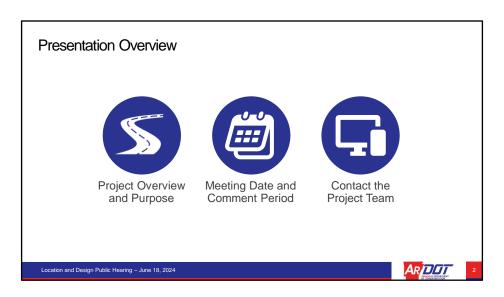
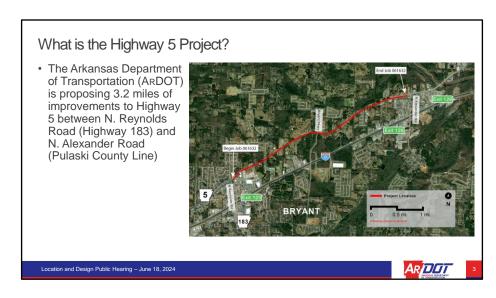


On behalf of the Arkansas Department of Transportation and Garver, thank you for participating in this location and design public hearing for the proposed widening of Highway 5 between N. Reynolds Road (also known as Highway 183) and N. Alexander Road (at the Pulaski County Line) in Saline County.

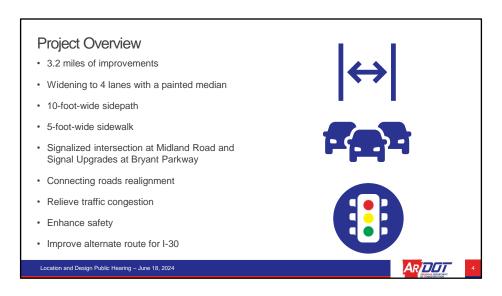


We will begin this brief presentation with the overview and the purpose of the project, followed by the date of the location and design public hearing, and end by outlining the methods available to contact the project team concerning this project. This is a listen-only presentation.

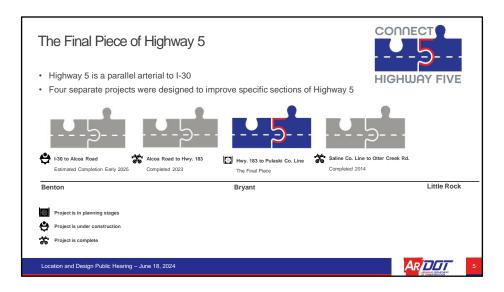


The Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) is proposing 3.2 miles of improvements to Highway 5 between North Reynolds Road (also known as Highway 183) and North Alexander Road (at the Pulaski County Line).

The map on your the screen shows the location of the project. Currently, this section of Highway 5 is a two-lane, open-shoulder road.

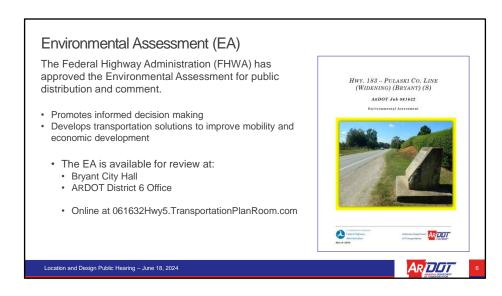


The proposed improvements would widen Highway 5 to four lanes with a painted median along with curb and gutter and matching the adjacent Highway 5 sections to the east and west of the project. A 10-foot-wide sidepath is proposed on the north side of Highway 5 and a 5-foot-wide sidewalk on the south side. A signalized intersection at Midland Road has been added to the design. The proposed widening is anticipated to realign connecting roads, relieve traffic congestion, enhance safety, and improve an alternate route for I-30.



Over the past 15 years, ARDOT has worked to improve and widen approximately 7 miles of Highway 5 between Interstate 30 (I-30) in Benton, through Bryant, to Little Rock. Highway 5 is a parallel arterial to I-30, providing access to employment and commerce in Saline County, Pulaski County, and the greater central Arkansas region while also serving as the primary alternate route for I-30 during periods of congestion. Rapid growth in this area has created both economic opportunities for the community and the need for improved transportation infrastructure.

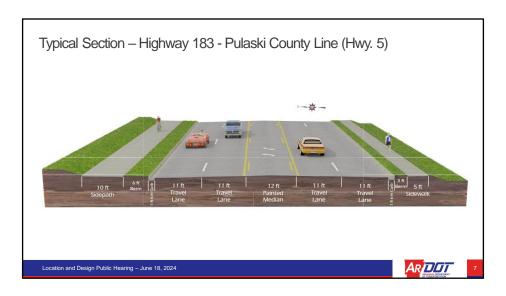
The initiative resulted in the creation of four separate projects designed to improve specific sections of Highway 5. Below, each project is outlined, including the "final piece" of the improvements.



The FHWA has approved the Environmental Assessment (EA) for public distribution and comment. The Environmental Assessment promotes informed decision making in the development of a transportation solution(s) by explaining the purpose of the proposed action, evaluating social, economic, and environmental impacts, soliciting feedback from the public and decision-makers, and determining whether further analysis is necessary or if the impacts are minimal enough to warrant a Finding of No Significant Impacts (FONSI).

The EA is available for public review at the public hearing, online, and in-person at the following locations:

- Bryant City Hall
- ARDOT District 6 Office
- Online at 061632Hwy5.TransportationPlanRoom.com



The typical section for the proposed widening of Highway 5 consists of four 11-foot-wide travel lanes, and one 12-foot-wide painted median.

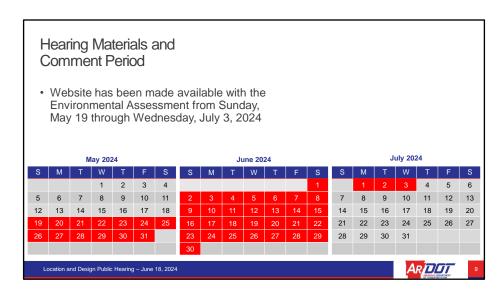
A 10-foot-wide sidepath with a 6-foot-wide Grass Berm is proposed on the north side of Highway 5 and a 5-foot-wide sidewalk with a 3-foot-wide Grass Berm on the south side.



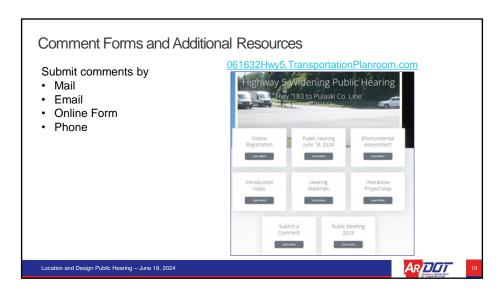
There will be an in-person location and design public hearing on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, from 4 to 7 p.m.

This hearing will be held at the First Baptist Church of Bryant, 6715 Hwy. 5, Bryant, Arkansas.

Comment forms will be available and accepted at the meeting.



The website will be made available with the design plans and Environmental Assessment from Sunday, May 19 through Wednesday, July 3, 2024. Comment forms will be available and accepted during this time.



Comment forms and additional resources can be found at 061632Hwy5.TransportationPlanroom.com

Methods of submitting public comments include mail or email, using the online comment form, or by calling and leaving a recorded oral comment on our voicemail.



For additional questions concerning this project, or if you need help submitting your comment form, please contact us by email at PublicInvolvement@GarverUSA.com

You can also call us at the phone number on your screen, 501-823-0730.

To mail in your comment form, send the form to the address on your screen. Garver, Attn: Keegan Doan 4701 Northshore Drive North Little Rock, AR 72118



The Right-of-Way acquisition is expected to begin in late 2024 and utility relocation work would follow in 2025. This is a Construction Manager-General Contractor, or a CM-GC project, which means ARDOT uses a procurement process to select a Contractor to assist in the final design and to construct the project.



Thank you for participating in this location and design public hearing for the proposed widening of Highway 5 from North Reynolds Road to the North Alexander Road in Bryant, Arkansas in Saline County. Your involvement and input is important.