



**MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2023**

**TO:** Mayor Jordan and City Council  
**THRU:** Susan Norton, Chief of Staff  
**FROM:** Tim Nyander, Utilities Director  
**DATE:**  
**SUBJECT:** ARDOT - Utility Relocation Agreement for I-49/MLK Interchange Project 040846

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of the agreement with the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) related to the Interstate-49 MLK Interchange Improvements ARDOT Project 040846.

**BACKGROUND:**

ARDOT has requested utility relocations to prepare for the widening of Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. (Highway-62) from S. Leflar Way to S. Sang Ave. including reconstruction of the interstate overpass and creation of a new overpass at 15th Street.

ARDOT will phase the project, to begin in just the vicinity of 15th Street. The water and sanitary sewer relocations for this first phase are estimated to cost approximately \$5,308,725.00, subject to public bidding, inclusive of engineering fees and easement acquisitions. The relocations are estimated to be 100% reimbursable to the City of Fayetteville by ARDOT. This agreement is primarily to establish the reimbursable percentage for both parties.

**DISCUSSION:**

Hawkins-Weir Engineers, Inc. was selected for and has completed design of the utility relocations necessary for the 15th Street phase of this project. Arkansas Department of Health project review and easement acquisition is underway, then the project can proceed to bidding.

**BUDGET/STAFF IMPACT:**

No impact at this time. Funds would be obligated to this project at the time a construction bid award is presented.

**ATTACHMENTS:** SRF ARDOT I49 and MLK, 040846 - City of Fayetteville - Agrmt for Signatures, 2022129  
Pre-Final Cost Estimate -15th Street