

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT SYNOPSIS

Job Number 020475

Hwy. 83 Spur – Hwy. 278 Connector (Monticello)

Drew County

Thursday, June 15, 2017

An open forum Public Involvement meeting for the proposed project was held at the Second Baptist Church (Fellowship Hall) from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 15, 2017. Special efforts to involve minorities and the public in the meeting included the following:

- Display advertisement placed in the *Advance Monticellonian* on Wednesday, June 7, 2017 and Wednesday, June 14, 2017.
- Public Service Announcement (PSA) ran in *Cumulus Media - Power 92.3 FM* from Monday, June 12, 2017 through Thursday, June 15, 2017.
- Outreach letters mailed to Public Officials.
- Distribution of flyers in the project area.

The following information was available for inspection and comment:

- Displays including an aerial photograph at a scale of 1 inch equals 273 feet.

Handouts for the public included a comment sheet and a small-scale map illustrating the project location, which was identical to the aerial photograph display. Copies of the handouts are attached.

Table 1 describes the results of the public participation at the meeting.

TABLE 1	
Public Participation	Totals
Attendance at meeting (including AHTD staff)	37
Comments forms received	19
Letters Received	4

AHTD staff reviewed all comments received and evaluated their contents. The summary of comments listed below reflects the personal perception or opinion of the person or organization making the statement. The sequencing of the comments is random and is not intended to reflect importance or numerical values. Some of the comments were combined and/or paraphrased to simplify the synopsis process.

An analysis of the responses received as a result of the public survey is shown in Table 2.

TABLE 2	
Survey Results	Totals
Supports the extension of Highway 83	12
Does not support the extension of Highway 83	6
No response to support/does not support	1
Knowledge of historical, archeological or cemetery sites	2
Knowledge of area environmental constraints	0
Home or property offers limitations to the project	3
Suggestions to better serve the needs of the community	14
Beneficial impacts due to the proposed project	4
Adverse impacts due to the proposed project	11
No response to beneficial/adverse impacts	4

The following is a listing of comments concerning issues associated with this project:

- Nine individuals were concerned it would cause more congestion near the school and hospital, and that large trucks would use it.
- Three individuals said it would alleviate congestion.
- Two individuals wanted it extended to the University of Arkansas at Monticello.
- Two individuals wanted a traffic signal at Old Warren Road.
- Four individuals commented it would affect their property value and homes.
- Two individuals commented it would affect their business.
- Fourteen individuals wanted another route considered that would not affect homes and properties.

Attachments:

Public handouts, including blank comment form

Small-scale display copy

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**ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ARDOT)
CITIZEN COMMENT FORM**

**ARDOT JOB NUMBER 020475
HWY. 83 SPUR – HWY. 278 (MONTICELLO)
DREW COUNTY**

**LOCATION:
SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH (FELLOWSHIP HALL)
1032 OLD WARREN RD.
MONTICELLO, AR
4:00 – 7:00 P.M.
THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2017**

Make your comments on this form and leave it with ARDOT personnel at the meeting or mail it by 4:30 p.m. on **Friday, June 30, 2017** to: Arkansas Transportation Dept., Environmental Div., P.O. Box 2261, Little Rock, AR, 72203-2261. Email: environmentalpimeetings@ardot.gov.

Yes No
 Do you feel there is a need for a new road to extend from Highway 83 Spur (Scogin Drive) to Highway 278 in Monticello? Comment (optional)_

 Do you know of any historical sites, family cemeteries, or archaeological sites in the project area? Please note and discuss with staff. _____

 Do you know of any environmental constraints, such as endangered species, hazardous waste sites, existing or former landfills, or parks and public lands in the vicinity of the project? Please note and discuss with ARDOT staff. _____

 Does your home or property offer any limitations to the project, such as septic systems, that the Department needs to consider in its design? _____

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Yes No

 Do you have a suggestion that would make this proposed project better serve the needs of the community? _____

Do you feel that the proposed project will have any impacts
(Beneficial or Adverse) on your property and/or community
(economic, environmental, social, etc.)? Please explain. _____

It is often necessary for the ARDOT to contact property owners along potential routes. If you are a property owner along or adjacent to the route under consideration, please provide information below. Thank you.

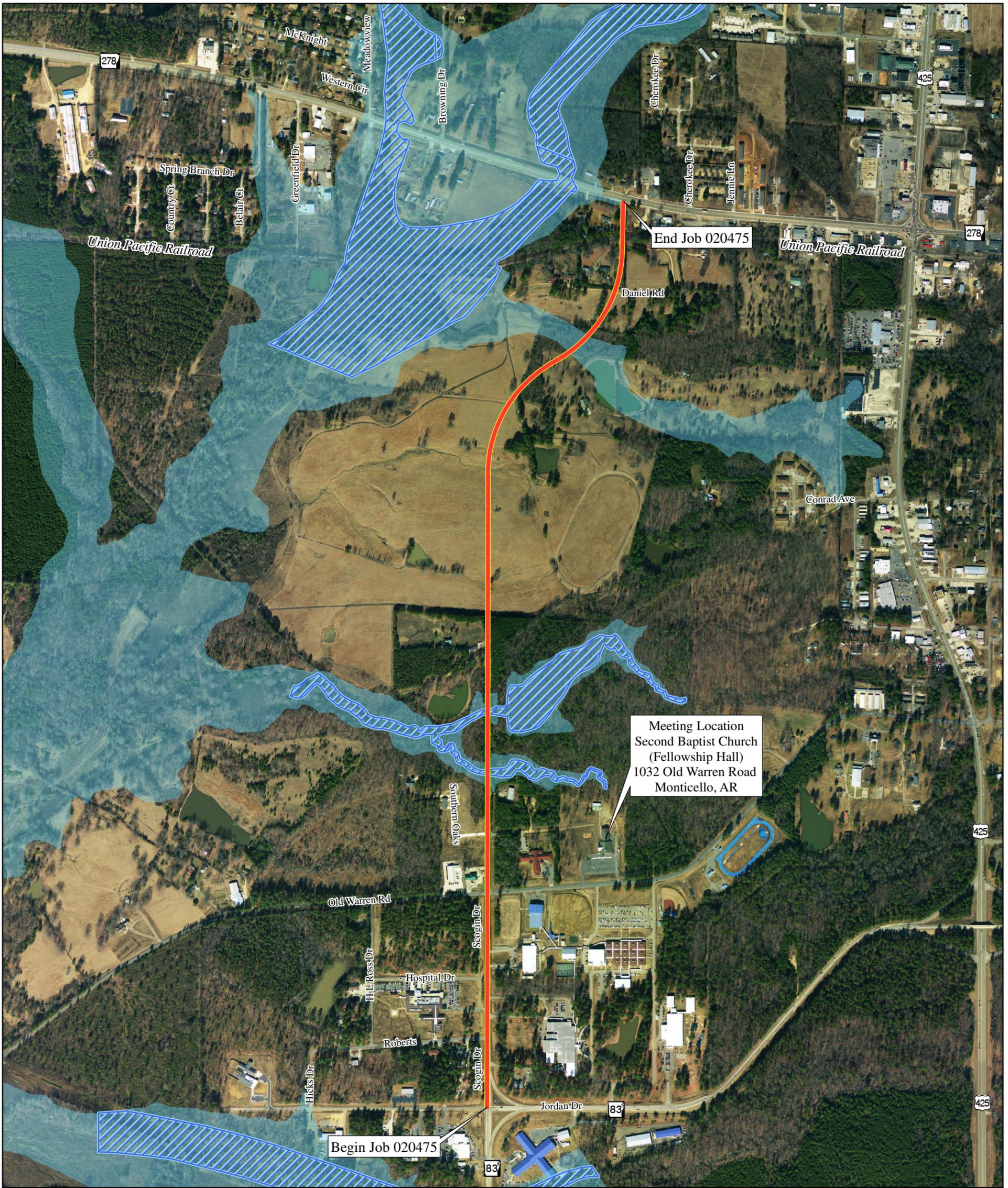
Name : _____ (Please Print)

Address: _____ Phone: (_____) _____ -- _____

E-mail: _____

Please make additional comments here. _____

For additional information, please visit our website at www.arkansashighways.com



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Meeting Location
Second Baptist Church
(Fellowship Hall)
1032 Old Warren Road
Monticello, AR

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AHTD Environmental GIS - Dudley
Map Date: June 5, 2017
Meeting Date: June 15, 2017
Public Involvement Handout



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Preliminary
Subject
to
Revision

-  Project Location
-  Floodway
-  100 Year Floodplain

Photography: Drew County 2010

Notes:
