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Scott E. Bennett, P.E. – Director of Highways and Transportation  
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Dear Mr. Bennett:

The City of North Little Rock (CNLR) is requesting to assume jurisdiction of Riverfront Drive from the east side of the Pike Round-A-Bout to Highway 70 (East Broadway) in our downtown area, which would include all Arkansas Department of Transportation (ArDOT) Right-of-Way (ROW), as well as, future street and drainage maintenance or reconstruction (refer to attach exhibit).

Granting jurisdiction of the Riverfront Drive corridor to CNLR does not disrupt the continuity of ArDOT's State Highway System in this area. Pike Avenue connects directly to East Broadway by way of the Pike Round-a-Bout. Historically, since the original construction by ArDOT of Riverfront Drive, traffic volumes have been relatively low on this 4-lane facility. Average Daily Traffic along Riverfront Drive, as published by ArDOT in 2013, indicates that traffic volumes were 10,000 and 2,700 on the west end and east end, respectively. CNLR envisions this corridor as a key element to future development in this downtown area, which is not necessarily compatible with the existing State Highway.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, you may contact the Mayor's Office at (501) 975-8601.

Sincerely,

Joe A. Smith  
Mayor

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