

WELCOME

Public Meeting for the Arkadelphia Bypass Clark County

February 5, 2019

OPEN HOUSE FORMAT

- The following 5 minute presentation gives a brief project summary and how you can participate in this meeting.
- This is an "open house," so please review the maps and other materials at your own pace. You may stay and ask questions and review the materials as long as you need between 4 and 7 p.m.
- Our staff are wearing name tags. Please Ask Questions.
- Please give us feedback by <u>filling out a comment form.</u>

WHAT IS THE NEED FOR THIS PROJECT?

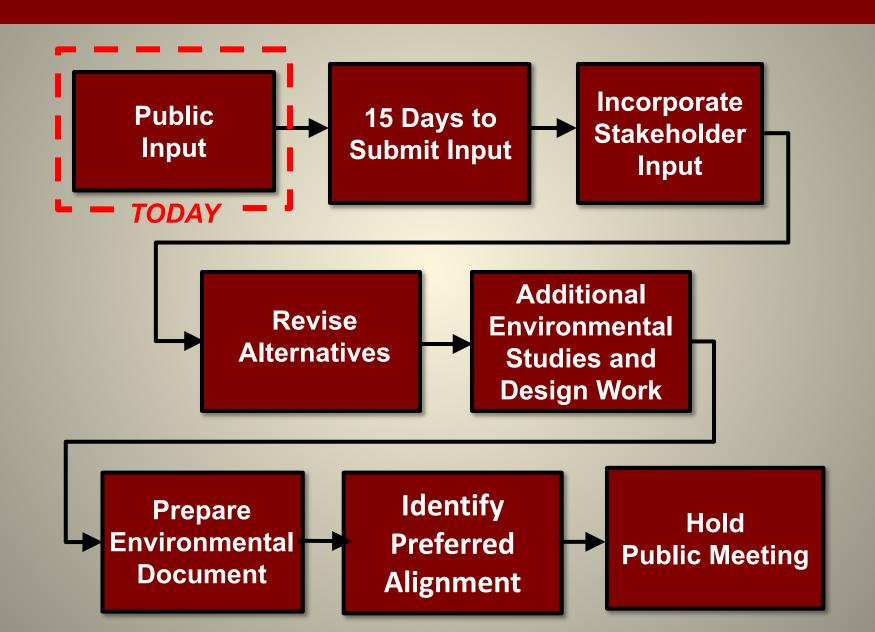
Traffic through Arkadelphia includes of a large number of trucks carrying raw lumber materials. These trucks must negotiate tight turns, especially in the Central Business District (CBD), creating mobility and safety issues.

The PURPOSE of this study is to improve traffic flow through Arkadelphia, particularly through the Central Business District, by providing improvements that enhance traffic operations and result in a safer road for vehicles and pedestrians.

WHY ARE WE HERE TONIGHT?

- This project has federal funding, which requires a review process called an Environmental Assessment (EA).
- The purpose of the EA is to identify a Preferred Alignment that minimizes the negative impacts to the natural and social environment while addressing the needs of the project to the greatest extent possible.
- We are holding this meeting tonight because <u>Participation</u> by the public and local officials is <u>key to the success of</u> <u>this EA.</u>
- The EA study process began in April 2018 and is estimated to be complete in November 2019.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?



WHAT IS CONSIDERED IN THE EA PROCESS?

Some of the considerations in the project development are:

- Road Crossings
- Bridges and Culverts
- Railroad Crossings
- Residential Impacts
- Business Impacts
- Economic Impacts
- Indirect Impacts
- Environmental Justice
- Historic and Archeological

- Wetlands
- Floodplains
- Endangered Species
- Safety
- Community Connections
- Topography (impacts design and costs)
- Hazardous Materials Sites
- Right of Way and Construction Costs

WHAT ARE WE REVIEWING?

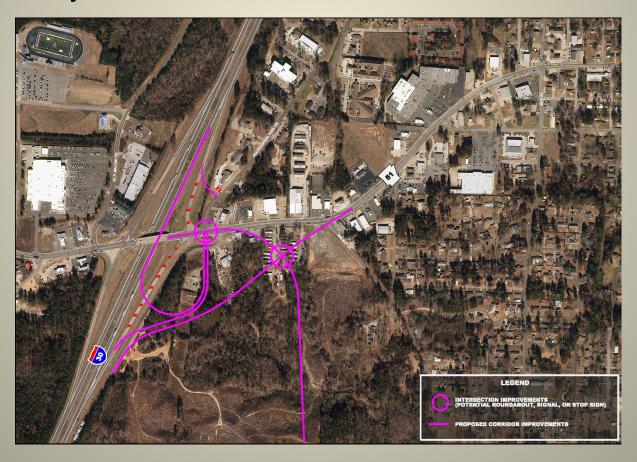
Preliminary alignments have been developed with consideration for various environmental and design concerns. There are exhibits on the tables for you to review the various bypass options.

Detailed design has not been completed – the alignments presented are close approximations so that environmental and social impacts may be evaluated and discussed.



WHAT ARE WE REVIEWING?

In addition to seven options for the main bypass segments, there are four interchange options where the western end of the bypass connects to Hwy. 51 near I-30.



WHAT DO WE EXPECT FROM THIS MEETING?

Our ultimate goal for this EA process is to identify roadway improvements that minimize the negative impacts to the natural and social environment while improving mobility, safety and the quality of life for Arkadelphia's residents and those traveling in your city.

To reach this goal, we need the involvement of your citizens and local officials, ensuring we understand the important local and regional issues and develop a plan that best fits within your community.

WHAT DO I DO NOW?

Please view the maps showing the proposed bypass alignments.

The first two tables have identical maps showing the main bypass alignments. The second set of tables have identical maps showing the interchange options near I-30.

We encourage you to fill out your comment form at the round tables in the back of the room and leave your comments with us tonight. If you are unable to provide a comment form tonight, the following slide gives additional options to provide input.

Again, our staff is here to help you understand the project and listen to your concerns. We look forward to visiting with you.

THANK YOU!

Please Submit Your Comments by: Wednesday, February 20, 2019

Leave Your Comment Form Here Tonight or Send the Comment Form Back to:

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Information is available at:

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