

Arkadelphia Bypass (Hwy. 67 – Hwy. 51)

Proposed plans to extend eastern terminus to Henderson St.

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What Is The Arkadelphia Bypass Project?

Several planning studies identified the Arkadelphia Central Business District and the east side of the Interstate 30 and Highway 51 interchange as areas in the city where safety and mobility are inadequate. The Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) proposes to construct a bypass south of Arkadelphia and modify the I-30 and Highway 51 interchange in the City of Arkadelphia to improve safety, mobility, and connectivity.

Final design of the approved bypass' alignment between N. 10th Street (Hwy. 67) at Pine Street and Highway 51 is nearing completion and property acquisition is underway. Utility relocations and bypass construction are anticipated to begin by the end of 2022. This schedule is preliminary and subject to change.

Why Are We Meeting Today?

ARDOT is conducting a Public Involvement Meeting for proposed plans to extend the Arkadelphia Bypass' eastern terminus on N. 10th Street from Pine Street to Henderson Street in Arkadelphia.

Following approval of the Selected Alternative in 2021, Clark County requested that the Arkadelphia Bypass be extended another three blocks from Pine Street north on 10th Street to Henderson Street. This design modification to widen to three lanes will improve both congestion and safety on this section of roadway. Clark County has coordinated with Ouachita Baptist University and Henderson State University, and the universities have agreed to donate the necessary right of way to accomplish this improvement. In December 2021, ARDOT agreed to modify the existing Partnering Agreement of Understanding and to address the design modifications.

What Is The Approved Arkadelphia Bypass Alignment?

The bypass connects Highway 67 to Highway 51 south of Arkadelphia. The approved alignment's eastern terminus begins with improving N. 10th Street at Pine Street and moving south, improving the existing roadway geometry at the intersection of Caddo Street and 10th Street, and extending 10th Street (which currently ends at Clinton Street) south on new location until it ties into Highway 67 just south of Walnut Street and north of the airport.

Just north of the airport, a new location bypass will run west to Red Hill Road, and then improve Red Hill Road north, to tie into Highway 51 with interchange improvements just east of I-30.

Concerning the roadway and its appearance, the projected traffic data indicates that a three-lane facility would be sufficient through the year 2040. However, the Department is proposing corridor preservation by acquiring sufficient right of way for an expansion of the roadway in the future as needed.

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