

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION  
JANUARY 17, 2017 AGENDA**

<p><b>Subject:</b></p> <p>Master Street Plan Amendment to change 4<sup>th</sup> Street (Alexander) to a Collector Standard</p> <p><b>Submitted By:</b></p> <p>Planning &amp; Development Department</p>	<p><b>Action Required:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">√ <b>Ordinance</b> Resolution Approval Information Report</p>	<p><b>Approved By:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SYNOPSIS</b></p>	<p>Master Street Plan Amendment to change 4<sup>th</sup> Street (Alexander) from a Minor Arterial to a Collector, south of Alexander Road.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FISCAL IMPACT</b></p>	<p>None.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RECOMMENDATION</b></p>	<p>Staff recommends approval. The Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of the amendment at their December 15, 2016, meeting by a vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent and 1 vacant position.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BACKGROUND</b></p>	<p>The application is to downgrading 4<sup>th</sup> Street (Alexander) on Master Street Plan from a Minor Arterial to a Collector standard with sixty (60)-foot right-of-way and a thirty-six (36)-foot minimum pavement width (back to back of curb). 4<sup>th</sup> Street (Alexander) continues south of Alexander Road which is shown as Minor Arterial. The portion of 4<sup>th</sup> Street (Alexander) which has been built is nineteen (19) feet wide in a fifty (50)-foot right-of-way. This is substandard for any Street Standard in the Master Street Plan.</p> <p>4<sup>th</sup> Street (Alexander) is currently Minor Arterial on the Master Street Plan (MSP). There are plotted lots with no access in the ‘one (1)-block’ with no street making the desire for a connection greater.</p>

**BACKGROUND  
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With the connection between State Highway 111 to Alexander Road via 4th Street (Alexander), 4<sup>th</sup> Street becomes a convenient connection and more than a local street. Little Rock's MSP proposes to relocate the arterial to the east (4<sup>th</sup> Street, Alexander) to allow the traffic to bypass Alexander and move directly from Alexander Road south to State Highway 111 in Saline County.

Central Arkansas Regional Transportation Study has developed the Regional Arterial Network (RAN) as a network of major roads (Arterials) to connect and serve the regional transportation needs of Central Arkansas. On this plan Alexander Road from Interstate 30 passes around the town of Alexander to the west connecting to Highway 111 south of Alexander. This, in part, is to allow a grade separation at the Union Pacific rail line near Alexander. Based on current traffic counts most of the traffic appears to move from Alexander Road in Little Rock to the freeway through Alexander or from State Highway 111 in Saline County through Alexander to the freeway. The RAN improves this connection with a grade separation for the Saline County traffic and keeps it from entering Little Rock.