

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
FEBRUARY 3, 2026, AGENDA**

| Subject: | Action Required: | Approved By: |
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| A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with the Arkansas Department of Transportation in Cooperation with the United States Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration | Ordinance √ Resolution | |
| Submitted By: Office of Executive Administration | | Delphone Hubbard, City Manager |
| SYNOPSIS | A resolution authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract with the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT), in cooperation with the United States Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), for the use of certain Arkansas State Highway Commission-owned properties made available following completion of the Interstate 30 Crossing (30 Crossing) Project. The agreement will allow the City to partner with ARDOT to utilize portions of the property for redevelopment of green spaces and related improvements that do not interfere with current or future highway use. | |
| FISCAL IMPACT | None. Any future costs related to planning, design, construction, maintenance, or programming of green space improvements on the subject properties will be subject to separate Board consideration and appropriation. The proposed agreement does not obligate the City to expend funds at this time. | |
| RECOMMENDATION | Adopt the Resolution. | |

BACKGROUND

The Arkansas Department of Transportation has completed major safety, reconstruction, mobility, and modernization improvements to Interstate 30 through the downtown areas of Little Rock and North Little Rock, commonly referred to as the 30 Crossing Project.

As a result of the Project's completion, certain properties owned by the Arkansas State Highway Commission have been reconfigured or newly created. The City of Little Rock has identified opportunities to redevelop portions of these areas into green spaces and related amenities that support public safety, health, welfare, and economic vitality, while remaining compatible with highway operations.

The City has requested to partner with ARDOT to utilize designated portions of these properties as project areas for non-highway purposes that do not interfere with the public use of the property for transportation or highway-related functions. Entering into a cooperative agreement with ARDOT establishes the framework under which such uses may be permitted and managed.

Approval of this resolution authorizes the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract with the Arkansas Department of Transportation. Staff believe this agreement is in the best interest of the City of Little Rock and its residents and represents an important step toward realizing redevelopment opportunities made possible by the completion of the 30 Crossing project.