



I-30 Deck Park Planning Study Summary Sheet

Community Engagement Meeting #1

Little Rock, Arkansas (Pulaski County)



Study Background

The I-30 Deck Park Planning Study is an effort to explore creating a green space over Interstate 30 in downtown Little Rock between 6th and 9th streets. The goal of a deck park at this location will be to reconnect neighborhoods divided by the highway, improve pedestrian and bike access, and provide a vibrant community gathering area. This will complement the existing and future amenities for Little Rock. The study includes conceptual design work, cost analysis, and public engagement to ensure community input shapes the vision. It also examines technical and economic feasibility of a deck park in this location. Completing the study positions the city to move into the next phases of the environmental study and design and to apply for federal grants, and explore other funding sources.

Project Team

- City of Little Rock, Garver, CC Mercer Watson, Cromwell Architects Engineers, Polk Stanley Wilcox, The Traffic Group, and HDR.



Study Overview



Community Input

Gathering feedback from residents and stakeholders to ensure the deck park reflects community needs and values.



Analyze Project Costs

Prepare a preliminary budget to understand the financial requirements for building, operating and maintaining the proposed deck park.



Traffic and Mobility Study

Evaluate current traffic patterns on I-30 and nearby streets and analyze how a deck park would affect vehicle flow, pedestrian safety, and overall connectivity.



Open Forum Community Engagement Meetings

Public meetings where attendees can learn about the project, ask questions, and share ideas in an interactive setting.



Impact Mitigation and Evaluation

Evaluate the project's ability to mitigate economic, social, and environmental impacts



Feasibility Study, Alternative Evaluation, and Conceptual Design

Examine whether the project is feasible and cost-effective, and compare design options, including a no-build alternative and ultimately develop conceptual design for a single, recommended alternative.



Why Are We Having This Community Engagement Meeting #1?

The purpose of this meeting is to introduce the concept of a Deck Park between 6th and 9th streets, outline the schedule of the planning study, and present strategies to align with city plans and programming. This is an open-forum style meeting. View exhibits, ask questions, and provide comments during the scheduled hours.



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Estimated Study Timeline

Early 2026	Mid-2026	Late 2026	2027
<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Community Engagement Meeting #1•Traffic & Mobility Study Completed•Data Collection & Environmental Constraints•Feasibility Study & Alternatives Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Community Engagement Meetings #2 and #3•Draft Community Engagement Report•Conceptual Design of Recommended Alternative Begins	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Conceptual Design Plans Developed•City/ARDOT Review of Concept Plans•Draft Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study & Questionnaire Complete	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Final PEL Study Report•Final Concept Plans•Final Cost Estimate & Funding Strategy•Plan for Next Phase of I-30 Deck Park Project

Schedule is preliminary and subject to change

Schedule

We're planning two more Community Engagement meetings to keep you informed and involved. Both meetings are expected to take place in 2026. Exact dates will be announced as soon as they are scheduled.

Community Engagement Meeting #2

- Based on community feedback received during and following Community Engagement Meeting #1, alternatives for the deck park will be developed and shared at the second Community Engagement Meeting to obtain community feedback on the alternatives.

Community Engagement Meeting #3

- After a recommended alternative is selected for further development, it will be presented to the community. This is your chance to see the recommended option.

What's Next?

Comments received during the comment period (February 9 - February 24), following Community Engagement Meeting #1, will be reviewed by the City of Little Rock.

After the Study

After the study, the city will use its findings to seek funding, then move into environmental review, detailed design, and permitting. These steps prepare the project for construction, turning the concept into a deck park that reconnects communities.



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Community Advisory Board (CAB)

The Community Advisory Board (CAB) is a group of individuals representing neighborhoods, businesses, community organizations, and public agencies. Members were selected for their ability to share community perspectives, foster engagement, and serve as a link between the project team and the public. Together, CAB members help guide the I-30 Deck Park Planning Study, reflect community priorities, and support a meaningful process.

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I-30 DECK PARK PLANNING STUDY PROJECT LOCATION MAP

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