

NOTICE OF LOCATION AND DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

Job No. 009784 and BR5102
Buffalo River Bridge & Apprs. (Pruitt) (Hwy. 7)
and
Mill Creek Str. & Apprs.
Newton County

The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, the U.S. Department of the Interior – National Park Service, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will conduct an open forum Location and Design Public Hearing to discuss the proposed locations and designs for two adjacent projects. The Location and Design Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, April 21, 2016, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the Newton County Senior Activity and Wellness Center, located at 100 E. Clark St. in Jasper.

One of the proposed projects will be located on Highway 7 at Pruitt and one will be located on County Road 213. The Highway 7 project involves replacing the existing bridge over the Buffalo National River and straightening the roadway approaches. The County Road 213 project involves replacing the existing low water crossing over Mill Creek, improving the roadway grade, and straightening the roadway approaches. Both of the projects involve new locations and are within the Buffalo National River boundaries.

The open forum format allows concerned citizens the opportunity to meet with representatives of AHTD, view the proposed locations and designs, and ask questions about the proposed projects. Information on the environmental documentation will be available at the hearing.

A copy of the Environmental Assessment and the proposed design plans are available for public inspection at the AHTD's District 9 Resident Engineers Office #21, located at 4590 Hwy. 65 North in Harrison or by contacting the Environmental Division at (501) 569-2281. The comment form will be available at the above locations and on the AHTD website (www.arkansashighways.com) following the public hearing.

Persons wishing to submit written statements or other exhibits may submit them to the Environmental Division, AHTD, P.O. Box 2261, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203. Such submissions must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 6, 2016.

Anyone needing project information or special accommodations under the *Americans with Disabilities Act* (ADA) is encouraged to write to Ruby Jordan-Johnson, 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 (4) days prior to the public hearing.

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(ADA/504/Title VI Coordinator), P. O. Box 2261, Little Rock, AR 72203, (501) 569-2298, (Voice/TTY 711), or the following email address: Joanna.Mcfadden@arkansashighways.com

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