

I-30 Deck Park Planning Study

Little Rock, Arkansas

Pulaski County

PURPOSE AND NEED

Interstate 30 is one of Arkansas's busiest highways and runs through downtown Little Rock, creating a division between neighborhoods. When the interstate was built in the 1960s, it removed direct connections and displaced homes and businesses impacting the economic and cultural vitality of communities like MacArthur Park and Hanger Hill. Today, this barrier continues to limit access and opportunities.

The **proposed solution** is a deck park spanning I-30 between 6th and 9th Streets. This deck park would reconnect neighborhoods, provide safe pedestrian and bicycle crossings, and create a vibrant public space with green areas, gathering spots, and opportunities for recreation and entertainment. The study aims to bridge the economic and social gap, support healthier lifestyles, and encourage economic development while minimizing construction impacts and costs.

Beyond restoring connectivity, the deck park is envisioned as a **catalyst for revitalization**. By offering spaces for community events, music, food, and outdoor activities, it will foster a sense of place and belonging. The park will not only improve mobility and safety but also strengthen the cultural and economic fabric of downtown Little Rock, helping transform a long-standing barrier into a shared community asset.

