution.</p>	
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION	<p>The project is an element of the 2013 Capital Improvement Plan previously endorsed by the Board at the May 21, 2013 meeting, via Resolution No. 13,699 following a series of fourteen (14) public Ward Meetings. One (1) additional public meeting was held to present the project design.</p>	
BACKGROUND	<p>City Staff is in the process of acquiring land and right-of-way necessary for the construction of the Florida Street Improvement Project. At this time, acquisition of one (1) parcel has been unsuccessful due to the refusal of the property owner to sell a Permanent Construction Easement for the sidewalk at Evergreen Street.</p>	

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The City will continue to negotiate with the property owner, but it is anticipated that condemnation action will be needed to move the project forward.

The project consists of building two (2) blocks of sidewalk from Evergreen Street at the school to Merriweather Park and street improvements to one block of Florida Street from L to M Street with storm sewer, curb and gutter, sidewalks on one side.