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Arkansas Highway Commission Schedules Series of Regional Public Meetings to Educate Public on Funding Option

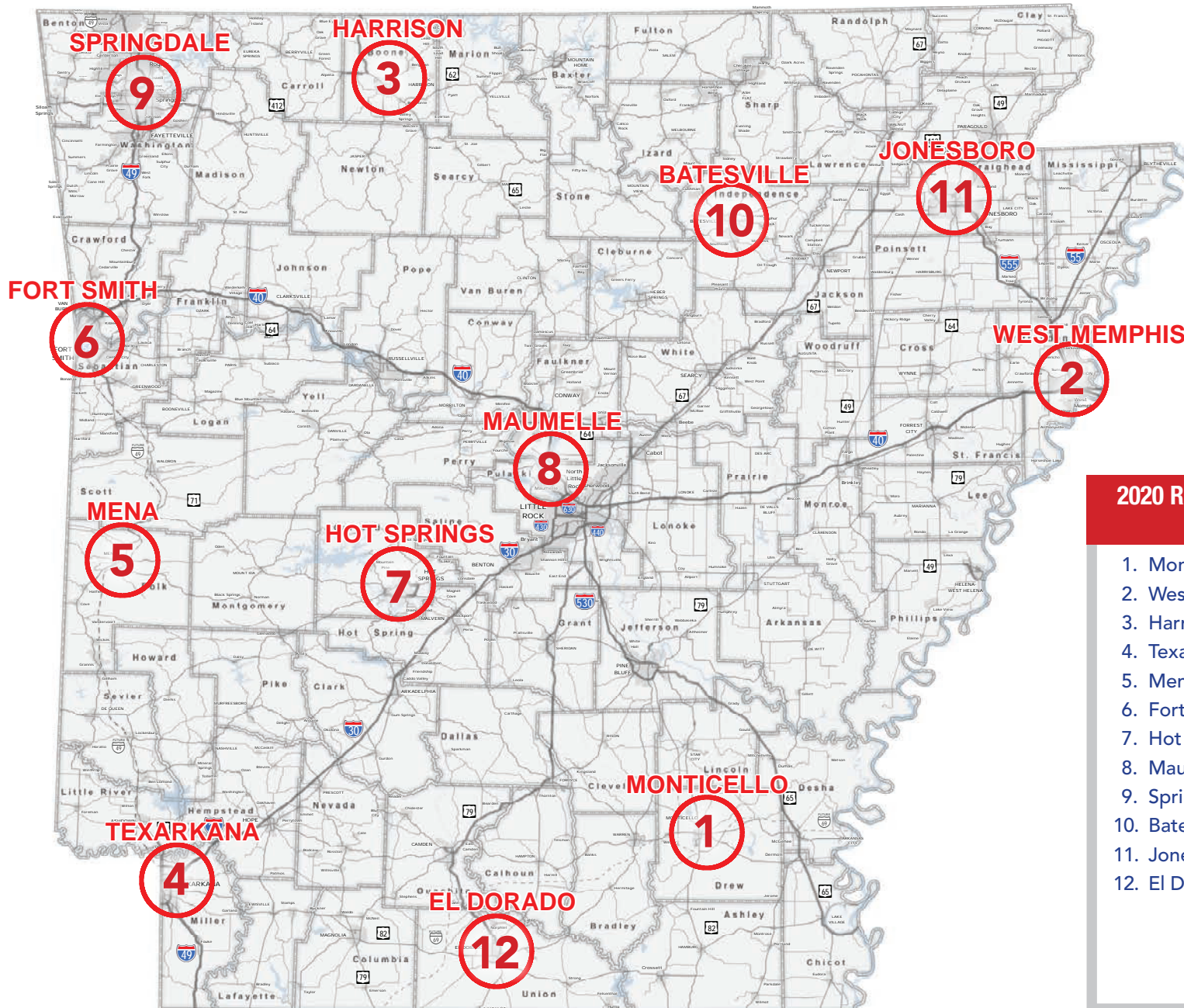
LITTLE ROCK (1-6) – The Arkansas Highway Commission has scheduled a series of regional public meetings in the first quarter of 2020.

The purpose of these meetings is to educate and inform the public while soliciting input regarding proposed projects that could be funded by a continuation of the temporary half-cent sales tax. A total of 12 meetings have been scheduled, the earliest of which will be held January 21 in Monticello. Other meetings are planned in West Memphis, Harrison, Texarkana, Mena, Fort Smith, Hot Springs, Maumelle, Springdale, Batesville, Jonesboro and El Dorado (see attached for specific dates and locations).

These meetings will consist of an open house session where attendees can view displays and visit with Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) staff. This will be followed by a brief formal presentation on the current funding and condition of the Arkansas Highway System as well as the impact that continuation of the half-cent sales tax would have in funding system preservation and new capital projects moving forward.

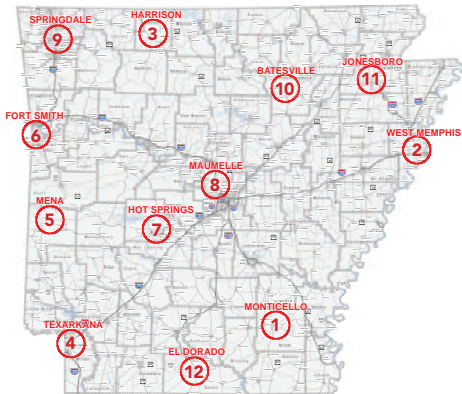
In early 2019, Governor Hutchinson announced his highway funding legislative package that resulted in Act 416 and a proposed Constitutional Amendment, House Joint Resolution 1018. Act 416 provides revenue from motor fuel taxes, electric and hybrid vehicle registration fees, and casinos resulting in an estimated \$95 Million in new funding to ARDOT. If the constitutional amendment is approved by voters, it will provide an additional estimated \$205 Million annually to ARDOT and an estimated \$43 million each to cities and counties.

Citizens with an interest in learning more about the Governor's proposed highway program are encouraged to attend one of these 12 regional public meetings. Each of the meetings will be identical in format and presentation material. Attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions directly to the Commission and ARDOT Director Scott E. Bennett, P.E.



**2020 REGIONAL PUBLIC MEETINGS
IN ORDER BY DATE**

1. Monticello January 21
2. West Memphis January 23
3. Harrison January 28
4. Texarkana January 30
5. Mena February 11
6. Fort Smith February 13
7. Hot Springs February 20
8. Maumelle March 9
9. Springdale March 10
10. Batesville March 12
11. Jonesboro March 31
12. El Dorado April 2



1. MONTICELLO

Tuesday, January 21st, 5:30 P.M.

UAM Fine Arts Center
371 University Drive
Monticello, AR 71655

2. WEST MEMPHIS

Thursday, January 23rd, 5:30 P.M.

The Academies of West Memphis – Performing Arts Center
501 W. Broadway
West Memphis, AR 72301

3. HARRISON

Tuesday, January 28th, 5:30 P.M.

Harrison High School – Performing Arts Center
925 Goblin Drive
Harrison, AR 72601

4. TEXARKANA

Thursday, January 30th, 5:30 P.M.

Trinity Baptist Church
3115 Trinity Boulevard
Texarkana, AR 71854

5. MENA

Tuesday, February 11th, 5:30 P.M.

U of A Rich Mountain – Ouachita Center
1100 College Drive
Mena, AR 71953

6. FORT SMITH

Thursday, February 13th, 5:30 P.M.

The Blue Lion
101 N. 2nd Street
Fort Smith, AR 72901

7. HOT SPRINGS

Thursday, February 20th, 5:30 P.M.

Crossgate Church
3100 E. Grand Avenue
Hot Springs, AR 71901

8. MAUMELLE

Monday, March 9th, 5:30 P.M.

Jess Odom Community Center - Gymnasium
1100 Edgewood Drive
Maumelle, AR 72113

9. SPRINGDALE

Tuesday, March 10th, 5:30 P.M.

The Jones Center
922 E. Emma Avenue
Springdale, AR 72764

10. BATESVILLE

Thursday, March 12th, 5:30 P.M.

UACCB – Independence Hall
2005 White Drive
Batesville, AR 72501

11. JONESBORO

Tuesday, March 31st, 5:30 P.M.

ASU – 1st National Bank Arena - Auditorium
217 Olympic Drive
Jonesboro, AR 72401

12. EL DORADO

Thursday, April 2nd, 5:30 P.M.

El Dorado Municipal Auditorium
100 W. 8th Street
El Dorado, AR 71730