

NOTICE OF DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING
Job 020471
Hwy. 425-Hwy. 278 East(Gr. & Strs.) (Monticello Bypass) (I-69)
Drew County

The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), will conduct an open forum Design Public Hearing on Job 020471, Hwy. 425 to Hwy. 278 East. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2009, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the Sadie Johnson Community Center, 182 N. Larkin in Monticello.

The proposed 8.6 mile project will be located in Drew County and consists of constructing a highway on new location, that will bypass Monticello to the south. The proposed project consists of constructing a two lane highway that will be a part of the future four lane divided highway.

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 and USACE 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.

A copy of the Environmental Impact Statement and the proposed design of Job 020471 are available for public inspection at the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department's District Two Resident Engineer's Office #21, 1932 Highway 425 N. in Monticello, or by contacting the Environmental Division at (501) 569-2281.

Persons wishing to submit written statements or other exhibits in place of or in addition to oral or written statements made at the public hearing 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. Tuesday, September 22, 2009.

Anyone needing project information or special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is encouraged to write to Ruby Jordan, 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 days prior to the public meeting.

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