



PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MEETING

Tuesday, July 11, 2017

City of Farmington

Highway 170

Washington County

AHTD Job Number 040683

PROJECT NEED AND STUDY PURPOSE

The City of Farmington, in cooperation with the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is proposing the study and design of Highway 170 from Clyde Carnes Rd. to Main St. in Farmington, Arkansas. The purpose of the project is to reduce traffic congestion, increase vehicular capacity, and improve roadway safety to the surrounding area. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, a Categorical Exclusion (CE) is being prepared.

PROJECT STUDY AREA

The project study area is located in the immediate vicinity of existing Highway from the intersection of Clyde Carnes Road to the intersection of Main Street. The principal future land use in the study area is residential, commercial, and public areas, current zoning consists of areas of single and multi-family residences, commercial, and agricultural areas. Nearby attractions include, the new Farmington High School and Performing Arts Center, the Farmington Sports Complex, and local restaurants. Minimal to no wetland impact and minimal fill impacts to existing creek tributaries are anticipated.

PROJECT STATUS

The proposed project is included in the City of Farmington's *Master Street Plan*, adopted in 2010.

The proposed project layout (attached to this handout) is under design and are currently undergoing an initial screening process. Initial screening factors include, but are not limited to:

- Human environment considerations (residential relocations, water wells, septic systems, historic sites, etc.);
- Physical environment considerations (prime and unique farmland, hazardous materials sites, etc.);
- Natural environment considerations (wetlands, streams, threatened and endangered species, etc.);
- Cost considerations; and
- Public and agency comments.

The next steps include, but are not limited to:

- Summarizing the public meeting comments;
- Modify Design based on comments received from citizens;
Reminder: Not all comments will impact or be incorporated into the design;
- Finalize the Categorical Exclusion.

PURPOSE OF TONIGHT'S MEETING

The purpose of this meeting is to inform the public of the proposed project. After signing in, please review maps, comment forms and other materials, and ask questions of the project team.

COMMENTS ARE REQUESTED BY

July 26, 2017

The project team is requesting that residents and other interested persons provide comments or information which could be helpful in evaluating the project. Comment forms are provided at the Comment Table. Comments may be submitted by mail or by email. The project team contact information is listed at the end of this section.

All comments submitted will be reviewed and considered during the development of the CE. The project team encourages interested citizens to continue dialogue with the project team and resource agencies throughout the duration of the project. Also, feel free to take additional comment forms to give to people who could not make it to today's meeting. Thank you for your participation and assistance in the planning process.

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