

NOTICE OF DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

Job No. 090373 Hwy. 264 – Hwy. 94 Benton 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 design for the eastern north-south corridor from Highway 264 north to Highway 94. The hearing will be held on Thursday, July 11, 2013, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the Lowell City Hall, meeting room, located at 216 North Lincoln Street in Lowell.

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 right of way appraisal and acquisition procedures, as well as the environmental documentation, will be available at the hearing.

The proposed project will extend existing Highway 265, and the new highway construction portion will be from Highway 264 north to West Pleasant Grove Road. The purpose of the proposed project is to improve north-south connectivity and to provide an additional avenue of travel north and south without having to access Highway 71B and Interstate 540 in the Northwest Arkansas metro area.

A copy of the proposed design plans and the environmental assessment are available for public inspection at the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department's Resident Engineers Office #94, 3700 Highway 112 in Bentonville or by contacting the Environmental Division at (501) 569-2281.

Persons wishing to submit written statements or other exhibits 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 Thursday, July 29, 2013.

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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