

NOTICE OF LOCATION PUBLIC HEARING

Job No. 080397 Hwy. 25 Relocation (I-40 North) (Conway) Faulkner County

The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD), in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), will conduct an open forum Location Public Hearing to discuss the proposed alternatives for the relocation of Highway 25 north of I-40 in Conway. The hearing will be held on Thursday, August 9, 2012, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the Conway Parks & Recreation Department (Don Owens Sports Center Basketball Court), located at #10 Lower Ridge Road in Conway.

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.

The proposed project is located in the City of Conway and consists of three alternatives, which include the No Action Alternative and two construction alternatives. The proposed project will consist of two 12-foot lanes with 8-foot shoulders between Beaver Fork Lake and Salem Extension Road just north of I-40. The purpose of the proposed project is to improve north-south travel on Highway 25 by providing a more direct access to Interstate 40.

A copy of the Environmental Assessment is available for public inspection at the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department's Resident Engineers Office #84, 336 Highway 64 East in Conway 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 Friday, August 24, 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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