NOTICE OF DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

Job No. R60140 Hwy. 70 East - Hwy. 7 North Garland County

The Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, will conduct an open forum Design Public Hearing to discuss the proposed design to construct an East-West arterial connection between Highway 70 East and Highway 7 North in Hot Springs (Garland County).

The Design Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 27, 2018, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the Fountain Lake School District (Safe Room - A), located at 4207 Park Avenue in Hot Springs.

The open forum format allows concerned citizens the opportunity to meet with representatives of ARDOT, view the proposed project information and environmental documentation, and ask questions about 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.

A copy of the Environmental Assessment and the proposed design plans are available for public inspection at ARDOT's Resident Engineers Office #64, 3602 Albert Pike Road in Hot Springs and at ARDOT's District 6 Office, 8900 Mabelvale Pike in Little Rock. To schedule an appointment in Hot Springs, contact Josh Walker at (501) 623-1104 and Mark Headley at (501) 569-2266 in Little Rock. The comment form will be available at the above locations and on the ARDOT's website (www.ardot.gov) following the public hearing.

Persons wishing to submit written statements or other exhibits may submit them to the ARDOT Environmental Division, P.O. Box 2261, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-2261. Such submissions must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 14, 2018.

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