

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION  
JULY 21, 2015 AGENDA**

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Action Required:</b>	<b>Approved By:</b>
<p>Master Street Plan Amendment to add bike Lanes, Paths and Routes to the Bike Plan Map</p> <p><b>Submitted By:</b></p> <p>Planning &amp; Development Department</p>	<p>√ <b>Ordinance</b> Resolution Approval Information Report</p>	<p>Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
<b>SYNOPSIS</b>	Master Street Plan Amendment (MSP14-04) to upgrade and add eight (8) Bike Lanes, two (2) Bike Paths and several Bike Routes to the Bike Plan Map.	
<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>	None.	
<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	Staff recommends approval. The Little Rock Planning commission voted to recommend approval at their July 24, 2014, hearing by a vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent and for Center Street by a vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 1 recusal and 1 absent.	
<b>CITIZEN PARTICIPATION</b>	Notices were sent to the City's contact list for ordinance amendments, including engineers, developers and neighborhood organizations. In addition the following neighborhood associations were notified: Capitol View/Stiff Station; Central High; Downtown; Downtown Little Rock Partnership; Hillcrest; MacArthur Park POA; Oak Forest; Pettaway; South End; Southend Coalition; Whitmore Circle; and Wright Avenue. Over 260 property owners adjacent to proposed Class I or II bike routes received letters informing them of the change and meeting.	
<b>BACKGROUND</b>	At the end of 2013, the Bike Friendly Community Committee of Little Rock recommended a package of changes to the Little Rock Bike Plan.	

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Staff reviewed the requests and set a series of public meetings to discuss the Bike Lane and Path changes proposed. These meetings were held in February and March 2014. Based on the comments received, a final package of changes was developed to present for amendment.

New proposed Class I – Bike Paths are suggested along two (2) creeks and a railroad right-of-way. (These routes are separate bicycle only facilities.) There are three (3) segments proposed. The longest is along the former railroad right-of-way from Interstate Park around the Arkansas State Fair grounds to 7<sup>th</sup> Street where the existing proposed Bike Path is shown. A second segment would continue along Rose Creek from 3<sup>rd</sup> Street (where the existing proposed Path ends) to the Arkansas River Trail. The remaining new Bike Route is along Coleman Creek from 20<sup>th</sup> Street to Lee Avenue in Hillcrest.

The Class II – Bike Lane proposals are along streets. Main Street from 7<sup>th</sup> Street to Roosevelt Road and Chester Street from Interstate 630 to Roosevelt Road are proposed to be added as a Class II – Bike Lane. Both Center and Louisiana, north of Interstate 630 are proposed for one (1)-way Bike Lanes. (The two (2)-way portion of Louisiana Street would be a Class III – Bike Route). 9<sup>th</sup> Street, east of Main Street to Interstate 30 is proposed for Bike Lanes. 7<sup>th</sup> Street west of Main Street is proposed to be upgraded to a Class II – Bike Lanes. Since the road currently is two (2) vehicular lanes with parking on both sides for much of its length (Main Street to Woodrow Street), the proposal would be to have a Bike Lane in one (1) direction and a Bike Route (sharrows) in the other so as not to impact parking on both sides of the road. In West Little Rock, LaMarche Drive (Chenal Drive to Taylor Loop Road) and Taylor Loop Road (LaMarche Drive to Rahling Road) are proposed to be upgraded from Class III to Class II – Bike Lanes.

The Class III – Bike Routes proposed to be added to the Bike Plan are all in the downtown area. They are Commerce Street, from 17<sup>th</sup> Street to 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Sherman Street, from 9<sup>th</sup> Street to 6<sup>th</sup> Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Street from Cumberland to Sherman and State Street from Interstate 630 to the Arkansas River Trail.