

30 Crossing - Voicer

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Little Rock's Board of Directors is set to take the next steps on widening Interstate 30. KUAR's David Monteith has more on tonight's (Tuesday night's) agenda item.

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At a cost of over \$630 million dollars, the "30 Crossing" project would widen a section of Interstate 30 that connects Little Rock and North Little Rock.

At their next meeting (tonight's meeting) Little Rock's City Board is expected to approve a resolution allowing Mayor Frank Scott and City Manager Bruce Moore to negotiate an agreement with the Arkansas Department of Transportation for construction of the project.

According to the resolution, the cost to the city is expected be \$3.8 million dollars to pay for lighting and trees, among other things, along the new roadway.

Opponents of the project have wondered how the city can afford that price tag. Opponents also claim the wider highway will become a physical barrier contributing to economic and racial disparities in the city. David Monteith, KUAR news.

In Little Rock, I'm David Monteith.