

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
JANUARY 6, 2015 AGENDA**

Subject:	Action Required:	Approved By:
<p>Authorization to Convey Certain Real Property and Easements to the AHTD Project to Replace the Arch Street Bridge</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 Mayor, City Clerk and City Manager to convey real property and execute permanent and temporary construction easements to the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department for a project to replace the Arch Street Bridge, AHTD Project 060395. <i>This project is in Ward 2.</i></p>
FISCAL IMPACT	<p>None.</p>
RECOMMENDATION	<p>Approval of the resolution</p>
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION	<p>The project is a State Highway project and has been through their public participation process.</p>
BACKGROUND	<p>The State of Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) has begun right-of-way acquisition for a project to replace the Arch Street Bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad. To construct the project, AHTD has requested a donation of several parcels of land along Arch Street and in and around the new bridge. This project requires relocation of the current Urban Forestry headquarters on Arch Street.</p>

**BACKGROUND
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While the land itself is to be donated, AHTD has offered to pay the value of improvements to the land and provide relocation assistance to the Parks & Recreation Department in the amount of \$132,000 for their Urban Forestry facility. The Board approved the purchase of a new Urban Forestry site on December 2, 2014, via Resolution No. 14,015.

This Board action authorizes the conveyance of property and the necessary agreements, deeds and easements to accomplish the bridge replacement project.