

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON HIGHWAY DESIGN
Job No. R20098
Improvements to Highway 65 between Fairview and the Mississippi River Bridge
Chicot County**

The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department and the Federal Highway Administration will conduct an open forum Design Public Hearing to discuss improvements to Highway 65 between Fairview and the Mississippi River Bridge in Lake Village. The Hearing will be held on Thursday, October 8, 2009, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the Lake Village Fire Station, 2017 Hwys. 65/82 in Lake Village.

The proposed project will be located in Chicot County and consists of upgrading the existing highway. The cross-section for upgrading the existing highway would consist of four 12-foot wide travel lanes with an 11-foot wide painted median and eight-foot wide shoulders.

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.

A copy of the Environmental Assessment and the proposed design of Job No. R20098 are available for public inspection at the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department Resident Engineer's Office #24, 8926 Highway 65 North in McGehee, or by contacting the Environmental Division at (501) 569-2281. A copy of the Environmental Assessment is also available on the web site at: www.arkansashighways.com.

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. Thursday, October 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 public meeting.

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