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ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MASTER STREET PLAN (ORDINANCE NO. 8601) TO REMOVE THREE ROUNDABOUTS LOCATED ALONG THE EAST BROADWAY CORRIDOR AREA OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, on January 13, 2014, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 8601, adopting a new City of North Little Rock Master Street Plan ("Master Street Plan")(amended by Ordinance No. 8616, adopted on March 10, 2014; Ordinance No. 8670, adopted on August 25, 2014; Ordinance No. 8706, adopted on January 26, 2015; Ordinance No. 8727, adopted on April 20, 2015; Ordinance No. 8896, adopted on March 27, 2017; Ordinance No. 9027, adopted on July 9, 2018; Ordinance No. 9301, adopted on November 9, 2020; Ordinance No. 9332, adopted on February 8, 2021; Ordinance No. 9336, adopted on March 8, 2021; Ordinance No. 9368, adopted on June 28, 2021; and Ordinance 9412, adopted November 11, 2021); and

WHEREAS, Robert Birch of the North Little Rock Economic Development Department has requested the City Engineer's Office and Planning Department to research the removal of three (3) roundabouts along the East Broadway corridor from the Master Street Plan (see letter from Director Birch attached hereto as Exhibit A); and

WHEREAS, the request is supported by the City Engineer and the Planning Department (see letters attached hereto as Exhibit B); and

WHEREAS a legal advertisement of notice of a public hearing to be held December 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. has been placed in the newspaper.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: That the Master Street Plan is hereby amended to remove three (3) roundabouts from the East Broadway corridor (see maps attached hereto as Exhibit C).

SECTION 2: That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

SECTION 3: That the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and if any section, phrase or provision shall be declared or held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remainder of the sections, phrases or provisions.

SECTION 4: It is hereby found and determined that the additions to the Master Street Plan as provided for herein are immediately necessary in order to insure the proper and orderly growth of this land and of the City of North Little Rock, Arkansas, and being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare; THEREFORE, an emergency is

hereby declared to exist and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED:

APPROVED:

Mayor Terry C. Hartwick

SPONSORS:

Council Member Maurice Taylor

ATTEST:

Diane Whitbey, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Amy Beckman Fields, City Attorney

PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY/kt

FILED 10:00 A.M. _____ P.M.
By Amy Fields, CAS
DATE 1/21/20

Diane Whitbey, City Clerk and Collector
North Little Rock, Arkansas

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EXHIBIT
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NLR Economic Development

November 29, 2022

Mayor Terry C. Hartwick
300 Main St
North Little Rock, Ar 72114
501-975-8801

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

Our office has asked the City Engineer's office and Planning Department to review the Master Street Plan's requirements concerning roundabouts along the East Broadway corridor and specifically at the intersection of Hwy 165 and Hwy 70. Currently the area around that intersection is under redevelopment and the right of way needed for the roundabout would put several projects in jeopardy. It would also cause a dangerous challenge with the existing railroad track that runs through the area. While the current stop light system is not perfect, converting this to a roundabout would be detrimental to the development of the area. The Economic Development office supports the removal of these 3 roundabouts from the Master Street Plan.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Birch
Director of Development
City of North Little Rock
501-516-0839
rbirch@nlr.ar.gov

EXHIBIT
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From: Spencer, Shawn
To: Spencer, Shawn
Subject: Roundabouts on Master Street Plan
Date: Wednesday, November 30, 2022 8:08:39 AM
Attachments: image001.png

From: Cook, David <DCook@nlr.ar.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2022 8:05 AM
To: Birch, Robert <RBirch@nlr.ar.gov>
Subject: Roundabouts on Master Street Plan

Robert Birch,

Engineering is supportive of the removal of these roundabouts from the Master Street Plan due to East Broadway being a State Highway and the impact that right of way acquisition would have on existing developments.

Thanks,

David Cook, P.E.
City Engineer
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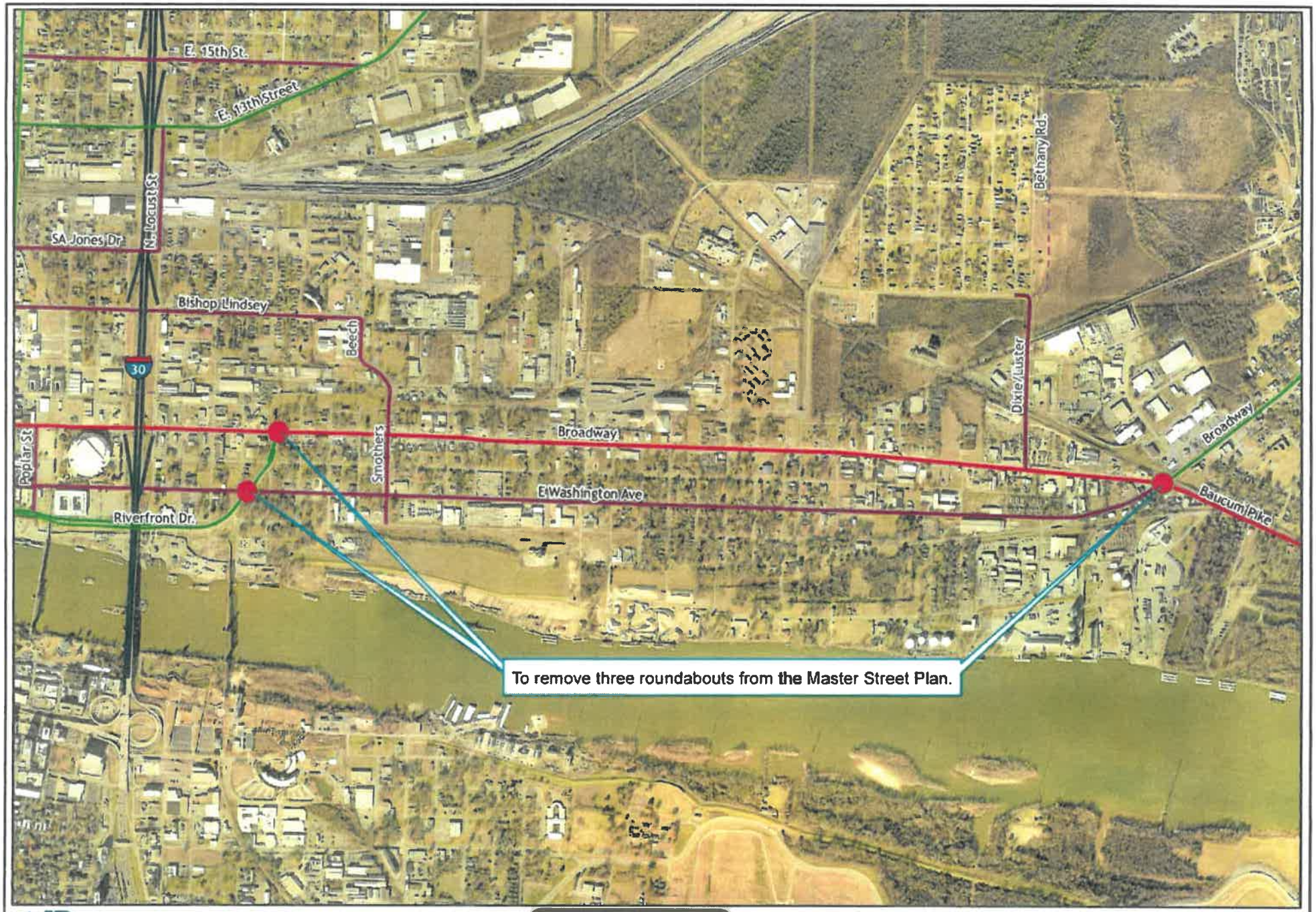
December 1, 2022

Robert Birch,

The Planning Department supports the request to remove the 3 roundabouts in question. Due to existing development, the large amount of right of way that would be required and the downgrading of Riverfront Drive from a principal arterial to a minor arterial; the roundabouts would not be a reasonable option.

Shawn Spencer
NLR Planning



Public Hearing #2022-38

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Date: 11/29/2022

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