NOTICE OF LOCATION AND DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

Job No. 040493 Hillbilly Lane-Hwy. 23 Ozark County

The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD), in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), will conduct an open forum Location and Design Public Hearing to discuss the proposed new location route between Hillbilly Lane and Highway 23 in the City of Ozark. The hearing will be held on Thursday, March 29, 2012, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the Ozark High School (Library), located at 1631 Hillbilly Drive in Ozark.

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 the project's consultant will be present to answer questions concerning the proposed project. Information on the proposed design, right of way appraisal and acquisition procedures, and the environmental documentation will be available at the hearing.

The proposed project will construct a route on new location between Hillbilly Lane and Highway 23 in the City of Ozark. The proposed project design will consist of two 12-foot lanes and 5-foot sidewalks with curb and gutter.

A copy of the Environmental Assessment and the proposed design are available for public inspection at the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department's Resident Engineers Office #42, 808 Frontier Road in Barling, AR 72923 or by contacting the Environmental Division at (501) 569-2281.

Persons wishing to submit written statements or other exhibits 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. on Thursday, April 12, 2012.

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 hearing.

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