

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON HIGHWAY DESIGN
Job No. 090204
Avoca – Gateway NEPA Study (Hwy. 62)
Benton County, AR**

The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department and the Federal Highway Administration will conduct an open forum Design Public Hearing on Thursday, November 18, 2010, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the Garfield First Baptist Church, 17784 Marshall Street (Hwy. 62) in Garfield.

The project proposes to improve Hwy. 62 from Avoca to Gateway, including the reconfiguration of the Hwy. 62 intersection with Hwy. 37, in Benton County. The project includes improving Hwy. 62 from the existing two-lane configuration to a four-lane configuration with a painted median for approximately 11 miles in length from just north of Avoca to the community of Gateway.

The open forum hearing 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 the project are available for public inspection at the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department Resident Engineer's Office #94, 3700 Hwy. 112 in Bentonville, AR 72712 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. Friday, December 3, 2010.

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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