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### **AHTD TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING IN PARAGOULD**

**LITTLE ROCK (1-14)** The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) will hold a Design Public Hearing in Paragould to discuss plans for the eastern portion of the Highway 412 Bypass, according to AHTD officials.

Plans call for construction of a bypass on new location in Paragould south of the existing Highway 412. The proposed roadway will initially be built as a two-lane, however, right-of-way will be acquired for the project's ultimate four lane construction. The bypass starts at existing Highway 412 approximately 0.6 mile west of Pine Knot Road, crosses Highway 49 approximately 1.5 miles south of Pruetts Chapel Road, overpasses the Union Pacific Railroad, and rejoins existing Highway 412 approximately 1.6 miles west of the Highway 135 South intersection. Design plans for the eastern section of the bypass, from Highway 49 east to Highway 412, will be presented at the meeting.

The meeting will be held on Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., in the Paragould Junior High School cafeteria, 1701 West Court Street, in Paragould.

The public is invited to visit anytime during the scheduled hours to view displays, ask questions and offer comments. For more information, contact the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department's Environmental Division at 501-569-2281.

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