

# Arkadelphia Bypass Hwy. 67 – Hwy. 51

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## What is the Arkadelphia Bypass Project?

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

## What is the Preferred Alternative?

The proposed project is a bypass connection from Highway 67 to Highway 51 south of Arkadelphia.

The Preferred Alternative would improve 10th Street beginning at Pine Street and moving south, improve the existing roadway geometry at the intersection of Caddo Street and 10th Street, and extend 10th Street (which currently dead ends at Clinton Street) south on new location until it ties into Hwy. 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.

## Why are we meeting?

The format for the meeting is a Virtual Design Public Hearing, which means there is no in person presentation due to COVID-19 restrictions. You are encouraged to join our virtual live event on Tuesday, June 22, 2021 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. to learn more about the proposed Arkadelphia Bypass Project.

Visit the Virtual Design Public Hearing website [ArkadelphiaBypass.TransportationPlanroom.com](https://ArkadelphiaBypass.TransportationPlanroom.com) to view the project presentation, preferred alternative, study information, a public hearing packet, exhibits, an interactive map, and provide comments via an interactive comment form to our staff. The project team is conducting this meeting to encourage the public to review the proposed design plans for the Arkadelphia Bypass project.

Your comments are very important and could help shape the location and nature of future improvements. Comments may be submitted through Wednesday, July 7, 2021.

## What has happened since the Location Public Hearing in late 2020?

ARDOT reviewed the comments received from citizens, public officials, and public agencies. ARDOT has identified a preferred alternative and the project team has been working on more detailed design and environmental studies for the preferred alternative. Sufficient design has been completed for the Preferred Alternative to determine the proposed right-of-way limits.

## What happens after the hearing?

Following the Design Public Hearing, ARDOT will prepare a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) document for review by the Federal Highway Administration. If approved, the FONSI will identify the Selected Alternative and conclude the National Environmental Policy Act process. Right-of-way acquisition can then begin. For additional information, please visit our website at [ArkadelphiaBypass.TransportationPlanroom.com](https://ArkadelphiaBypass.TransportationPlanroom.com), call us at 501-823-0730, or email us at [PublicInvolvement@GarverUSA.com](mailto:PublicInvolvement@GarverUSA.com).

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