

Pocahontas Bypass – Highway 90 to Highway 67

Randolph County

Job 101140



What is the Pocahontas Bypass Project?

The Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) is proposing to reduce heavy truck traffic and improve mobility in the Pocahontas Central Business District (CBD). The proposed project would involve providing a new location two-lane roadway between Highway 90 and Highway 67 north of Pocahontas with an intersection at Highway 115 in Randolph County. The Pocahontas Bypass would have two 12-foot-wide travel lanes and two 8-foot-wide shoulders.

Currently, it is estimated that 800 trucks travel daily on Highway 90 through central Pocahontas. Highway 90 is an important route for industrial and agricultural industries in the area. This route includes three 90-degree turns and several other less tight turns. Frequent travel delays and reduced mobility are present in the Pocahontas CBD when trucks must slow down to navigate these turns and often must wait for approaching vehicles to make their turns before the necessary room is available to move through the intersection.

Why are We Meeting Today?

ARDOT and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), with support by ARDOT consultant Garver, are conducting a Location and Design Public Hearing to present, discuss, and solicit comments on the design plans and Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed new road connecting Highway 90 and Highway 67 north of Pocahontas. The design plans and EA and appendices can be viewed and downloaded from the project website.

The EA 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 Impact (FONSI).

What Happens After This Hearing?

ARDOT will review the comments received from citizens, public officials, and public agencies (June 23 – August 7). If no significant impacts associated with the Preferred Alternative are identified, ARDOT will prepare a FONSI document for review by FHWA. The approval of the FONSI by FHWA would identify the Selected Alternative and conclude the environmental process. Right-of-way acquisition could then begin.

For additional information, please visit our website at PocahontasBypass.TransportationPlanroom.com, call us at 501-823-0730, or email us at PublicInvolvement@GarverUSA.com.

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