

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION  
JANUARY 23, 2024 AGENDA**

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Action Required:</b>	<b>Approved By:</b>
<p>Resolution to amend Resolution No. 15,034 (August 6, 2019), to amend the contract with McClelland Consulting Engineers, Inc., to develop the final plans and related work meeting the requirements of the grant conditions for Markham Street Pedestrian and Safety Improvements Project.</p> <p><b>Submitted By:</b></p> <p>Public Works Department</p>	<p>Ordinance √ <b>Resolution</b></p>	<p>Emily Cox Acting City Manager</p>
<b>SYNOPSIS</b>	<p>A resolution to amend Resolution No. 15,034 (August 6, 2019), to authorize the City Manager to amend the contract with McClelland Consulting Engineers, Inc., to develop the final plans and related work meeting the requirements of the grant conditions for Markham Street Pedestrian and Safety Improvements Project.</p>	
<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>	<p>The additional amount is not to exceed \$76,100.00, for an amended contract amount of \$198,600.00. Funding is available from Street Fund Special Projects, Account No. S40B631.</p>	
<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	<p>Approval of the resolution.</p>	
<b>BACKGROUND</b>	<p>Little Rock, Ark., Resolution No. 15,034 (August 6, 2019) authorized an Engineering Services Contract with McClelland Consulting Engineers, Inc., for the design and construction drawings for a Sidewalk and Street Construction Project on Markham Street from Kavanaugh Boulevard to Pine Street.</p>	

**BACKGROUND  
CONTINUED**

Little Rock, Ark., Resolution No. 16,052 (July 18, 2023) expressed the willingness of the City of Little Rock to utilize Federal-Aid Surface Transportation Program Funds from Metroplan for Markham Street Improvements, from South Cedar Street to Pearl Avenue.

On September 13, 2023, the City of Little Rock was notified of an award in the amount of \$1,100,000 in CARTS 2024 Surface Transportation Block Grant Funds by the Metroplan Board for the construction of a portion of the Markham Street Road Pedestrian and Safety Improvements. The Federal-Aid Grant award conditions require the City's contracted consultant to provide an environmental clearance documentation for the project corridor, provide exhibits for any necessary rights-of-way or easements and develop final plans dividing the project into two (2) phases and meeting the requirements of the grant conditions. This resolution authorizes an amendment to the contract to develop the final plans and related work to meet the requirements of the grant conditions.

The project will reduce Markham Street to a three (3)-lane street in order to provide sufficient space to construct a sidewalk on both sides of the arterial street. In the past, sidewalks were not constructed along this corridor due to the narrow right-of-way with buildings, walls and utilities located close to the road edge.