

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION  
AUGUST 16, 2022 AGENDA**

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Action Required:</b>	<b>Approved By:</b>
<p>A resolution expressing the willingness of the City of Little Rock to participate in a Cost Sharing Agreement with the United Methodist Children’s Home for improvements to Charles Bussey Avenue.</p> <p><b>Submitted By:</b></p> <p>Public Works Department</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ordinance √ <b>Resolution</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SYNOPSIS</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>FISCAL IMPACT</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>RECOMMENDATION</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>BACKGROUND</b></p>	<p>Both the United Methodist Children’s Home and City of Little Rock desire to improve traffic flow, enhance the streets and neighborhoods along Charles Bussey Avenue and update the associated infrastructure within the project boundaries.</p> <p>The City’s portion of the Cost Sharing Agreement is \$100,000.00, and funding for the City share of this project is from the Street Fund Special Projects.</p> <p>Approval of the resolution.</p> <p>In 2017, the Board of Directors approved a POD, Planned Office Development, for the United Methodist Children’s Home (UMCH), located at 2002 South Fillmore Street. That approval included the requirement for boundary street improvements along Charles Bussey Avenue. Upon approval, UMCH started a fund-raising campaign to accomplish the road improvements. The fund-raising campaign has ended and upon investigation of the existing roadway, it was determined that an overlay and minor widening would not be sufficient and full reconstruction of half the roadway was needed. Staff met onsite with UMCH and determined that City participation in the reconstruction would be beneficial to UMCH, as well as the neighborhood.</p>	

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Charles Bussey Avenue through this section prior to this improvement is substandard. The improvements to Charles Bussey Avenue would also allow for pedestrian access from the trail system along Coleman Creek to South Fillmore Street.