

NE J Street Interchange Project

Bentonville, Arkansas



What is the Purpose of the NE J Street Interchange Project?

The purpose of the proposed project is to provide an interchange at Interstate 49 (I-49) that would establish a connection to NE J Street. This project will provide access from I-49 directly to NE J Street, which currently serves as a major north-south arterial street throughout the entire city. This will result in a more direct route from I-49 to major attractions such as Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Scott Family Amazeum, and the downtown district.

What is the Purpose of This Location and Design Public Hearing?

The purpose of this Public Hearing is to present the design plans and Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project and to solicit comments. The EA promotes informed decision making in the development of a transportation solution(s) to provide an interchange at I-49 that would connect to NE J Street, resulting in a more direct route from I-49 to major attractions and the downtown district, and provide connectivity to bicycle and pedestrian trails located on the south and north sides of I-49. Improvements to NE J Street would generally consist of two lanes with a raised grass median and then transition to four lanes with a raised grass median to the proposed I-49 interchange; a roundabout at the intersection of NE J Street and Chapel Hills Drive/NE Heights Lane and intersection improvements at Tiger Boulevard and NE J Street would also be included.

The design plans and EA are available for public review and comment, online and in-person, in the following locations:

- Website: NEJStreetInterchange.TransportationPlanroom.com
- Bentonville Public Works Facility, Engineering Department, 3200 SW Municipal Drive, Bentonville, AR 72712

What Happens After This Hearing?

The City of Bentonville, the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT), and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) invite interested individuals and entities to provide comments on the design plans and the EA. The public comment period began July 28 and will extend until September 13, 2024.

After a review of comments received from citizens, public officials, and public agencies, if it is determined that there are not significant impacts associated with the design, a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) document will be prepared and submitted to FHWA. If the FHWA issues a FONSI, it will identify the design and conclude the NEPA process. Construction is anticipated to begin in early 2026 and continue for approximately two years.

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

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