NOTICE OF DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

Job 080164 Hwy. 7 Improvements (Dover) Pope County

The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD), in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), will conduct an open forum Design Public Hearing to discuss the proposed improvements to Highway 7 in Dover. The Design Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, May 9, 2013, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the Dover Middle School Fine Arts Building (Cafeteria), located at 170 College Street in Dover.

The open forum format allows concerned citizens the opportunity to attend the hearing anytime between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Representatives of AHTD will be present to answer questions concerning the proposed project. Information on the proposed location, right of way appraisal and acquisition procedures, and the environmental documentation will be available at the hearing.

A copy of the design plans is available for public inspection at the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department's District Eight Office, 372 Aspen Lane, I-40 exit 81 in Russellville, or by contacting the Environmental Division at (501) 569-2281.

Persons wishing to submit written statements or other exhibits in place of or in addition to oral or written statements made at the public hearing may submit them to the Environmental Division, Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department, P.O. Box 2261, Little Rock, Arkansas, 72203. Such submissions must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 24, 2013.

Anyone needing project information or special accommodations under the *Americans with Disabilities Act* (ADA) is encouraged to write to Ruby Jordan, P.O. Box 2261, Little Rock, AR 72203, call (501) 569-2379, fax (501) 569-2009 or email info@arkansashighways.com. Hearing or speech impaired persons may contact the Arkansas Relay System at (Voice/TTY 711). Requests should be made at least four days prior to the public hearing.

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