

Arkansas Transportation Enhancement Program Applications Now Available

LITTLE ROCK (4-23-10) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission is pleased to announce the sixth application cycle for the Arkansas Transportation Enhancement Program. This program has been very popular throughout the State and nation since passage of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) of 1991. The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) of 1998 expanded the categories introduced by ISTEA and the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) of 2005 continued support of transportation enhancements. SAFETEA-LU contains provisions for improving the surface transportation system through development of transportation enhancements, which are defined as follows:

1. Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities
2. Safety and Educational Activities for Pedestrians and Bicyclists
3. Acquisition of Scenic Easements and Historic Sites (including historic battlefields)
4. Scenic or Historic Highway Programs (including the provision of tourist and welcome center facilities)
5. Landscaping and Other Scenic Beautification
6. Historic Preservation
7. Rehabilitation and Operation of Historic Transportation Buildings, Structures, or Facilities (including historic railroad facilities and canals)
8. Preservation of Abandoned Railway Corridors (including the conversion and use of corridors for pedestrian and bicycle trails)
9. Inventory, Control and Removal of Outdoor Advertising
10. Archeological Planning and Research
11. Environmental Mitigation to Address Water Pollution Due to Highway Runoff or to Reduce Vehicle-caused Wildlife Mortality While Maintaining Habitat Connectivity
12. Establishment of Transportation Museums

Applications must be received by Wednesday, August 25, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. Central Daylight Time to be considered for funding.

Project applications, including general project guidelines, can be obtained from:

www.ArkansasHighways.com

or

Arkansas Transportation Enhancement Program
c/o Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Programs and Contracts Division
P. O. Box 2261
Little Rock, AR 72203-2261

Applications can also be obtained in Room 501 of the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department Central Headquarters building located at 10324 Interstate 30 (Exit 130) in Little Rock, or by request at the following numbers:

Telephone: (501) 569-2261
Telefax: (501) 569-2623

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