

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT SYNOPSIS

Job Number 050279

Pangburn-Fourmile Hill (Safety Impvts.) (Sel. Secs.) (Hwy. 16)

White County

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

An open forum Public Involvement Meeting was held at the Searcy Faith Assembly of God from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25, 2017. Efforts to inform the public and involve minorities in the meeting included:

- Display advertisement placed in *The Daily Citizen* on Sunday, April 16, 2017 and Sunday, April 23, 2017.
- Outreach letters mailed to Public Officials.
- Distribution of flyers in the project area.

The following information was available at the meetings for review and comment:

- Aerial-based map displays of the project location (scale: 1 inch = 1,200 feet).
- Preliminary project design plans (scale: 1 inch = 100 feet)

Public handouts included a comment form and a small-scale project location map. Copies of the handouts are attached to this synopsis.

Table 1 summarizes public participation at the meeting.

TABLE 1	
Public Participation	Totals
Meeting Attendance (including AHTD staff)	61
Comment Forms Received	24

AHTD staff reviewed and evaluated all comments received. The summary below reflects the personal perception or opinion of the person or organization making the comment(s). The order in which the comments are listed is random and does not reflect importance or the number of times the comment was made. Some of the comments were combined and/or paraphrased to simplify this synopsis.

Table 2 provides a summary of responses to comment form questions.

TABLE 2	
Survey Results	Totals
Supports Hwy. 16 safety improvements	22
Does not support proposed Hwy. 16 safety improvements	2
Knowledge of historical, archeological, or cemetery sites	1
Knowledge of environmental constraints; home or property offers limitations to the project	7
Suggestions to better serve the needs of the community	7
Beneficial impacts due to the proposed project	12
Adverse impacts due to the proposed project	2
Both beneficial and adverse impacts due to the proposed project	2

Comment form responses indicate that 92 percent (22 of 24 responses) of the public feels the proposed improvements are needed. Comments in support of the proposed improvements included:

- Turning onto and off of Highway 16 is sometimes dangerous.
- Turn lane is needed at Smith Road.
- Shoulders will be beneficial.

Responses to the question regarding either environmental constraints or homes or property presenting potential limitations included:

- Row of cedars located near roadway at 2329 Highway 16.
- Septic systems located in front yard of homes at 2370 and 2402 Highway 16.
- Sign in front of business.
- Gas line located at 3065 Highway 16.
- Utility disruptions near Red River Tool & Die.

Comments regarding potential beneficial impacts included:

- Turn lanes will improve safety and prevent rear end collisions.
- Driver reaction time will be increased and the accident rate will be reduced.
- Mailbox accidents will be reduced.
- Commercial and residential development in the area may increase.

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Comments regarding potential adverse impacts included:

- Business parking areas will be reduced.
- Increased traffic will make it more difficult to turn on to the roadway.
- Poor drainage areas could occur.
- Commercial and residential development in the area may increase.

Suggestions regarding how the proposed project could better serve the needs of the community and/or additional comments included:

- Property owners should be fairly compensated.
- Poor drainage issues need to be addressed.
- Passing lanes should be considered.
- Turning lane in Section 3 is not needed, although underground drainage and curbs would be beneficial.
- Rumble strips and stripes would be beneficial for all two-lane roads.
- Rumble strips and stripes should be removed due to late-night noise impacts.
- Improving the ease of ditch bank maintenance should be considered.

Attachments:

Blank Comment Form

Small-Scale Project Location Map

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**ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT (AHTD)
CITIZEN COMMENT FORM**

**AHTD JOB NUMBER 050279
Hwy. 16 Safety Improvements (Sel. Sections Pangburn-Fourmile Hill)
WHITE COUNTY**

**LOCATION:
SEARCY FAITH ASSEMBLY OF GOD (FELLOWSHIP HALL)
2447 HIGHWAY 16 N.
SEARCY, AR
4:00 – 7:00 P.M.
TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2017**

Make your comments on this form and leave it with AHTD personnel at the meeting or mail it by 4:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, May 17, 2017** to: Arkansas Highway and Transportation Dept., Environmental Div., P.O. Box 2261, Little Rock, AR, 72203-2261. Email: environmentalpimeetings@ahtd.ar.gov.

Yes No
 Do you feel there is a need for the proposed improvements to Hwy. 16 between Pangburn and Fourmile Hill? 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 AHTD 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 improvements 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 AHTD 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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**Preliminary
Subject
to
Revision**

**Project Location
Showing Extent and Type of Work Proposed**

- Shoulder Widening and Inserting Shoulder Rumble Stripes
- Widen for Center Turn Lane and Inserting Shoulder Rumble Stripes

AKTD Environmental GIS - Duxley
Map Date: April 18, 2017
Meeting Date: April 20, 2017
Public Involvement Display

Photography: Summer 2015