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AHTD IDENTIFIES PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR HIGHWAY 7 IMPROVEMENTS IN DOVER

LITTLE ROCK (2-27) The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD), in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration, has completed an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Highway 7 Improvements project in Dover, Arkansas.

The EA evaluated improvements along the existing route and five new alignment alternatives. After consideration of information contained in the EA and the comments received at the Location Public Hearing held on December 6, 2011, the AHTD has selected the route identified in the public meeting as the Yellow Alternative as the Preferred Alternative ([see map](#)).

The Preferred Alternative starts on Highway 7, approximately 0.5 mile south of George W. Jones Lane. It follows new location in a northwesterly direction, intersecting Solar Lane and Peaceful Valley Road before crossing Linker Creek. It continues northwesterly until it connects to Highway 7 just south of the McCoy Creek Bridge. The proposed roadway cross section will consist of two 12-foot wide travel lanes with 8-foot wide shoulders.

The Preferred Alternative meets the primary purpose and need of the project by improving north-south travel and reducing congestion on Highway 7 in Dover. The Preferred Alternative received the highest number of supporting comments from the public and has the least amount of impacts on floodplains, wetlands, and streams. Additionally, it is the best alternative for providing a potential connection to the Dover Middle School.

After further design and survey work is completed, a Design Public Hearing will be held in Dover to receive additional public comments on the proposal.

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